

# The Road Less Traveled

## Part 4:

### *Surrendered and Content*

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

Matthew 5:5

**Psalm 37:1-11**  
(p. 547 or p. 601)

# Meekness: What the World Thinks

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**IT'S TRUE THAT THE MEEK WERE INTENDED TO INHERIT THE EARTH, MR. OSGOOD, BUT WE HAVE YOU CLASSIFIED AS "APATHETIC."**



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Obsolete: “gentle; kind”

“Nice guys finish last.”

“The meek don’t inherit the earth; they get ground into the earth.”

Obviously we must not understand what Jesus means by meekness.

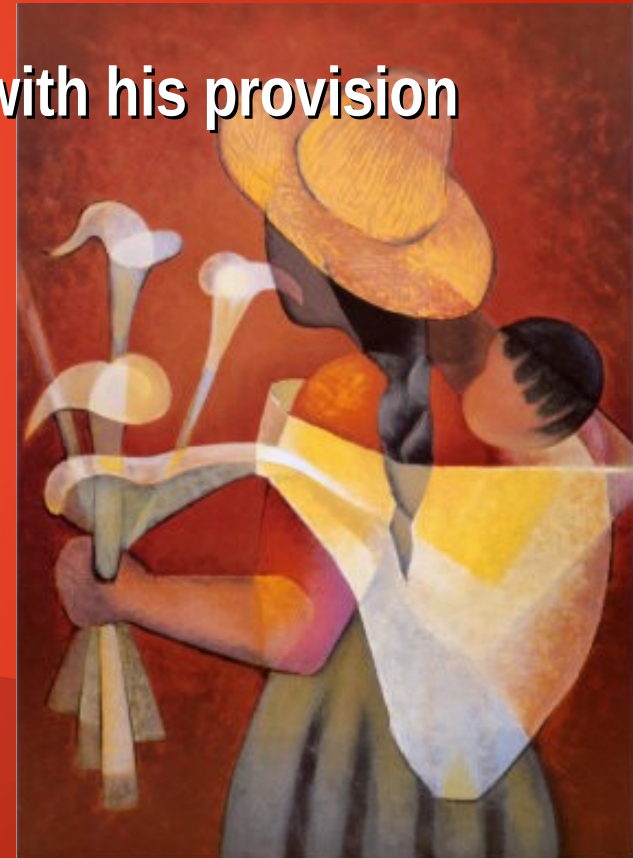


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Meekness involves ...

- ... being surrendered to God and content with his provision
- ... being centered instead of frantic
- ... resting rather than being restless
- ... realizing it's not all about me



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## Two Biblical Examples:

*“Now the man Moses was very MEEK, more than all the men that were on the face of the earth.*

**Numbers 12:3 (RSV)**

*“Come to me, all you who are weary & burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you & learn from me, for I am gentle [MEEK] and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”*

**Matthew 11:28-29**



# The Blessings of Being Meek

## Psalm 37:

1. Security
2. Steadiness
3. Sensitivity to Others
4. Success

*“You are on the right track if you know your place in God’s scheme of things, submitting to his control and content with his provision, striving for the Master’s glory instead of grabbing for your own, demonstrating by your words and deeds that you are a stranger on earth, a citizen of another kingdom; for these are the ones who will receive the very things they have released.”*

