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**THE COMMITMENT CHOICE**  
**Life's Healing Choices: The Beatitudes, Part 3**  
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**Week/Choice 1: The Reality Choice:** realize I'm not God, admit I'm powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and my life is unmanageable.

**Week/Choice 2: The Hope Choice:** earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me change.

**Week/Choice 3: The Commitment Choice:** consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

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

**Meek is:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Christ, who suffered for you, is your example. Follow in his steps. He never sinned, and he never deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when he was insulted. When he suffered, he did not threaten to get even. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly."*

1 Peter 2:21-23 (NLT)

**Meekness has always been God's way for humanity.**

(see Job 5:11; Num. 12:3; Ps. 25:9; Eph. 4:1-2; Col. 3:12; Titus 3:1-2)

*"Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all men that were on the face of the earth."*

Numbers 12:3 (RSV)

**Meekness means I acknowledge:**

> Confidence in \_\_\_\_\_ I am

*"God, your God, is the God of all gods, he's the Master of all masters, a God immense and powerful and awesome."* Deut. 10:17 (MSG)

>> Confidence in \_\_\_\_\_ I am

*"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God."*

1 John 5:1a (NLT)

**Consciously:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose to commit:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Don't you realize that whatever you choose to obey becomes your master? You can choose sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God and receive his approval."*

Romans 6:16 (NLT)

**All my life and will:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"So no one can become my disciple without giving up everything for me."* Luke 14:33 (NLT)

**Christ's care and control:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Come to me, all of you who are weary and over-burdened, and I will give you rest!"*

Matthew 11:29 (PH)

The Commitment Choice: consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

*"I [Jesus] came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of."* John 10:10b (MSG)