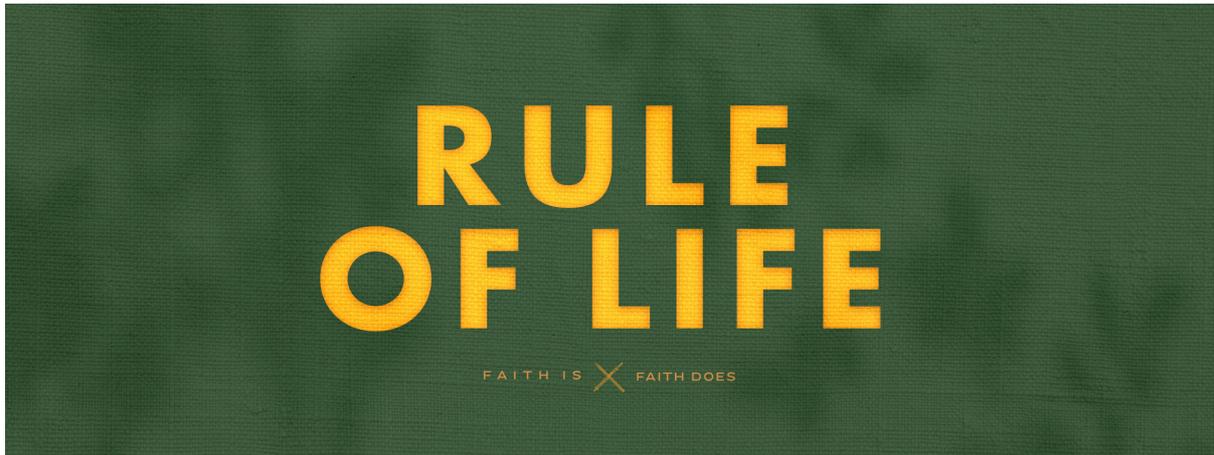


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Wisdom is supernatural HINDSIGHT, INSIGHT, and FORESIGHT.

*“The task is REFRAMING so that we can RE
EXPERIENCE the social realities that are right in front
of us FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE.”*

—Walter Brueggemann

Standing in the GAP takes wisdom beyond knowledge.

We need the spirit of WSDOM and REVELATION, Eph 1:17.

We need WORDS OF WSDOM, I Cor 12:8.

We need the MANIFOLD WISDOM of God, Ephesians 3:10

“Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.” - James 3:1

“With the tongue we BLESS our Lord and Father, and with it we CURSE human beings, who have been made in the image of God. Out of the same mouth comes blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.” -James 3:9-10

Words are X-Rays to our heart.

LASHON HARA - evil tongue

If you want to UNDERSTAND, you have to STAND UNDER.

Wisdom is ACTIVE LISTENING

The opposite of wisdom is bigotry. BIGOTRY is the UNWILLINGNESS TO ALLOW OTHER PEOPLE THEIR OPINION.

NCC's 4 Principles of Peacemaking: Ask Anything, Listen Well, Disagree Freely, and Love Regardless.

“Who is WISE and UNDERSTANDING among you? Let them show it by what they say. No! Let them show it by their GOOD LIFE, by deeds done in the HUMILITY that comes from WISDOM.” -James 3:13

“The wisdom that comes from HEAVEN is first of all PURE. It is also PEACE LOVING, GENTLE at all times, and WILLING TO YIELD TO OTHERS. It is FULL OF MERCY and GOOD FRUIT. It shows NO FAVORITISM and is ALWAYS SINCERE. Peacemakers who SOW IN PEACE reap a HARVEST of RIGHTEOUSNESS.” -James 3:17-18

First, Wisdom is not, not complicated.

Second, Wisdom is not, not nice.

Don't choose being RIGHT over being righteous!

“If I had an hour to share the gospel with someone, I would listen for 55 minutes and talk for 5.”

—Francis Shaeffer

Third, Wisdom has a name, and it's Jesus.

A-B-C-D = ALWAYS BE CONNECTING the DOTS!

“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.” - James 1:5