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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

December 15, 2024 | *The Most Dysfunctional Family Ever* (Week 3)

**Memory Verse** Proverbs 16:32 – *Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.*



### CLOSER TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) What is a milestone you remember distinctly from your life?
- 2) Share one positive character trait about your dad, grandpa or father figure?



### MESSAGE REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Share something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
- 2) How was masculinity portrayed in your life?
- 3) Why does having a father in the home make a difference?
- 4) How did Judah contribute to the dysfunction in his family? (see Genesis 37:26-36)
- 5) Is selfishness at the root of broken families? Why or why not?
- 6) Why does our culture tend to view masculinity as a problem?
- 7) What is God's design for masculinity (ref **Matthew 19:4-6**)?
- 8) Read **Genesis 44:18-34** together. What changes in Judah do we see from this passage compared to what we see in chapter 37?
- 9) Why is meekness such a valuable trait for men particularly to possess? Share about a person in your life who demonstrates meekness.



## GOING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

READ Luke 15:11-32 together.

- 1) What is something from this passage that stands out to you?
- 2) How did the father in Jesus' parable demonstrate meekness?

READ Luke 15:4-7 together.

- 3) How did the shepherd exhibit meekness in this parable Jesus told?

READ John 13:1-17 together.

- 4) How does Jesus display meekness in this passage?
- 5) What are other ways besides serving that you can demonstrate meekness?

READ Matthew 26:47-56 together.

- 6) How does Jesus display meekness in this passage?



## LIVING IT OUT \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Where do you demonstrate meekness in your life? Thank the Holy Spirit for growing this fruit in you.
- 2) Identify areas where you need to practice more meekness. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you in these areas.
- 3) Meditate on this verse from **Proverbs 16:32** – *Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.*



## LIFT EACH OTHER UP \_\_\_\_\_

*Take time to pray for each other.*