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Message: Character Qualities for Tough Times: Gentleness

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Message-based Study

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Connection

Who is a person in your life who lives out gentleness? Share what you have seen.

Cheer and Challenge

How did your "I will..." statement go? Share your experience on doing your "I will..." statement from last week's study.

Did you have a chance to follow through on the B.L.E.S.S challenge from last week? If so, tell about your experience.

Content

- Read Galatians 5:22-23 - Share the verse from memory if you can.
- Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "In our culture today, the opposite of gentleness may be bitterness?" How do you see this play out?

YOU CAN BEGIN SHOWING GENTLENESS BY IMITATING DIVINE GENTLENESS:

Gentle Restoration

Read 1 Kings 19:1-16.

- Elijah proclaims to the Lord, "I have had enough." Why was he feeling this? Can you relate? Do you remember a time when you felt "I have had enough"?
- How did God show His gentleness to Elijah?
- Why do you think God chose to speak to Elijah in a gentle whisper?

Gentle Confrontation

Read John 21:1-17

- Describe the setting of Jesus getting ready to confront Peter. How do you see Jesus being gentle?
- How does Jesus show that His confrontation of Peter was intended for restoration rather than condemnation?
- What principle from this passage you want to remember to apply when you have a broken relationship which calls for gentle confrontation?

Gentle Disposition

Read 2 Timothy 2:23-26

- What words or phrases sum up gentle living? Which one is a challenge for you to live out?
- Read Titus 3:2 - how do gentleness and humility go together?

Commitment

How will you live out the truth from these passages this week? Take time to create and "I will..." statement of something you can do this week to demonstrate **gentleness** in your sphere of influence.

"I will _____."



B.L.E.S.S – E– Eat Together/Experience Life Together. In John 21 we saw Jesus having breakfast with Peter in order to restore that relationship. Consider your relationships with those who don't yet know Jesus. Is there a friendship that could be strengthened by sharing a meal with someone this week?

Close

Pray together and for each other.

Continue Digging Deeper

1. Write out Galatians 5:22-23 and practice memorizing it.
2. Use the R.E.A.P. method of Bible study to examine Philippians 4:5-7. What can you learn about gentleness as it pertains to God's character and how might you demonstrate it to all men?

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3. Ralph Sockman said, "Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as true strength." Read Psalm 23 and Isaiah 40:11 describing God as our shepherd. How would you describe the relationship between strength and gentleness? In what ways is God described as gentle in these verse?
4. Many have said that gentleness seems to be a forgotten virtue these days. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? As the election approaches, as you live in a time of social unrest, navigate the pandemic and walk thru all the daily things in life, how can you use gentleness to love others well? Check out I Peter 3:15, Galatians 6:1, II Timothy 2:24-26 for some ideas.
5. Read the following verses to learn more about gentle words - Proverbs 15:1-4, Proverbs 25:15. Live these truths this week.