

**Sermon:** Real Wisdom. Real Faith.  
**Series:** *James: Real Wisdom, Real Faith.*

**Scripture:** James 1:5-8.  
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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1) What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) How is God described in these verses? Is this how you see God? How are you encouraged by this description of God?
- b) Why does all wisdom have to begin with knowing God? - Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (Hint: think about the connection of truth or reality to wisdom).

**2) What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) James warns us about being “double-minded.” Is there any area of your life where you are “doubting” (disputing, arguing, contending with God), unstable (like a stormy sea), or double-minded – living two different lives – one with God and one without?
- b) We talked about the cycle of true wisdom: 1) Fear God 2) Conform to the character of Christ 3) Live in faith 4) Make decisions 5) Repeat.

Think about a trial in your life. How is the wisdom cycle playing out in your trial? Are you trying to make decisions without the first three steps?

**3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) Read Colossians 2:3 and 2:9-10. Real wisdom leads to fullness (maturity). In Christ we have him as our wisdom (2:3) and our fullness (2:9-10). How does this truth allow us to suffer and face trials with the wisdom of faith?

**APPLICATION**

- a) What do you pray for? Do you only pray that your circumstances might change or do you ask first and foremost for wisdom?

**FIGHTER VERSES: James 1:16-22.**

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for his generous heart that freely gives wisdom.
- Confess ways that you have lived a double-minded life.
- Thank Jesus for being your wisdom and your fullness.
- Ask God to empower you live in his wisdom cycle.