

Faith and Wisdom

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Our Series

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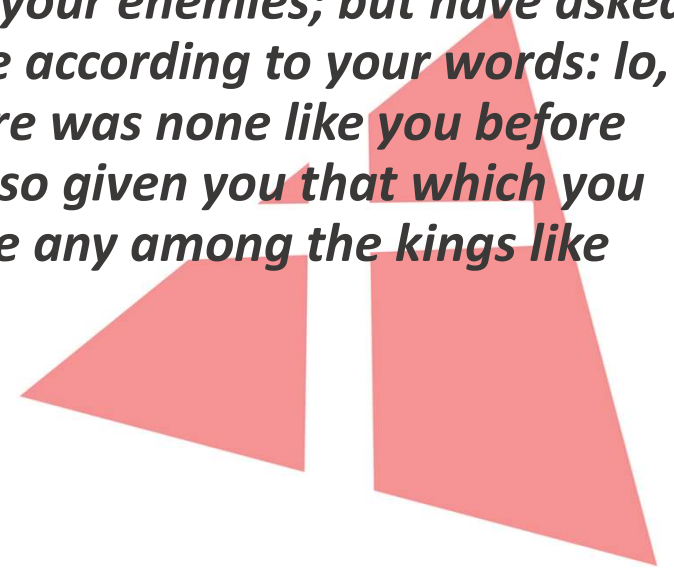
Today's Focus

- Faith and Wisdom



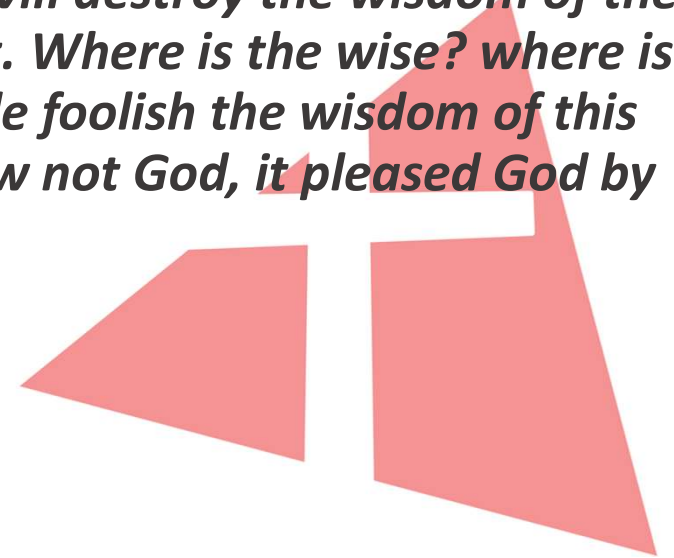
Solomon

1 Kings 3:10-13 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life; neither have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies; but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice; Behold, I have done according to your words: lo, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like you before you, neither after you shall any arise like unto you. And I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto you all your days.



Two Types of Wisdom

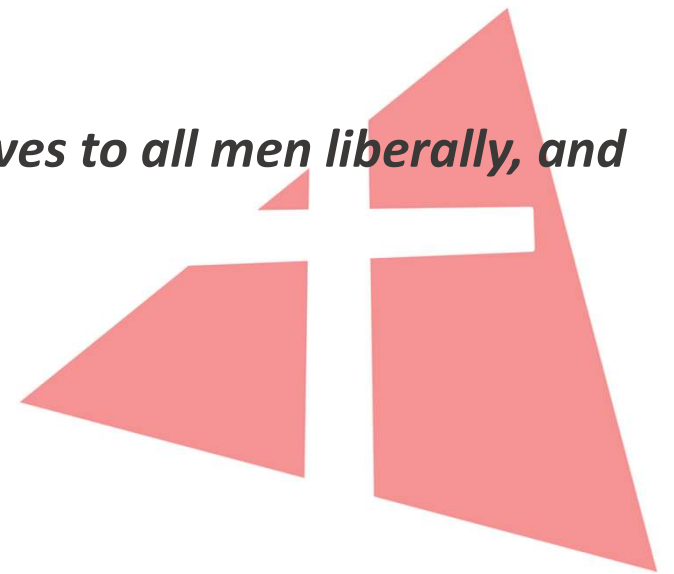
1 Corinthians 1:18-21 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.



Two types of wisdom

- God wants us to pursue the right type of wisdom

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men liberally, and reproaches not; and it shall be given him.



The Woman with the issue of blood

Luke 8:45 And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Teacher, the multitude throng you and press you, and you say, Who touched me?

Luke 8:46 And Jesus said, Somebody has touched me: for I perceive that power has gone out of me.



