



Wisdom

Scripture: James 1:5-8

“If any of you lacks wisdom, she should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to her. But when she asks, she must believe and not doubt, because she who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That woman should not think she will receive anything from the Lord; she is a double-minded woman unstable in all she does.”

- Read this scripture twice. The first time you read it, simply receive the overall meaning of the verses.
- On the second reading, ask the Lord to highlight a word or phrase that seems to jump out at you.
- Write down the verse or word(s) in your journal. Prayerfully ponder this with the Lord.
- What might God be saying to you about this word or phrase? Ask him to reveal what it is without doubting that he is speaking to you. Now read the verses again and be aware what else the Holy Spirit may be highlighting to you through the same word or new words.
- Sit quietly with these words and ask the Lord to reveal what He is saying to you. Journal your insights. Thank him for spending time with you!

Reflection:

Sunday of your WWWC weekend, you met with one or more Wise Women. As you prepared yourself to meet these women, you were asked to identify any area in your heart which would impede hearing from the Lord and to release it to him. You consciously readied yourself to hear what the Holy Spirit was saying to you. What did you hear during this time? How did you know it was God who spoke to you?

Since your weekend, have you been able to hear from the Lord? Are you choosing to take time to be with Him and receive what He is revealing to you? God speaks in many different ways- sometimes directly in a gentle voice, other times He will use a sermon, a song or even nature. He may choose to speak through others. When we decide to carve out time to read the Bible, reflect, pray, and journal, God will use his living Word to speak to us. He delights in revealing Himself through the living scriptures. If we would just take the time to linger with him, the Word of GOD changes everything! The people and circumstances in the Bible are not just irrelevant characters from a long-ago story they are me and they are YOU!!



2Timothy 3:15-17 says, *“from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you **wise** for salvation though faith in Christ Jesus. **All Scripture** is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the **woman of God** may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

Soul Training:

- Set aside a special place in your home or room. Light a candle as a symbol of carving out this time and place to be with him. Designate a short period of time (10-15 minutes) each day this week.
- Sit quietly and prepare your heart to be with the Lord. Relax, breathe, and enjoy just being in his presence- no agenda necessary.
- After a few moments of quiet, read a short passage from the Bible (Use a passage from John or a Psalm). You will be hearing from God- believe it!
- Use the same prayerful reading process as above in the James passage.
- Read the passage the first time to understand the meaning/context of the verses.
- Prayerfully read the scripture a second time and notice what word or phrase God is highlighting to you.
- After the third reading, sit quietly with God and ask what more he wants to reveal to you. Journal your insights and give thanks for this time.

- At the end of the week, review your journal entries and ask God to show you a word, theme or direction for the season you are in right now. Praise Him for speaking to you.
- As we spend time with Jesus in the Scriptures, He will continue to give us wisdom and more understanding of who HE is and who He is calling US to be! Hallelujah!

Jesus says, “I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit -fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for calling me friend. Thank you for giving me your beautiful scriptures so that I may grow in wisdom. I praise you that I may be thoroughly equipped to do every good work.
Amen