



WEEK ONE: THE REALITY PRINCIPLE | SEPTEMBER 29/30

**Matthew 5:3** | "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs."

The struggle for control, is really our attempt to try and PLAY GOD.

We try to control OUR IMAGE

We try to control OTHER PEOPLE

We try to control OUR PROBLEMS

We try to control OUR PAIN

**Romans 7:15-17** | I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. <sup>16</sup>But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

Giving up control starts by ADMITTING MY WEAKNESS

**2 Corinthians 12:10** | That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Admit that I am powerless to...

CHANGE my past

CONTROL other people

COPE with my harmful habits, behaviors and actions.

**Big Idea:** I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and my life is unmanageable.