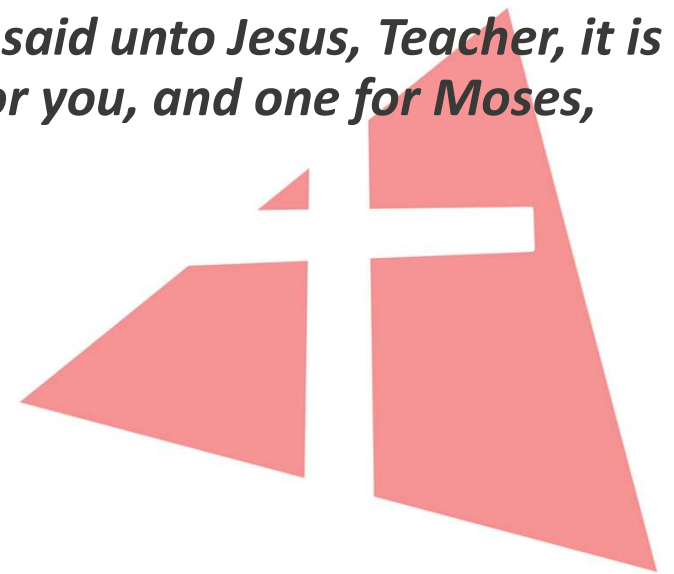
Feeding the 5000

Luke 9:12 And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get food: for we are here in a desert place.



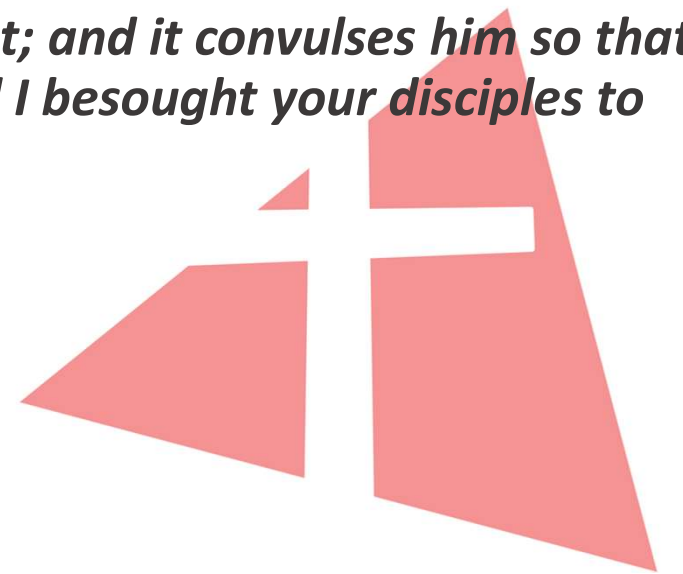
The Transfiguration

Luke 9:33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Teacher, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah: not knowing what he said.



The Demon-Possessed Son

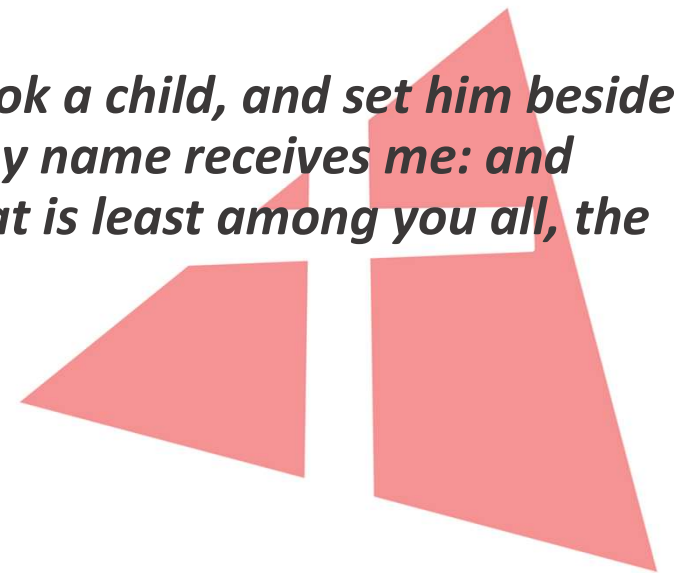
Luke 9:39-40 And, lo, a spirit takes him, and he suddenly cries out; and it convulses him so that he foams again, and bruising him seldom departs from him. And I besought your disciples to cast him out; and they could not.



Who is the Greatest?

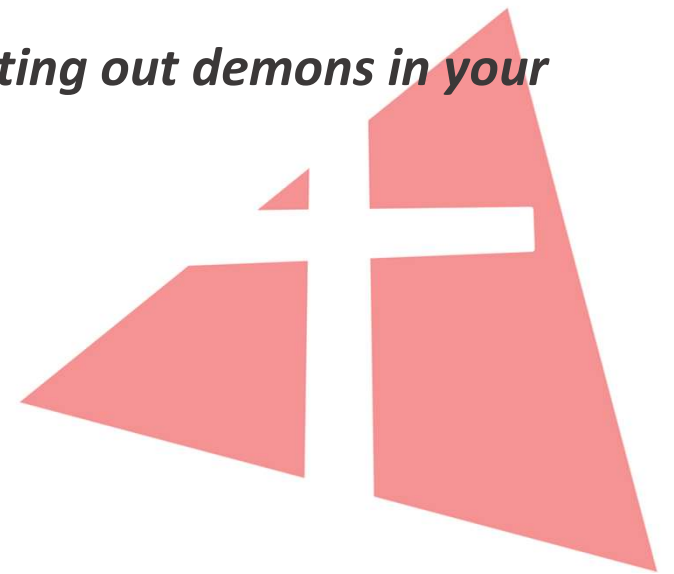
Luke 9:46 Then there arose a reasoning among them, as to which of them should be greatest.

