

### GALATIANS 5:22-23A NLT



<sup>22</sup>But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control.











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In Greek, the word for gentleness is prautés. It can be translated meekness or humility. It means to submit one's strength in a posture of meekness, gentle strength, and expresses power with reserve.







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#### MATTHEW 26:51-53 NLT

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51But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear.

52"Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Those who use the sword will die by the sword. 53Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly?"



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#### GALATIANS 6:1A NLT

<sup>1</sup>Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.



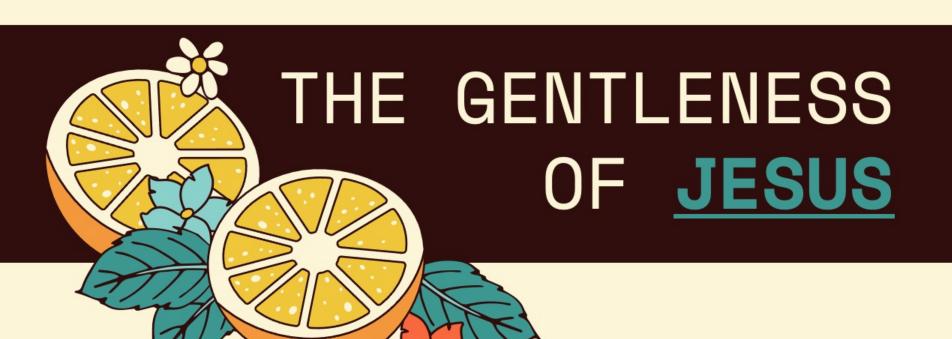
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#### JAMES 3:17 NLT

<sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others.



#### ISAIAH 42:1-4 NIV

- <sup>1</sup> "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight;
- I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.
- <sup>2</sup> He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

#### ISAIAH 42:1-4 NIV



<sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

<sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope."



The gentleness of Jesus is shown by His title of <a href="Servant">Servant</a>





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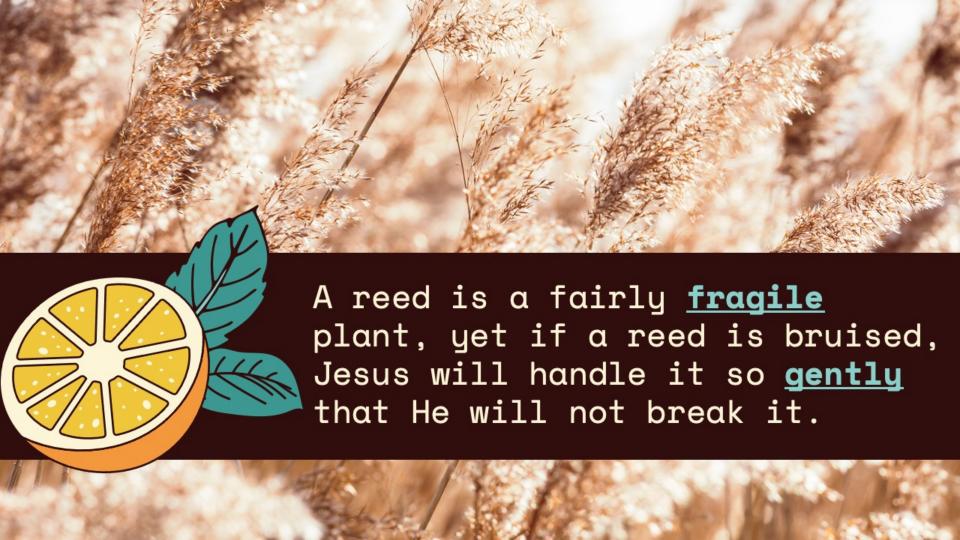
This doesn't mean that Jesus never spoke loudly. It refers to His gentle, lowly heart and <u>actions</u>. Jesus didn't make His way by bluster and loud, overwhelming <u>talk</u>, but by the Spirit of God upon Him.





