

## ***Uncharted Waters: The Beginning of Wisdom***

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Proverbs 1:7 (and various passages)

The Bible is clear that we are to “Get Wisdom” (Proverbs 4:7), but where do we even start? In this message, we are going to identify what it means to fear God and why this is the foundation of wisdom. If you start with the right view of God, the rest of wisdom will follow

**Prayer:** Spend some time in prayer. Pray that God will remove all distractions from you during this time. Ask God what HE specifically has in store for you to learn from this message. Ask God for His wisdom. Ask God to make it clear for you, “what areas do I need God’s wisdom in my life?”

Definition of Fear: Fear is a God given awareness of the power outside of us and the inability in us.

- When have you been in a situation where you were fearful? Did it cause you to rely on God more? Less? Not at all? How did you react when you were fearful?

### **Read Proverbs 1:7 and Proverbs 9:10:**

- In what ways is “The fear of the Lord...” different than the definition of fear that we just read?
- How does wisdom START with fear of the Lord? What does that look like? How have you applied this in your life? How does knowledge of the “Holy One” (God) help you with gaining wisdom?
- Does your “fear of the Lord” take priority in your life? **Read Matthew 6:33.** How does this scripture fit into these passages in Proverbs?
- On a daily basis, how do you show respect for the Lord? How do you please Him? What is your perspective of God?
- Apply: How do you, **daily**, grasp and see the “awe” of God?
- Apply: How does your fear of God change your obedience, on a **daily** basis?

### **Read 1 Kings 8:27-30:**

- What SPECIFIC areas do you need to ask forgiveness for? Start here!
- Apply: What areas do you fear “things” more than you fear God? How long is this list? Take time today to ask God to help you prioritize your lack of fear priorities.

### **Bottom line:**

- 1) IS God your greatest love? What needs to happen in your heart to make Him #1 (Read Romans 12:2).
- 2) Pray for humility! We cannot place God first if we are not humble. (When is the last time you prayed for humility?)
- 3) Are you taking time, on a daily basis, to place God first in your life?
- 4) What changes need to take place to make God your foundation? Share these changes with somebody and ask them to hold you accountable. (This is part of humbling yourself).
- 5) Is Jesus Christ your Savior? Call us at church if you want to talk with somebody about this. 303-799-4900. Ask for the Pastor on Call or any pastor that you might know.

