



“As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right.” (Jer.26:14)

Gentleness and Teachability: how do these two character traits go together?

Our 7-year-old granddaughter, Cammy, has beautiful Afro-American hair. It's springy! She loves to fix her own hair according to her preference of style for the day. Her mother is careful to keep it moist to prevent tangles. But, while swimming this summer, the chlorine in the water dried it out and it got a knot in it. Oh boy! Trying to brush it out proved impossible and mom and grandma finally had to cut her hair to remove the knot. How frustrating and painful. Was she excited about the end result, losing some of her hair? Well, not really. I'm sure she would have preferred to explore any other way to brush out that tangled mess and save her pretty hair. Yet, Cammy was willing to give up some of her beautiful hair to be free of the knot. She had to submit to the cutting away of that which prevented her from freedom.



So often our lives feel

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like a tangled mess. Certain situations go unchecked and result in tangled knots. That's when we should turn to Jesus. He wants to help us get free from the difficulties we face, to comb out the tangles in which we find ourselves. It's trusting Him, believing He knows what is best for us, and allowing Him to work His will and His way in our lives.

The Greek word for gentleness is praotes. It means meekness, mildness, forbearance. It's not really about feelings, but an inward grace of the soul, calmness toward God in particular. It's accepting God's dealing with me as good, whatever may come. It means complete surrender to God's will— to stop fighting God! It's submission, humility, and teachability.

Ask yourself: do you sometimes fight God? Do you wrestle with God, demanding changes to make His will more acceptable? Beth Moore says, "Do you ever lock your arms across your chest and pat your foot, waiting for Him to propose a solution you like better than the one He has already presented?" We are all about security and whatever makes me feel safe.

Mission

Freedom Ministries of the Quad Cities exists to help couples and individuals experience freedom in Christ through identifying and resolving spiritual and emotional conflicts thus strengthening, empowering and helping fulfill their relationship with Jesus Christ and others.

Thanks to all who sent in pledges for the Birdies campaign. We are grateful to you for your gifts. 2,091 birdies were scored in this year's tournament!



The Apostle Peter was willing to go to the cross when Jesus foretold how he would die for preaching the Gospel in John 21:19. The Apostle Paul stayed the course when Jesus told him how much he would suffer for the Gospel in Acts 9:16. They practically understood the meaning of praotes, being gentle and teachable, even if it meant giving their lives for Jesus.

Most of us will never experience their sacrifice for the Gospel, but we do face choices every day regarding living for Jesus and how to respond. Praotes is no more resisting God and His plan for your life, but letting him fill you with “His peace that surpasses all comprehension in Christ Jesus” as you walk with Him. How are you doing today???

Upcoming Events

CFTH In-depth Training September 16—20, 2019 in Colorado Springs—Wayne will help teach and 2 area Pastors will be attending.

Mini Conference October 27, 2019 at Home-wood Free Church Moline Subject: “Rejection, Depression and Negative Thoughts.”

Classes at Osco Community Church in Osco, IL November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019 - Subject: “Losing Our Identity Through Fear and Anxiety.”

Marriage Conference January 9—11, 2020 at First Baptist Aledo, IL—This conference will be Thursday and Friday evening and Saturday morning. We will have 3 general sessions and 12 workshops to choose from, one each day. Child care will be provided.

United Way

Did you know you can support Freedom Ministries through your company at work? If you'd like your charitable donations to go toward Freedom Ministries, just write Freedom Ministries on the line to show where you wish your donations to go. Our United Way number is #663708. We thank you.



Praise and Prayer

Praise

- ◆ God for all He is doing and will continue to do!
- ◆ God for speaking opportunities this fall and winter.

Prayer

- ◆ For Wayne as he prepares messages for speaking.
- ◆ For people's hearts to be open and receptive.
- ◆ For a hedge of protection around us and for strength, grace, stamina and good health.

Special Prayer Request

Our 13 year old granddaughter, Lauren, finished her chemo treatments in May and recently had a CT scan that was clear. The doctors will continue to scan every 6 months. Thank you for your prayers! Please pray for her as she returns to school this fall.

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