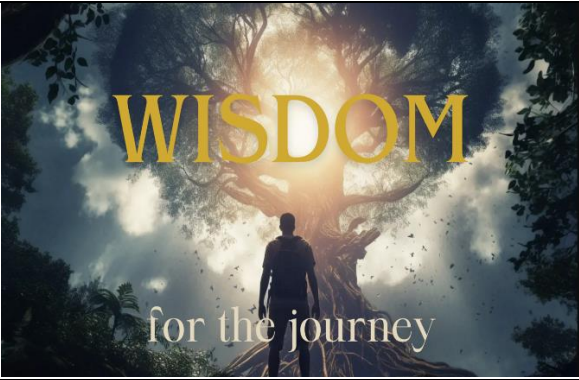


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|  | <p style="text-align: center;">WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">– Proverbs 1:5</p> <p>Men have always needed wisdom. We need help to make decisions about work; all relationships – in speech and conduct; who to trust - or avoid; along with being measured by the plumb line of true character. Wisdom from Proverbs offers insight into the concrete experiences of human life that help us take charge of our lives. Proverbs is about how to live out your faith in God. There is no true wisdom apart from Jesus. Fools are those who rely on their own knowledge to navigate life. In this study, we will look and listen to hear God’s voice and see his Son shining through the book of Proverbs. We will be equipped in every way for our journey! So, let’s dig in!</p> | |
| <p>Highland Colony Men’s Roundtable www.MensTable.com</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY: Knowing the Spheres – Marriage – Part 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A man needs wisdom for his journey. We can find that wisdom in Proverbs as we are pointed to Jesus.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">September 5, 2024</p> |
| <p>Scripture: Proverbs 2:13-18; Proverbs 5:17-20; Proverbs 1:8,9; Proverbs 4:3,4; Proverbs 6:20; Proverbs 10:1; Proverbs 14:1; Proverbs 31:27; Proverbs 2:16,17; Proverbs 12:4; Proverbs 21:9, 19; Proverbs 19:13; Proverbs 11:16; Proverbs 31:10</p> <p>Music: Alan Jackson — "Remember When" — https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xM3_dtGyspQ</p> <p>Video: Best of Ronald and Nancy Reagan’s Love Story - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUvpGy5XZ70</p> <p>Resources - <i>GOD’S WISDOM for NAVIGATING LIFE</i> by Timothy Keller <i>PROVERBS FOR YOU</i> by Kathleen Nielson</p> | | |

KNOWING THE SPHERES – MARRIAGE – PART I

1. _____ - Proverbs 2:13-18 → A marriage is a legal bond solemnized by vows. A wedding is not so much a claim of present love as a promise of future love. Vows keep you together. Without a covenant that keeps you together, you will be cut off from the peculiar riches of lifelong committed love that survives through thick and thin.
 “I’ll be there for you” is what each party declares in a covenant marriage. We are to practice covenantal love in our family.
2. _____ - Proverbs 5:17-20 → Because of your covenant bond, you to stick with each other through all things, to repent and forgive when wronging each other, does the richest, deepest intimacy grow. Then sex becomes the celebration of your life together.
3. _____ - Proverbs 1:8-9, 4:3-4, 6:20, 10:1 → We see both the father and the mother teaching their son wisdom. Both are to be students in learning God’s wisdom from God’s Word.
4. _____ - Proverbs 14:1, 31:27 → Proverbs assumes, as does the rest of the Bible, that the husband is head of the home. This headship will take different forms in different marriages. What a husband and wife contribute will depend on each’s spouse’s gifts and skills.
5. _____ - Proverbs 2:16-17 → The word for partner (Hebrew hallup) means the closet of friends. All the marks of friendship—constancy, sensitivity, speaking the truth in love to each other, counseling each other—must be present in marriage. In Christian marriage, we are not just lovers and partners but the greatest of friends.
6. _____ - Proverbs 12:4 → A spouse should edify, build up the other. Indeed, your spouse has the power to make or break your dignity, confidence, and sense of self. Your spouse has the power to massively reprogram your self-image and to heal you of many of the deepest wounds of the past. Do you and your spouse build each other up or more often criticize?
7. _____ - Proverbs 21:9, 19 → To nag is not to do thoughtful criticism, but to do “drive-bys,” making brief caustic or cynical remarks that complain and question motives and character. Sounds like “you always” or “you never.” A marriage is supposed to be a haven of rest and shelter from the world, but the attack of nagging makes you feel you have no roof or walls around you.
8. _____ - Proverbs 19:13 → Nagging is the slow, constant dripping of short, unhappy barbs and arrows, which can wear out the love of a relationship as dripping water can erode even stone. Together you must learn to do truth telling that builds up, even as Jesus does to us (John 17:17; Ephesians 5:25-27).
9. _____ - Proverbs 11:16 → Kindhearted means gracious. Marriage requires the ability to forgive freely without a shred of superiority, and to repent freely without begrudging. Do you and your spouse show each other grace?
10. _____ - Proverbs 31:10 → Spouses are to build each other up in love, critique each other with truth, and readily repent and forgive each other. Each of these takes great courage. It takes courage to tell the truth and face at least the short-term anger and hurt of your spouse. It also takes courage and fortitude to forgive.

