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纸老虎



“Outwardly a tiger, [but] it is made of paper,
unable to withstand the wind and the rain.”



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“IS PAUL A PAPER TIGER?”

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2 Corinthians 1:17

Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this?
Do I make my plans according to the flesh,
ready to say “Yes, yes” and “No, no” at the same time?



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For though we live in the physical body (walk in the flesh),
we do not conduct ministry (war) according to the flesh.



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For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh
but have divine power to destroy strongholds.



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**Strongholds are fortresses of thoughts/arguments/opinions
that keep people from the knowledge of God.**



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being ready to punish every disobedience,
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“I’m no paper tiger”



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Don't mistake this tiger to be a sick cat
just because I do not show my prowess



Characteristics of the Gospel Ministry





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2 Corinthians 11:3

But I am afraid that as the **serpent deceived** Eve
by his cunning, your **thoughts will be led astray**
from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.



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II CORINTHIANS 10:4

2 Corinthians 4:2

But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways.
We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word,
but by the open statement of the truth
we would commend ourselves...



1 Corinthians 1:17–18

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel,
and not with words of eloquent wisdom,
lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.



1 Corinthians 1:17–18

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.



1 Corinthians 2:1–2

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.


For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.



1 Corinthians 2:4

and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,





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MEEKNESS

IS NOT WEAKNESS.

It's strength under control!



2 Corinthians 11:20

For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you,
or devours you, or takes advantage of you,
or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face.



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Matthew 5:4

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Psalms 37:11

But the meek shall inherit the land



Fret not yourself because of evildoers;...
be not envious of wrongdoers!...
Trust in the LORD, and do good;...
Delight yourself in the LORD...
Commit your way to the LORD...
trust in him

(Psa 37:1-5 ESV)



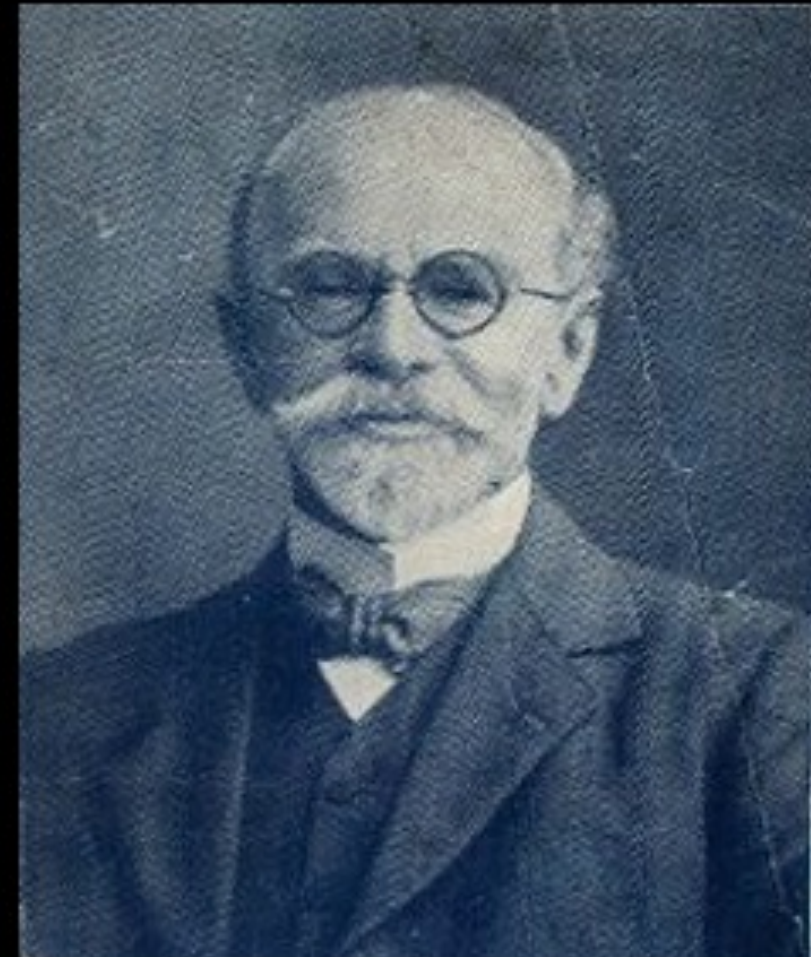
Gentleness or meekness is the opposite to self-assertiveness and self-interest. It stems from trust in God's goodness and control over the situation. The gentle person is not occupied with self at all.



Meekness is not weakness, but meekness does not use its power for its own defense or selfish purposes. Meekness is controlled strength or power completely surrendered to God's control.



