



## Rule of Faith July 3, 2022

**Speaker:** Pastor Mark Batterson

**Scripture:** James 3

**Sermon Overview:** We are getting smarter and smarter, but I'm not sure we're getting wiser and wiser. Our culture is polarized and politicized, fight or flight. If we ever needed wisdom, it's now. The good news? Wisdom has a name. Jesus is wisdom with skin on it. Jesus is perfect theology! The Jesus Way is the Third Way. It doesn't compromise its convictions, but it always shows compassion.

### Sermon Series Questions:

1. What are the rules (core beliefs, values, and practices) you want to live your life by?
2. How does the quote from G.K Chesterton impact you? *"The more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild."*

### Sermon Specific Questions:

1. Standing in the gap takes wisdom beyond human knowledge. Can you think of a time that you needed wisdom beyond knowledge and received it from the Lord? Would you consider sharing your testimony with someone in your circle? Can you think of a scenario

in which you need wisdom beyond your knowledge to stand in the gap for a person or a situation? Take this scenario to the Lord in prayer.

2. How has wisdom been messy in your life? Why is Godly wisdom messy and “not not nice”? Can you provide an example of how this played out in your own life?
3. Bigotry is an unwillingness to allow other people their opinion. Have you ever experienced a break in a friendship over a difference of opinion? What would it look like for you to maintain a friendship with a person who holds a very different opinion than you hold (perhaps one about which you are passionate)? How do you maintain respect and honor with vastly different opinions?

### **Digging Deeper:**

- Visit [ncc.re/ruleoflife](http://ncc.re/ruleoflife) to download a sketch of the sermon created by The Sketch Effect.
- Read the book of James and highlight revelations you can apply to your life.

### **Practical Application:**

- Learn how to create your own Rule of Life: Online Masterclass July 12. There is still one more session online class that will teach you how to create your own personal or family Rule of Life. Sign up at [ncc.re/masterclass](http://ncc.re/masterclass).
- Tune in to NCC Daily–Deep-dive the book of James through short teachings M-F. Get NCC Daily on our app or at [ncc.re/daily](http://ncc.re/daily).
- Join a small group [ncc.re/groups](http://ncc.re/groups) to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Join us on Thursdays at the Capital Turnaround for House of Prayer: [ncc.re/houseofprayer](http://ncc.re/houseofprayer).