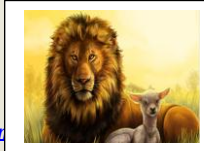

PASTOR'S NOTES – 1. 3. 2016

The Mission of Meekness

A Trait to Envelope All Traits

MATTHEW 6: 12



“He is as full of valor as of kindness. Princely in both.” – William [y](#)

What is it that Jesus is always assessing within any given situation – Meekness

- Centurion (Matt. 8)
- Zacchaeus (Luke 19)
- Pharisees (Matt. 23)
- Peter after the ascension (John 21:15-)
- Disciples (Matt. 20:16)
- Sheep and Goats (Matt. 25)

*The concept and character of meekness is so large, so enveloping the life of our Master, Jesus, that it is best defined by His constantly consistent action of power submitted to the Spirit's control and the Father's will. **John 5:19** **Matt. 26:39** **Luke 23:34**

“...Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...”: It is a life, lived in the current of forgiveness. Forgiving before the offense occurs.

NOTICE: The concept of forgiveness and being forgiven are very well interconnected. But it is not that we must forgive in order to be forgiven – “not by works, that any man may boast...” (Eph. 2:8,9). But our forgiveness of others is the fruit of – the proof of - our connection as a regenerated or new creation to the Heart of God.

GROWTH **HEALING** **MULTIPLICATION**

GROWTH: To be like Jesus, we must forgive like Jesus and walk in the integrity of a forgiving, unoffendable heart.

HEALING: To be healed by Christ Jesus we must let him unbind the putrid, filthy bindings we have applied in bitterness and allow Him to lay upon us His Salve of Gilead – to “bind up our wounds.” This becomes an issue of OWNERSHIP. The things we grasp a hold of, are the things we allow to pull us into bitterness.

MULTIPLYING: We can only multiply what we have within ourselves – what we have experienced from Christ in our own journey of faith. “For in the way you forgive, you will be forgiven.” (Matt. 6:14, 15).

NOTES FROM YOUR OWN HEART ON THE TOPIC OF MEEKNESS:



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. WHAT NOW IS YOUR BEST UNDERSTANDING OR DEFINITION OF MEEKNESS?

 2. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU EXCEL AT JESUS' LIFESTYLE OF MEEKNESS?

 3. WHAT SITUATION OF OWNERSHIP IS IMPEDING YOUR GROWTH, HEALING OR SPIRITUAL MULTIPLICATION?
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