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. What makes marriage work?
2. What 3 things do you wish were different in your marriage?
3. What 3 things does your spouse wish were different?



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SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 2:13-18 - 13 Of those who are lost themselves and can't tell a trail from a tumbleweed,**14** These losers who make a game of evil and throw parties to celebrate perversity,**15** Traveling paths that go nowhere, wandering in a maze of detours and dead ends.**16** Wise friends will rescue you from the Temptress - that smooth-talking Seductress**17** Who's faithless to the husband she married years ago, never gave a second thought to her promises before God.**18** Her whole way of life is doomed; every step she takes brings her closer to hell.

Proverbs 5:17-20 - 17 Your spring water is for you and you only, not to be passed around among strangers.**18** Bless your fresh-flowing fountain! Enjoy the wife you married as a young man!**19** Lovely as an angel, beautiful as a rose - don't ever quit taking delight in her body. Never take her love for granted!**20** Why would you trade enduring intimacies for cheap thrills with a whore? for dalliance with a promiscuous stranger?

Proverbs 1:8,9 - 8 Pay close attention, friend, to what your father tells you; never forget what you learned at your mother's knee.**9** Wear their counsel like flowers in your hair, like rings on your fingers.

Proverbs 4:3,4 - 3 When I was a boy at my father's knee, the pride and joy of my mother,**4** He would sit me down and drill me: "Take this to heart. Do what I tell you - live!

Proverbs 6:20 - 20 Good friend, follow your father's good advice; don't wander off from your mother's teachings.

Proverbs 10:1 - 1 Wise son, glad father; stupid son, sad mother.

Proverbs 14:1 - 1 Lady Wisdom builds a lovely home; Sir Fool comes along and tears it down brick by brick.

Proverbs 31:27 - 27 She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive.

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Proverbs 12:4 - 4 A hearty wife invigorates her husband, but a frigid woman is cancer in the bones.

Proverbs 21:9, 19 - 9 Better to live alone in a tumbledown shack than share a mansion with a nagging spouse.

19 Better to live in a tent in the wild than with a cross and petulant spouse.

Proverbs 19:13 - 13 A parent is worn to a frazzle by a stupid child; a nagging spouse is a leaky faucet.

Proverbs 11:16 - 16 A woman of gentle grace gets respect, but men of rough violence grab for loot. A God-Shaped Life

Proverbs 31:10 - 10 A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds.

"Remember When" By Alan Jackson

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| <p>Remember when I was young and so were you And time stood still and love was all we knew You were the first, so was I We made love and then you cried Remember when Remember when We vowed the vows and walked the walk Gave our hearts, made the start, and it was hard We lived and learned life threw curves There was joy, there was hurt Remember when</p> | <p>Remember when Old ones died and new were born And life was changed, disassembled, rearranged We came together, fell apart And broke each other's hearts Remember when Remember when The sound of little feet was the music We danced to week to week Brought back the love, we found trust Vowed we'd never give it up Remember when</p> | <p>Remember when Thirty seemed so old now lookin' back It's just a steppin' stone To where we are, where we've been Said we'd do it all again Remember when Remember when Remember when We said when we turned gray When the children grow up and move away We won't be sad, we'll be glad For all the life we've had And we'll remember when Remember when Remember when</p> |
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