

Small Group Questions:

- 1) **Where do you typically go to seek wisdom?**
- 2) **What role does God's Word play in your seeking of wisdom?**
- 3) Read Romans 12:1-2, God seems to lay out a path (not prescription) for discerning His will. Consider the relationship between these key phrases: "...God's mercy... living sacrifice... not conform[ing]... be[ing] transformed... test and approve what God's will is..." **From this passage, where are you challenged and encouraged in your faith journey? Explain.**
- 4) In the sermon we talked about (1) listening to the Lord, (2) beginning to act on something that He may be prompting you to do, and (3) listen again and repeat. **What doors that the Lord may want you to push on as you continue to walk with Him? If you have an answer, share it with your small group and ask these friends to check in on your progress.**

Message Outline

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CFC Theme Passage for June

"Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold." Pro. 3:13-14

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Proverbs 2:1-8

*My son, if you accept my words
and store up my commands within you,
turning your ear to wisdom
and applying your heart to understanding—
indeed, if you call out for insight
and cry aloud for understanding,
and if you look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,
then you will understand the fear of the LORD
and find the knowledge of God.
For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
He holds success in store for the upright,
he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,*

*for he guards the course of the just
and protects the way of his faithful ones.*

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connected to success, protection, prosperity (vs 7-8)
(...which we are meant to evaluate by "kingdom metrics")

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Fears and Idols

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Fear of...

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Fear of...

failure

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Fear of...

failure

missing the best option

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Fear of...

failure

missing the best option

waiting or moving forward

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The idol of...

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The idol of...

ourselves

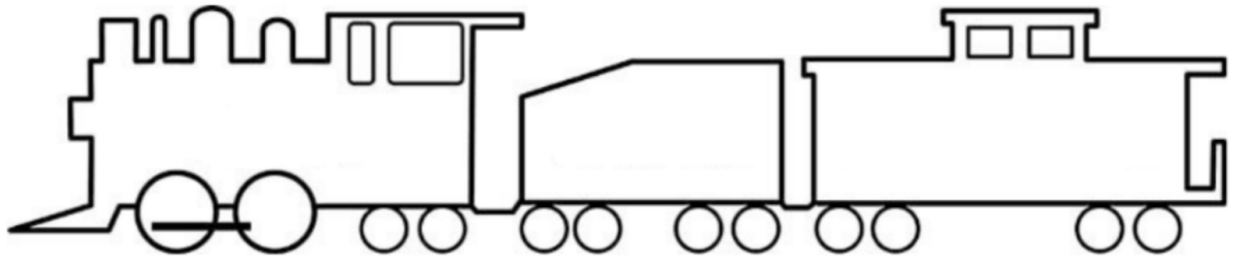
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The idol of...

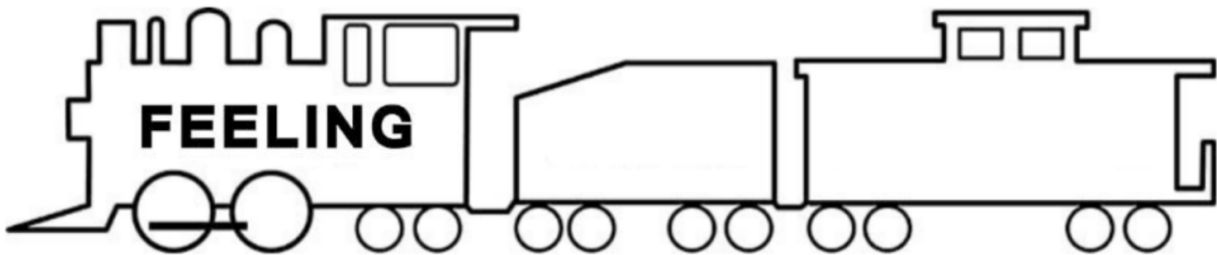
ourselves

our heart / emotional experiences

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The idol of...

ourselves

our heart / emotional experiences

clarity, comfort, and control

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The anecdote for our fears and idols is trust in God

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*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. **Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is**—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Romans 12:1-2

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Trust...

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God's mercy

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God's model of self-sacrifice

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The choice of being transformed by God rather than conforming to the world

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- 4) Pay attention to recurrent and growing interests

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- 4) Pay attention to recurrent and growing interests
- 5) Begin to take action - "Push on doors"

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- 2) Seek to view yourself in the way God sees you
- 3) Be aware of and take seriously the tangible needs of the world... including your own community)
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- 6) Function within a worship community—CHURCH— where you can...

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- 2) Seek to view yourself in the way God sees you
- 3) Be aware of and take seriously the tangible needs of the world... including your own community)
- 4) Pay attention to recurrent and growing interests
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- 6) Function within a worship community—CHURCH— where you can...
- 7) Ultimate purpose is to glorify God -- does this pursuit lift up God?

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