Title: "Meekness is not a Weakness"

Text: John 3:26-30

Target: As Christians when you understand that you are called to be a **REBEL** "with a cause", your mission becomes clear, and your life points to Christ.

- **I.** A <u>Competition Corrected</u>: "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." (Vs. 26)
- **II.** A <u>Contentment</u> Cdemonstrated: "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heavenI am not the Christ..." (Vs. 27-28)
- **III.** A <u>Ceremony Celebrated</u>: "...rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice." (Vs. 29)
- **IV.** A <u>Calling Completed</u>: "Therefore this joy of mine is now complete." (Vs.29)

Kingdom Principle: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (Vs. 30)

- 1. The "**Must**" of a sinner: "...must be born again" (John 3:7)
- 2. The "**Must**" of a <u>Savior</u>: "so must the Son of Man be lifted up" (John 3:14)
- 3. The "**Must**" of a <u>servant</u>: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)

Kingdom Character: Meekness

Take Away: In order to experience the fullness of joy in Christ we must become less in order that He can become greater. Life is not about the glory of our name, but the fame of His name.