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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

Mt. 5:5 *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.* (NIV)

The Greek term used here for meek is a word that means strength under control. This is truly a picture of Jesus in every way. He certainly could have wielded His spiritual sword and cut down the pagans and Caesars of the day, and yet in His controlled way, He came into a wicked world and lived a perfect life so that we could see the difference. As He was speaking to a crowd of people who had very little power, influence or finances, He was imploring them to live a life of consistency and determination to follow the LORD. We will certainly be surprised some day when we see people that we would never see on this earth as powerful, be exalted as those who did more for the cause of Christ than many we might think of as stalwarts.

When Jesus told parables to His disciples, He many times used examples of those who had little, yet walked by faith. Here is such an example: **Luke 18:1-8** **And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? (ESV)** Those who inherit the earth are sometimes those whose lives are never known on the earth, but when we get to Heaven, we will one day see that one who not many people knew had greater influence than all the Caesars and Kings who ever lived.

Dear LORD, help us to be faithful in the places that You have put us and with the people You have given us, to that they will see You and know You are God. In Jesus Name, Amen