The gentleness of Jesus is shown by how He handles <u>bruised</u> people

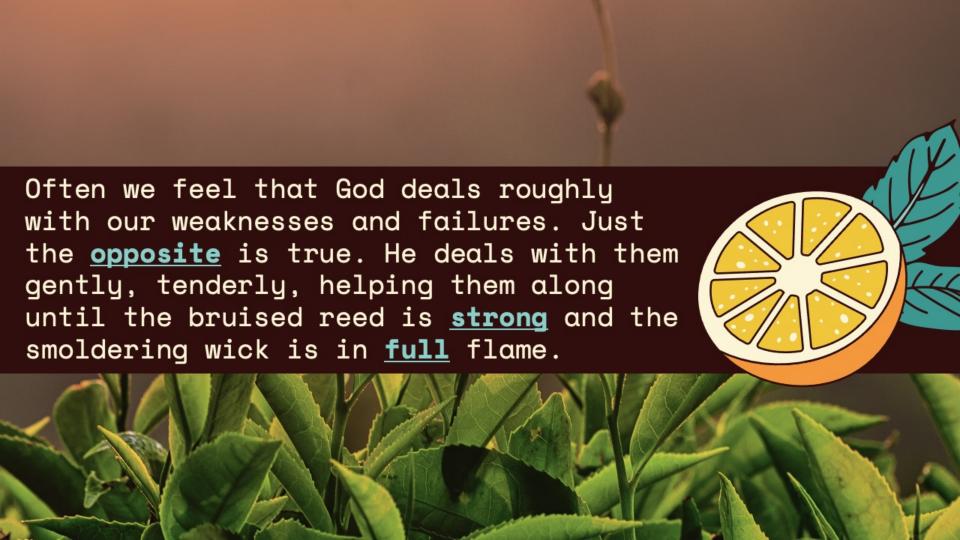






The gentleness of Jesus is shown by how He <u>ministers</u> to <u>weak</u> people

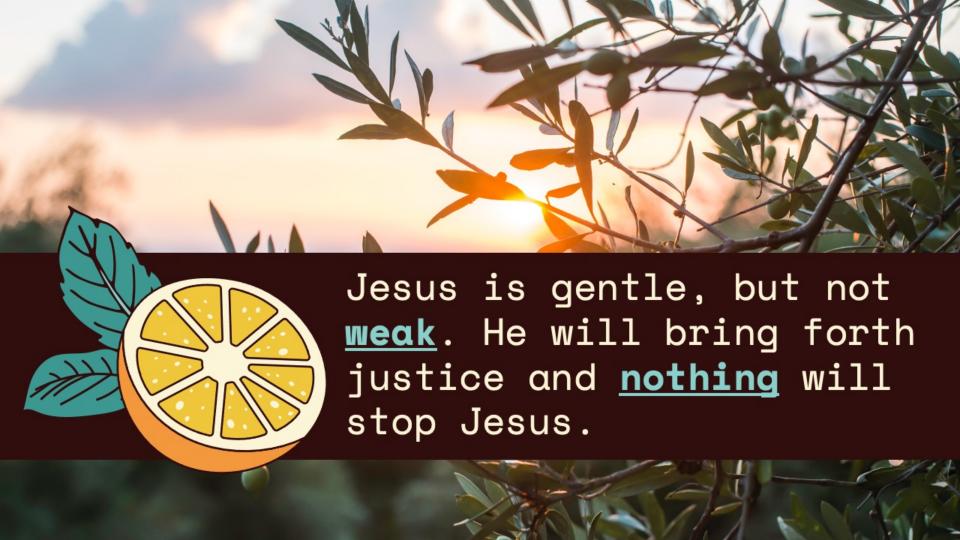


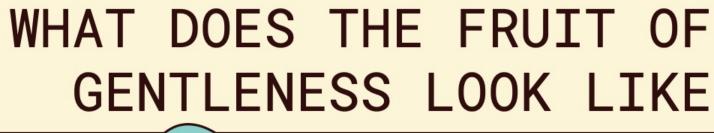




The gentleness of Jesus is shown by His gentle strength











 The fruit of gentleness is expressed in my <u>submission</u> to God. When someone is the servant of another, the servant is required to give full **service** and **obedience** to the master. But the master is also required to take **care** of the servant.





 The fruit of gentleness is expressed in my <u>heart</u> towards <u>hurting</u> people.



 The fruit of gentleness is expressed in finding value in people.



 The fruit of gentleness is expressed in leaning on God's <u>strength</u> not my <u>own</u>.

#### MATTHEW 11:28-29 NIV

<sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

