



LOUDER WEEK 8 DEVOTIONAL

GENTLENESS

RECEIVE

Slowly. Prayerfully ask the spirit, read out loud **Proverbs 15:1** and **John 8:1–11**. Before and after each reading, pause for a moment of silence. In that silence pray asking the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scripture. Consider, what does God want you to reflect on and learn?

REFLECT

1. What is one idea from the message that captured your attention?
2. When you hear the word gentle what comes to mind?
How would you define it?
3. Would you describe God as gentle? Why or why not?
4. Would others describe you as gentle? Family? Friends? God?
Why or why not?
5. How gentle are you towards yourself?
6. Have you found Proverbs 15:1 to be your experience?
7. Referencing John 8:1–11, who was gentle in the passage and who was not?
8. What about their actions made them gentle or not gentle?
9. What does this teach us about gentleness?

RESPOND

Journal two ways you can be more gentle towards your family? Coworkers? Yourself? God? Prayerfully, ask God for grace, creativity and opportunity to live more gently towards each of the above.

REMEMBER

Memorize Proverbs 15:1

RESOURCE

Do a Google search for the following images by the artist Soosh: Bed. King size; Ballerina; That's My Girl; Devoted Father; Sleep My Little One. How do these images display gentleness? Share with Pastor Eric Haskins your reflections, he'd love to hear: ehaskins@ChristChurch.us.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 15:1 | New Living Translation (NLT)

A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

John 8:1–11 | New Living Translation (NLT)

Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, but early the next morning He was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and He sat down and taught them. As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?" They were trying to trap Him into saying something they could use against Him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so He stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" Then He stooped down again and wrote in the dust. When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

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