

Whoever finds his life will  
lose it, and whoever loses  
his life for my sake will  
find it.  
Mt 10:39

Share the teaching  
Guard the sharing

# Male Call

February 16, 2007

## Jesus: Tough and Meek

5:55 – 6:05	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Coffee &amp; Donuts</li> <li>2) Opening Prayer</li> </ol>
6:05 – 6:25	<p><b>Toughness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Characterized by severity or uncompromising determination</li> <li>• Capable of enduring strain, hardship, or severe labor</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Tough in love             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Told people God’s truth (Mt 22:16)</li> <li>b) Gave them the message: “I am the way” (Jn 14:6)</li> <li>c) Insisted on accountability (Jn 8:24)</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) Tough in mind             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) In the wilderness, fasting for forty days (Mk 1:12-13)</li> <li>b) Single-mindedness in doing God’s will (Mt 16:23)</li> <li>c) Courage to face upcoming death (Mk 10:32-34)</li> <li>d) Tempted, but sinless (Heb 4:15)</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) Tough in his identity             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Stood up to the experts and Kings (Lk 13:31-32)</li> </ol> </li> <li>4) Tough in body             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Forty days fasting in the wilderness (</li> <li>b) Survived the scourging (Jn 19:1)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Meekness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enduring injury with patience and without resentment</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Meek in attitude—didn’t cling to what was owed to him             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) From parents (Lk 2:51)</li> <li>b) From the world (Mt 8:20)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>c) From his executioners (Lk 23:34)  d) In his expectations (Mt 11:29)  e) With his friends (Mt 20:28)</p> <p>2) Meek in actions  a) Suffered humiliation (Jn 1:10-11)  b) Friend of sinners (Mt 9:10)  c) Obedient to his Father (Mt 26:42)  d) Came to save (Lk 9:56)</p>
6:25 – 7:00	<p>Interaction and prayer</p> <p>1) What examples of Christian toughness and meekness have you seen?</p> <p>2) Phil 2:5-8 says: The attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had: He always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to remain equal with God. Instead of this, of his own free will he gave up all he had, and took the nature of a servant. He became like a human being and appeared in human likeness. He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death—his death on the cross. (GNB) What does it mean in <i>your</i> life?</p> <p>3) How have you been tough and meek like Jesus in your life?</p>
7:00	Closing Prayer

Further reading:

- *The Bible*
- *The Silence of Adam*, Larry Crabb
- *Finding the Will of God, a pagan notion?*, Bruce Waltke
- *Then Secret of Guidance*, F.B. Meyer
- *Hearing God*, Dallas Willard
- *Walking Like Jesus Did*, Larry McCall