Matthew 11:29

- In our text, Jesus is imploring people to come and learn from him for he is meek (KJV) or gentle (ESV).
- This concept is consistently discussed in the Bible
 - In II Samuel 22:36, David credits God's gentleness for making him great in his song of deliverance.
 This same statement is made is Psalm 18. As a matter of fact, II Samuel 22 and Psalm 18 are identical passages of scripture.

- Isaiah, prophesying of the Lord, says, "He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young." (40:11)
- Isaiah 42:3, which is also quoted in Matthew 12:20, "a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory."

- Mark 10:13-16
- But, my favorite text that illustrates the Lord's gentleness is Psalm 103. Let's read it together.
- Now after having read that, and knowing that we have been called to have be practice gentleness (Gal. 5:23), let's look at areas where we need to exercise gentleness in our lives.

• Let's learn to practice gentleness with.......

OUR BRETHREN

- I Thess. 2:7
- II Cor. 10:1- when they hurt us.
- Gal. 6:1- when they are struggling w/sin.
- Eph. 4:2- in order to maintain unity.

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SINNERS

- Luke 7:36-50
- Matt. 18:21-27
- John 8:1-11
- Titus 1:1-7

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ENEMIES

- Matthew 12:9-21
- II Timothy. 2:24-26
- Proverbs 15:1
- Romans 12:18-21