

Unexpected Grace in an Unexpected Place

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“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

Matthew 5:5

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“Pride will snuff out your empathy, stifle your compassion, create division, suffocate love, foster jealousy, deaden your soul, and make you think all this is normal”

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It was I who knew you in the wilderness, in the land of drought; but when they had grazed, they became full, they were filled, and their heart was lifted up; therefore they forgot me.

Hosea 13:5-6

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Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29

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I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and
gentleness of Christ

2 Corinthians 10:1a

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Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him *in a spirit of gentleness*. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:1-2

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“The meek Jesus was talking about are people whose strength is disciplined and whose power is harnessed, gentle, and humble.”

James L Mayfield

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Meekness is a broken will and receptive heart before God.

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We kill pride by being satisfied
with all God has for us in Jesus.

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3 Postures to Cultivate Humility

1. Learn to love what God loves, hate what God hates.

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Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts *boast in this, that he understands and knows me*, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”

Jeremiah 9:23-24

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But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you

James 4:6-10

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3 Postures to Cultivate Humility

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2. Lead with the Low Road

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Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

Philippians 2:3-5

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3 Postures to Cultivate Humility

1. Learn to love what God loves and hate what God hates.
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3. Lean in to Listen

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Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 1:19-21

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So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future; all are yours, and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

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But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves
in abundant peace

Psalm 37:11

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