

BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: Meekness – The Way to Happiness

Text: Matthew 5:5

Introduction: Would we want a meek person to be in any key leadership position? Absolutely not! We want someone who is dynamic and powerful! Therefore, Jesus' third beatitude, "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5) comes as a shock or something of a surprise. What's so great about being meek? Part of our problem is due to a misunderstanding. We hear the word "meek" and automatically think "weak." We think of spineless individuals who are unable to stand up for themselves or for anyone else. Many peace-at-any-price people, who would rather compromise their convictions than take a stand, are called "meek." However, none of these describe the meekness of which Jesus spoke. After all, Jesus considered himself meek. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29). "Gentle" is the best synonym for meekness.

Yet Jesus recommends meekness as the way to happiness. "Blessed (happy) are the meek" (Matthew 5:5). How is meekness the way to happiness? There are at least four reasons.

- I. Meekness _____ an even temperament.
- II. Meekness _____ self-control.
- III. Meekness _____ itself through gentleness.
- IV. Meekness _____ victory.



Sunday, July 26, 2020

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Micah Head, Minister of Students
Gary Morgan, Worship Pastor
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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Praise and Worship

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King
Show Me Your Ways
Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Scripture Reading and Prayer.....Scott Graham

Message in Song.....Jane Morgan
He's Been Faithful

Message.....Larry Gipson
Happiness Is?
Meekness—The Way To Happiness
Matthew 5:5

Time of Commitment

I Surrender All

Update on Church Finances.....Scott Isbell

Postlude.....Celebration Band
Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are in memory of Billy Ray and Jimmy Dumas
placed by the Family.

PHOTOGRAPHS

For the protection of the congregation, each Sunday morning photographs will be made during the services. These pictures will be used to notify people **only if** a case of COVID-19 is diagnosed after a service.

PRAYER MEETING/WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

meets on Wednesday nights at 6:45 in the fellowship hall.
Bro. Larry is teaching the Book of Galatians.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Scripture for the week of **July 26-August 1**
2 Kings 18:9-37, & 19:1-37, Psalm 46, 80, 135, & Isaiah 40-66

RECEPTION

There will be a reception for
Micah, Lauren, and Eleanor Head
on Sunday, August 2 from 2-4 in the fellowship hall.
They are transitioning to his new position in Irving, Texas.

CONGRATULATIONS

Peyton Dean is the recipient of the
Samford Armstrong Scholarship!

AUGUST DEVOTIONS AND MAGAZINES

are on the table outside the office.

A THANK YOU NOTE

has been received and placed on the bulletin board
from Carolyn Miller Kirby.

Our Response to God's Faithfulness

Our Tithes & Offerings

Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$61,367.26
March Receipts.....	\$71,590.77
April Receipts.....	\$62,606.72
May Receipts.....	\$68,067.09
June Receipts.....	\$62,369.43
Year to Date Budget Needs—Through June.....	\$368,203.56
Year to Date Expenses.....	\$359,631.22