

Grounded: Life in the Pendulum Swing

Wisdom is the mindful application of our knowledge and experience to how we think, feel and act that results in flourishing relationships. (...with God, others, self)

Godly wisdom is the righteous application of the knowledge of God and our experience to how we think, feel and act resulting in flourishing relationships with God, others, and ourselves.

Foolishness is the mindless ignorance of knowledge and experience to what we think, feel and act resulting in deteriorating relationships with God, others, and self.

Proverbs 12:15: the way of the fool is right in his own eyes...

It's not about being good enough for God - it's about inviting God into wherever we are. The grace of God is His presence with us by His Spirit no matter the good, bad or ugly.

Walk with Jesus in the pendulum swing.

John 17:20-26

Jesus greatest gift to us is His presence with us by His Spirit.

Surrender Prayer:

Jesus, I surrender this _____ (belief/thought/feeling/action/situation) to you right now. Come be with me and I am going to follow You.

Application Questions:

1. Has there ever been a time in your life when you clearly experienced the presence of God? What is the most common setting for that and what are you doing when it is most likely to happen?
2. Read Revelation 3:15-20 - Jesus' words to the church at Laodicea, focus on their economic and material state and discuss what Jesus may be telling them about their spiritual state. Also, discuss what Jesus standing at the door and knocking may mean for us as we seek to live with Jesus. What is our role in that relationship? What would it look like if we were consistently opening the door and inviting Him in?

Wisdom Exercise:

Set aside some time this week to read through John 17 a few times. Reflect on the relational nature of God, as Father, Son, and Spirit and how you are invited in to that.

What are the implications of what Jesus is praying for you in verses 20-26?

How can you increase your awareness of Jesus being with you as you go throughout your day today?

Draw out 5 mountain peaks and label five peaks and valleys from the past season of life.

Where has God shown up in the midst of those things - what is your "Whoa!"