

The Path into the Adventure of Your Life



“Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. Cry out for insight and understanding. Search for them as you would for lost money or hidden treasure. Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain

knowledge of God. For the Lord grants wisdom!"
King Solomon | Proverbs 2:2-6 (NLT)

One Columbus Day weekend, Tim and I set our sights on climbing Haystack Mountain in the Adirondacks. Escaping work early, we made the drive to the trailhead. Excited, we quickly strapped on our packs and hit the trail. Within minutes we were moaning. A trudge! That first hill made it clear that four hours in the car had made our bodies reluctant. Committed to reaching the peak, our perseverance rewarded us... that trailhead was the opening to a fantastic adventure!

You stand at such a trailhead.

Having chosen to follow Jesus, he challenges you to take the first step. Yet, after years of living your life in a world behind enemy lines, your body is reluctant, asleep.

"This is why it is said, 'Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.' So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise." The Apostle Paul (Ephesians 5:14-15)

- Jesus calls, wake up!
- Paul exhorts, live like "those who are wise."
- Solomon advises, search!

Wake up, fervently search and you will come to fear of the Lord, evoking wisdom, but don't stop there. Persevere... this path leads into the adventure of your life!

Reflect: **Have I begun a fervent search for wisdom yet?**

After years of thrashing around attempting to manage people in the corporate world, I discovered “owner’s wisdom.” I learned that when I addressed situations as if wearing the “owner’s hat” (i.e., thinking with the mind of the corporate owners), we’d make better decisions. Powerful!

Likewise, imagine acquiring “Divine Wisdom” so you can live as if wearing the ultimate owner’s hat... But, how can you “wear his hat” if you don’t know how he thinks; who could ever understand God?

“No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.” The Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 2:11-12)

While you can’t know much about God’s thinking, it takes just a shallow dive into scripture for the Spirit to illuminate what he’s placed at the heart of Divine Wisdom, know what it is?

“If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing.” The Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

Love! Take a minute to let this sink in.

Consider: My life’s direction will change dramatically when I acquire

Divine Wisdom.

Viewing life through the lens of love infused Divine Wisdom (in accordance with God's own heart) will flip your worldly upbringing upside down...

"The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." The Lord (1 Samuel 16:7)

As you peer deeper and deeper, you'll see your heart, your brokenness, vividly. Humbled, the enormity of God's mercy and grace will rock you! How could you look upon the world as before? At this point God will move you to become one in purpose with himself and you can wear his "Owner's Hat."

*Imagine: **Wearing God's "Owner's Hat" illuminates my Mission.***

Look soberly at yourself... Where has God's mercy been most visible in your life? How are you uniquely wired? What deeply impactful life experiences have you experienced? What have you become particularly good at as a result of responding to these?

"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." The Apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 1:4)

Now look at the world as if wearing God's love laced Owner's Hat. Who has suffered like you? Who better than you to serve them with your expertise? Serve them! And advance your newfound Mission. It's...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- How will I begin my search for Divine Wisdom?
- What specifically did God's mercy and grace save me from?
- What have I become particularly good at in response to impactful times of my life?
- Who is suffering in ways like I have? How could I serve them?

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

Search!

"But do people know where to find wisdom? Where can they find understanding? No one knows where to find it, for it is not found among the living."

Job | Job 28:12-13 (NLT)



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