

RADICAL TRUST IN A FAITHFUL GOD

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GOD'S SMARTER THAN I AM

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Be not wise in your own eyes. Proverbs 3:7a (ESV)

1. I choose _____ above my own.

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death. Proverbs 14:12 (NLT)

2. I choose to submit to _____.

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. Proverbs 15:22 (NIV)

The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice. Proverbs 12:15 (NIV)

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 (NIV)

Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy. Proverbs 27:6 (NLT)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

Have you ever been humbled by someone or something for which you were extremely arrogant or prideful?

ENGAGE

What portion of the weekend's message connected the most deeply with you about being more God-reliant than self-reliant?

GROW

- Why do you think self-reliance feels easier than God-reliance?
- Where in life are you most tempted to trust your own judgment first (relationships, finances, decisions, emotions, schedule, conflict, etc.)?
- Can you think of a time when trusting your own wisdom led to a problem or unnecessary stress? What did you learn from it?
- Why do some Christians avoid godly counsel or correction? Which reason hits closest to home for you (pride, fear, not wanting accountability, image, etc.)?
- Who are the wise voices in your life? Who do you give permission to speak truth to you — even when it's uncomfortable?

CHALLENGE:

What area of your life do you need to stop carrying alone and intentionally surrender to God this week?

Choose one area of your life where you've been relying on your own wisdom — and surrender it fully to God. Don't just acknowledge it — hand it over. "Lord, I release my way — lead me in Yours. I'm not smart enough. I need you."

And then from there: prove your trust by your surrender. You don't need every answer — You need a surrendered heart. That's where wisdom begins.