Luke 9:47-48 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him beside him, And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receives me: and whosoever shall receive me receives him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.



Who is allowed to drive out demons?

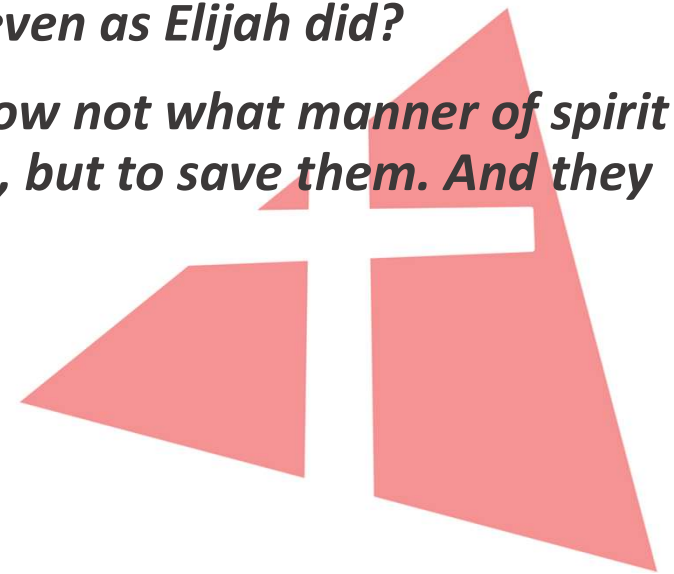
Luke 9:49 And John answered and said, Teacher, we saw one casting out demons in your name; and we forbade him, because he follows not with us.



Fire from Heaven

Luke 9:54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, will you that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elijah did?

Luke 9:55-56 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, You know not what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.



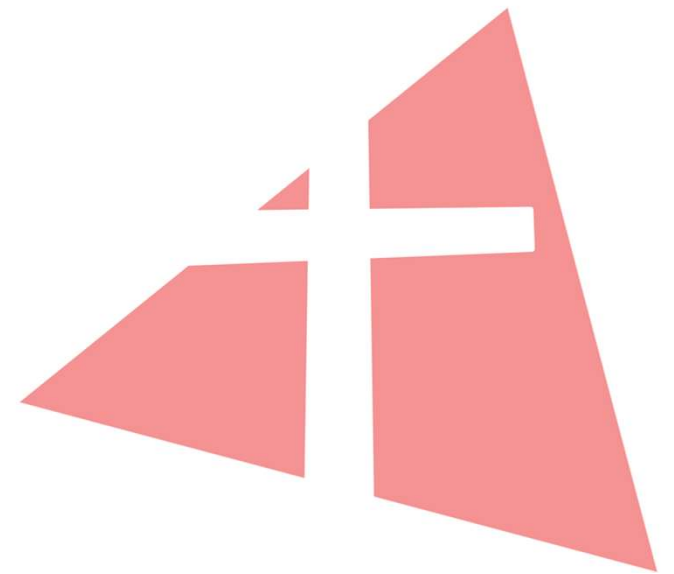
What can we learn?

- **Jesus' ways are often completely different from what worldly wisdom is trying to tell us**



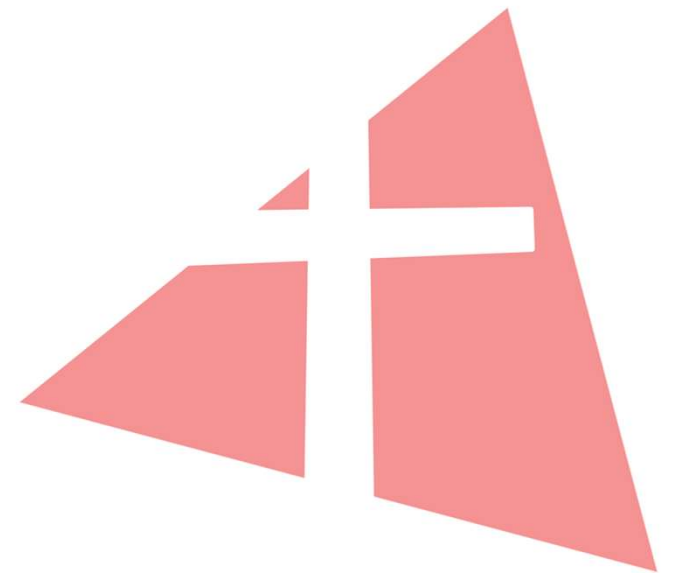
Just to be clear

- **The Bible does not say to “be stupid” or to “not be wise”**
- **But the Bible does say that we need to pursue “real” wisdom**



Wisdom and Faith

- **Following the world's wisdom is opposed to Faith**



Closing Question

- **Where am I living according to this world's wisdom?**
- **Am I even allowing God to replace my worldly wisdom**

