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Lesson 6 :: Wisdom Personified

If you are alive and breathing, then you have heard news of the royal wedding between Prince William and Kate Middleton. It was a worldwide event. The day of their wedding was declared a national holiday in Great Britain, and millions watched it on TV. A Website could also be found where people could purchase wedding memorabilia.

Now contrast that event with the birth of Jesus. Mary and Joseph traveled by foot and by donkey to Bethlehem for the census. There was no room for them in the inn, so the Son of God was born outside in a stable. Then God chose to let some no-name shepherds in on the amazing news of the birth of Jesus. In God's perfect wisdom, He wrote the story of our Savior's birth in a way that no one could have expected. Jesus entered this world with humility and lived out His days in humility—our living example of daily walking in the Father's love and wisdom.

These two events in history show us the contrast between worldly wisdom and godly wisdom. Read 1 Corinthians 1:20–2:5 together as a family. Paul had to help the early Church navigate the contrast of God's wisdom from the world's wisdom. The Jews and Greeks struggled with the wisdom of God as He wrote the story of their King and Messiah. The Jews believed that the Messiah would be a conquering King, but instead Jesus died like a criminal by means of death on a cross. The Greeks didn't think that Jesus matched their idea of what "God" should be like. In their culture, it was very shameful to die on a cross. Think about our modern culture. As Christians, we believe in Jesus and are thankful for the sacrifice that He paid for us on the cross. But to truly walk through our days in our world as Jesus did is foolishness to our world. Our world's wisdom says that power, influence, wealth, security, safety, and comfort are what we should live for and work for all of our life. Jesus shows us a very different way. He grew up in a simple carpenter's home. He faithfully and selflessly walked through His life in obedience to the Father. The Creator of all became a selfless servant to all that He created and died a selfless death on a cross so that His creation could know the Father and live in relationship with Him. He didn't seek fame, fortune, security, comfort, or safety. He sought the Father. He did not live in a "bubble" but rather selflessly loved those living in darkness.

Jesus is our living example of how to live our days with godly wisdom. What does your life look like? Are you seeking after the things that the world holds dear and proclaims as "wise living?" Or are you learning from Jesus and giving your all so that others might know the mighty love of their Creator? If you choose the way of Jesus, get ready! Your life will be an exciting, painful, and joyful adventure with the Father. Oh, the celebration in heaven when one of God's children choose Him over the foolishness of the world!

CONNECTION QUESTIONS

1. After reading 1 Corinthians 1:20–2:5, use your own words to describe the wisdom of God.
2. Evaluate your own life. How do you make decisions based on this wisdom that is Christ?
3. What do you think holds you back from daily walking in Christ, who is wisdom?
4. How do people see that you are walking in God's wisdom?
5. What needs to change in your life so that you will better follow in the wisdom that is Christ?



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