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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
UNCHARTED // Episode 3 : StreetWise
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Proverbs 1:20-23 (HCSB)

²⁰ *Wisdom calls out in the street; **she** raises her voice in the public squares. ²¹ She cries out above the commotion; she speaks at the entrance of the city gates: ²² “How long, foolish ones, will you love ignorance? How long will you mockers enjoy mocking and you fools hate knowledge? ²³ If you respond to my warning, then I will pour out my spirit on you and teach you my words.*

Streetwise - Possessing the skills and attitudes necessary to survive in a difficult or dangerous situation or environment.

3 Keys to the message:

1. Understanding wisdom as a personification of the attributes of God.
2. Wisdom will be poured out upon God's people.
3. Creating a plan for attaining uncharted wisdom.

Wisdom is the shepherd of our emotions and actions.

The Bible personifies Wisdom -

- Wisdom is a personified attribute of God.
- Wisdom is seen as a feminine voice in the scripture - (Job 38-41, Proverbs 8)
 - Is Solomon putting forth a claim that women are wiser than men?
 - Is Solomon establishing a god-like cult of female wisdom worship?

Vs. 20 *Wisdom calls out in the street; **she** raises her voice in the public squares.*

- Was it due to a cultural rise in the authority of women during periods of antiquity?
- Was it God's way of expressing a unique quality of his nature he imbued to women?

Vs. 21 *She cries out above the **commotion**; she speaks at the entrance of the city gates.*

- Wisdom cries and speaks in two places, the **town squares** and at the **city gates**.
- A partnership of wisdom between man and wife is found in Proverbs 3:23 and Proverbs 8:1.
- **Leaning on the counsel of the wise woman-** Proverbs 31:11 *Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.*

¹Holman Christian Standard Bible

²Secular culture might call this a 6th sense.

³Proverbs 3:23 Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.

⁴Proverbs 8:3 beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud:

2. Wisdom will be poured out upon God's People -

Vs. 23 *If you respond to my warning, then I will pour out my spirit on you and teach you my words.*

- In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is often seen as a spirit of Wisdom.
- In the Old Testament the Spirit is often poured out upon, whereas in the New Testament, we experience the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
 - **Galatians 4:6** *Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"*

3. Creating a plan for attaining uncharted wisdom.

- **Be hungry for wisdom- James 1:6** *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. NIV*
- **Be rooted - Psalm 1** *Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ²but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. ³That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.*
- **Be Humble - Proverbs 11:2** *When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.*
- **Get Counsel - Proverbs 15:22** *Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.*
- **Don't be double minded - James 1:7-8** *That man should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

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