The common assumption is that when a man is meek it is because he cannot help himself; but the Lord was 'meek' because he had the infinite resources of God at His command... meekness is the opposite to self-assertiveness and self-interest





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'The Rise and Fall of Mars Hill': The abuses of a superstar pastor and megachurch ruins left behind

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By [Scott Tong](#) and [Allison Hagan](#)



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- “Pastor Mark exhibits lack of self-control by his speech and by verbally assaulting others.”
 - “We believe that the way Pastor Mark leads has created a culture of fear instead of a culture of candor and safety. People are often afraid to ask questions or challenge certain ideas.”
 - “Pastor Mark is verbally abusive to people who challenge him, disagree with him, or question him.”
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GLEANINGS

Harvest Elders Say James MacDonald Is 'Biblically Disqualified' From Ministry

Statement comes nine months after his firing and weeks after he appeared at another Chicago-area church.

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Update (Nov. 8): On Friday, James MacDonald [posted](#) his first public apology since his termination and confirmed his involvement at New Life Covenant.

He owned up to “careless and hurtful words” and “a regression into sinful patterns of fleshly anger and self-pity that wounded co-workers and others.” He said he regretted decisions made out of desperation during his final year at Harvest Bible Chapel.

“Decisions by the current Elder/staff, along with inaccurate announcements and recent public condemnation, signaled clearly the timing to communicate our message directly,” noting that

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1 Timothy 3:2–3

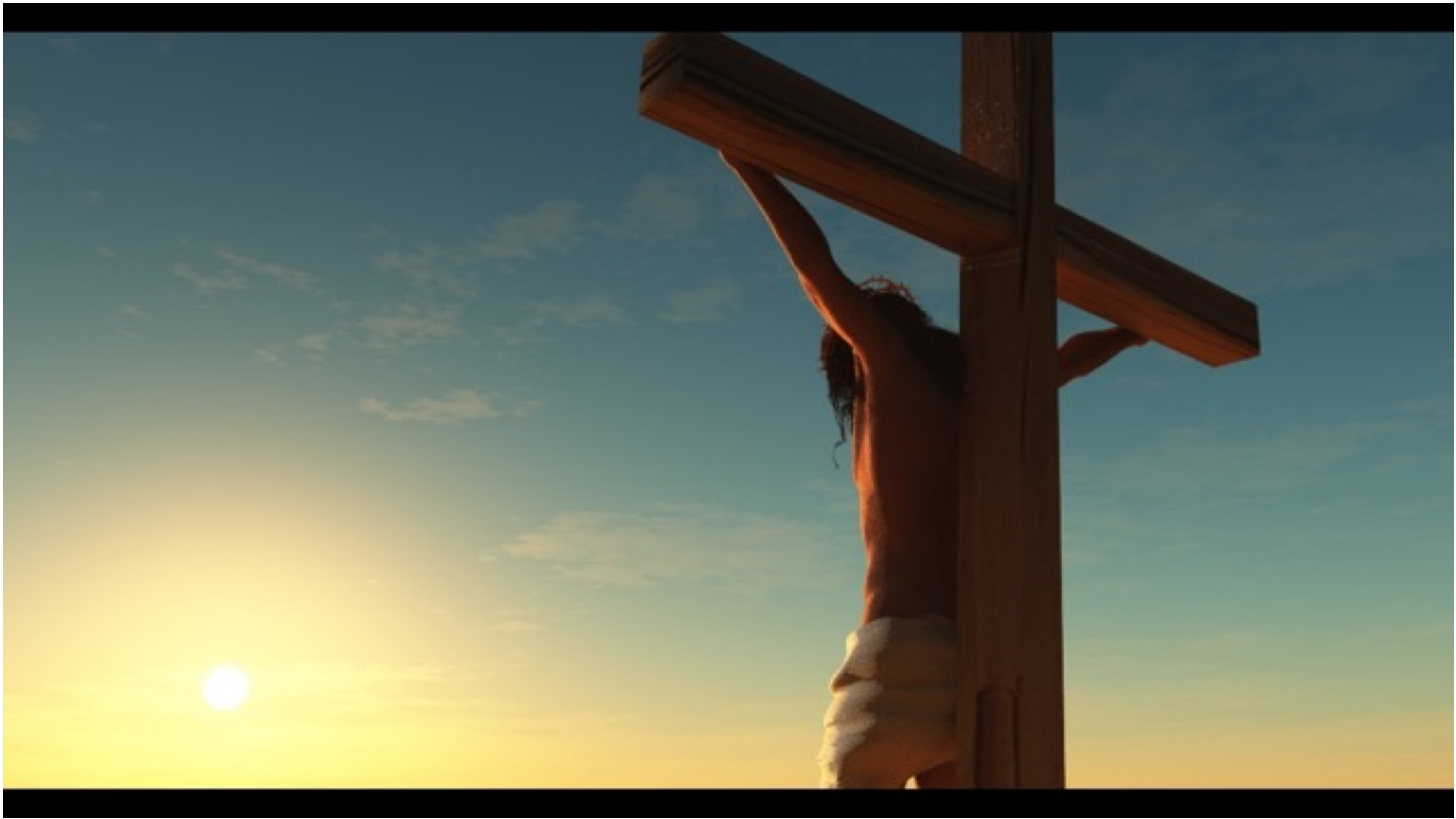
Therefore an overseer must be above reproach,
the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled,
respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard,
not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome...



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