## Day 26- Sharing Wisdom

All of us will face moments so complex and beyond our depth that will force us to seek out wisdom in order to take steps forward. In these moments, God will give us heavenly wisdom and the spiritual tools we need to help navigate these moments in our everyday lives. His wisdom is a powerful thing; it's more than just being smart or knowing what to do or say. It is seeing all of life from His perspective and being led down the right path to experience the abundant life He provides. But we often get complacent and self-reliant or don't seek Him because our pride tells us we already have enough wisdom. We fail to understand God wants not only to give us wisdom in our current hardships but wants us to keep seeking Him day after day because there are no limits to His wisdom.

What situation are you facing today that you can confidently take before the Lord and ask Him for wisdom?

Our focus scripture for today is James 1:5-8

<sup>\*5</sup> Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord, <sup>8</sup> being double-minded and unstable in all his ways."

God promises to generously give wisdom in our everyday lives. God's wisdom gives us insight to truly help us see a situation from the perspective and mind of God - to know how to respond the way God would. This offer is free to us. But we must ask for it from a posture of expectant faith - not letting doubt choke out the belief that God will give it to us. So many of us get tripped up because we start doubting God's heart and love for us - that He is a good Father who wants to give us wisdom. As followers of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is given to us, to be our guide into all wisdom. So, in circumstances where we don't know what to do, remember God's promise. Seek Him humbly, not out of selfishness or doubt, but in bold faith, expecting we will receive heavenly wisdom.

Pause to humbly approach God and, in faith, seeking His wisdom for the needs of your day. Ask God to grow your belief that He is good and trustworthy because He always keeps His promises.

As an invitation to a spiritual practice—a way to say "yes, Lord," take some time today to make a list of the everyday people in your life who have graciously guided you to the Lord and His wisdom. Reflect on how your life benefited from them. Then, reach out today, if you can, and say thank you.

Prepare to walk with God into the day before us, the Lord who loves us says in:

Psalm 107:43 and James 3:13 <sup>"43</sup> Let whoever is wise pay attention to these things and consider the Lord's acts of faithful love. <sup>13</sup> Who among you is wise and understanding? By his

good conduct he should show that his works are done in the gentleness that comes from wisdom."

Father, help us discern where you are leading us as a church - making Your invitation clear.

Jesus, help us become worshipers, friends, apprentices, and guides who live as disciple-makers in all areas of our everyday.

Spirit, help us become a disciple-making hub, loving the lost and proclaiming Jesus in all we do and say so our communities will flourish.