House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

March: Walking in Wisdom

Week 3: Prayer is key

Introduction

In the pursuit of wisdom, it is easy to focus on the outward manifestations of it, and the benefits that come with it. But we have a note of warning in James 3:13-17, where we see that not all so-called wisdom reflects the character of God. As we see in Prov 9:10 (Amplified bible), The [reverent] fear of the LORD [that is, worshiping Him and regarding Him as truly awesome] is the beginning and the preeminent part of wisdom [its starting point and its essence], and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding and spiritual insight. Therefore, in order to walk in heavenly wisdom, we must retrace our steps to the Source so that we can truly know Him and what His will is. Prayer is key to staying connected to our Source, so that our wisdom comes from above.

Pilot text

<u>Eph 1:15-17</u> 15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.

- What does prayer mean to you? [Open discussion]
- How does prayer change our lives?
 - Eph 1:15-21, Rom 12:2, Phil 2:12, Phil 2:13, Matt 18:18, 2 Cor 10:3-4, Matt 6:10, 1
 Tim 1:18, Daniel 9:2-3
- Personal testimonials of the power of prayer
 - o Where has prayer led to increased wisdom in your life?
 - Where has prayer resulted in other changes to your own life and walk with God?
 - Have you ever been surprised by the answer to your prayer?
- Take home actions
 - Spend time this week to identify at least 2-3 scriptures that clearly identify the will of God concerning that thing on your mind.
 - Based on your conviction that this is the will of God concerning you, lift it up to God
 in prayer with understanding
 - We look forward to testimonies of the impact of effectual, fervent prayer!

Note:

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