

Date: April 30, 2017

Sermon Title: Honoring God Through A Gentle and Fierce Life

Speaker: Richard Smith

Scripture text(s): Galatians 5: 22-23

- 1) Think about people who have been or still are in your life who are characterized by gentleness and faithfulness. What are specific things they say and do that show these two fruits of the Spirit?
- 2) Richard defined gentleness as "a redeeming calmness in the midst of a hostile atmosphere." Is this true of you? If not, what steps can you take in order for the Holy Spirit to cultivate this in your life?
- 3) Richard said that one of the chief ways gentleness is expressed is through teachability. What areas of your life need more teachability? What prevents you from being teachable?
- 4) Richard defined faithfulness as a fierce loyalty to love God and serve His purposes. Have you ever experienced someone that can be described this way? Discuss characteristics they possess that exhibit faithfulness.
- 5) Richard asked, "What is it going to take for you to be faithful?"
- 6) How do you view the trials that are in your life? Inconveniences? Unnecessary? Painful? Nuisances? Opportunities for growth? How does God view the trials in your life?