



# Welcome to Teen Church at RFBC!

Sunday, August 13, 2023

# Prayer and Preparation



# Announcements

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# Last Week

## We talked about Baptism...

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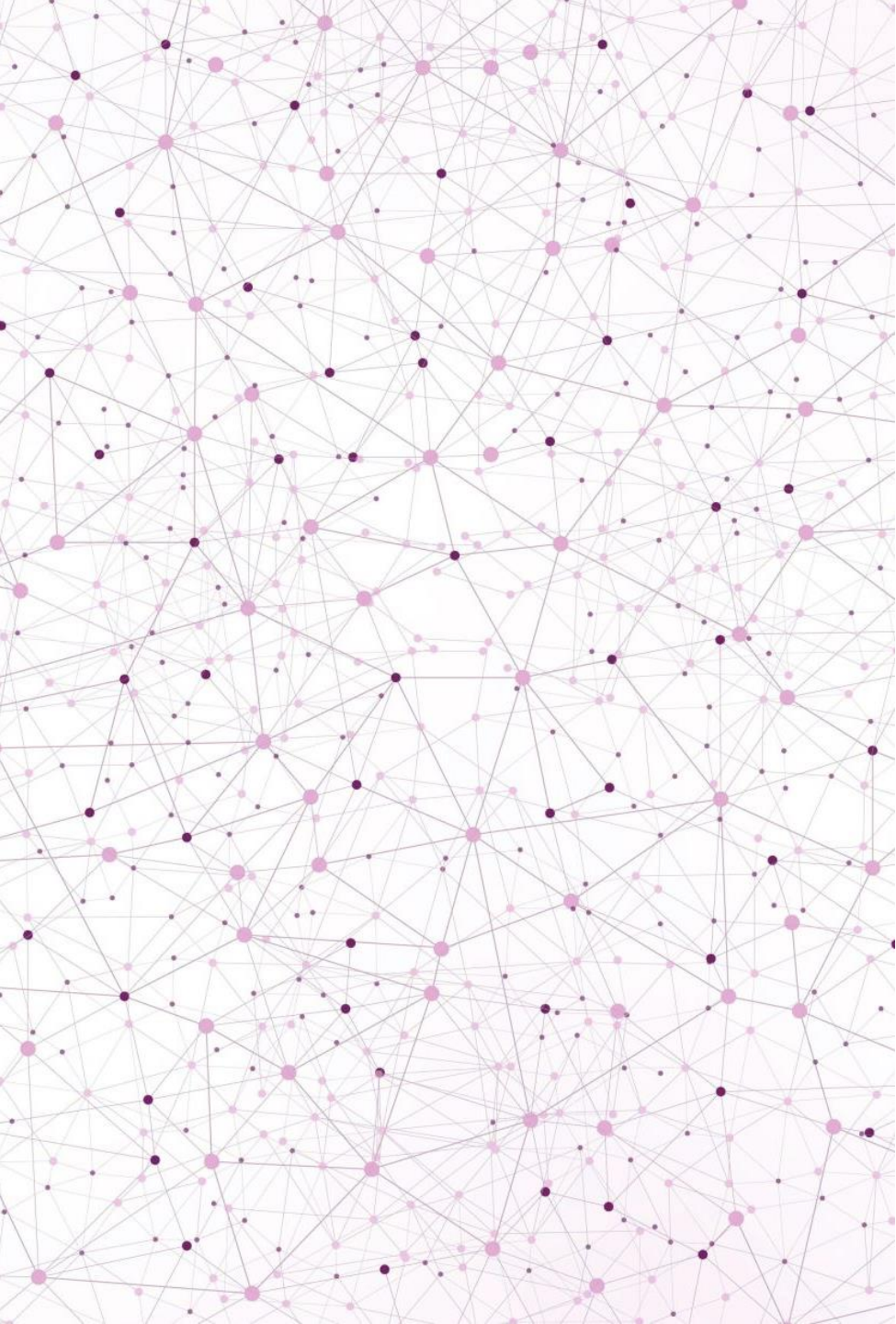
So, how about a  
recap?

It is one of two  
ordinances in the  
Baptist church.

It is an outward  
sign of an inward  
reality.

Jesus was baptized  
before he started  
his ministry.

Jesus was tempted  
after his baptism.  
Remember,  
temptation is a test.



This week, we are starting a series where we will unpack the word "wisdom."

Today, our focus is "What is Wisdom?"

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# Wisdom

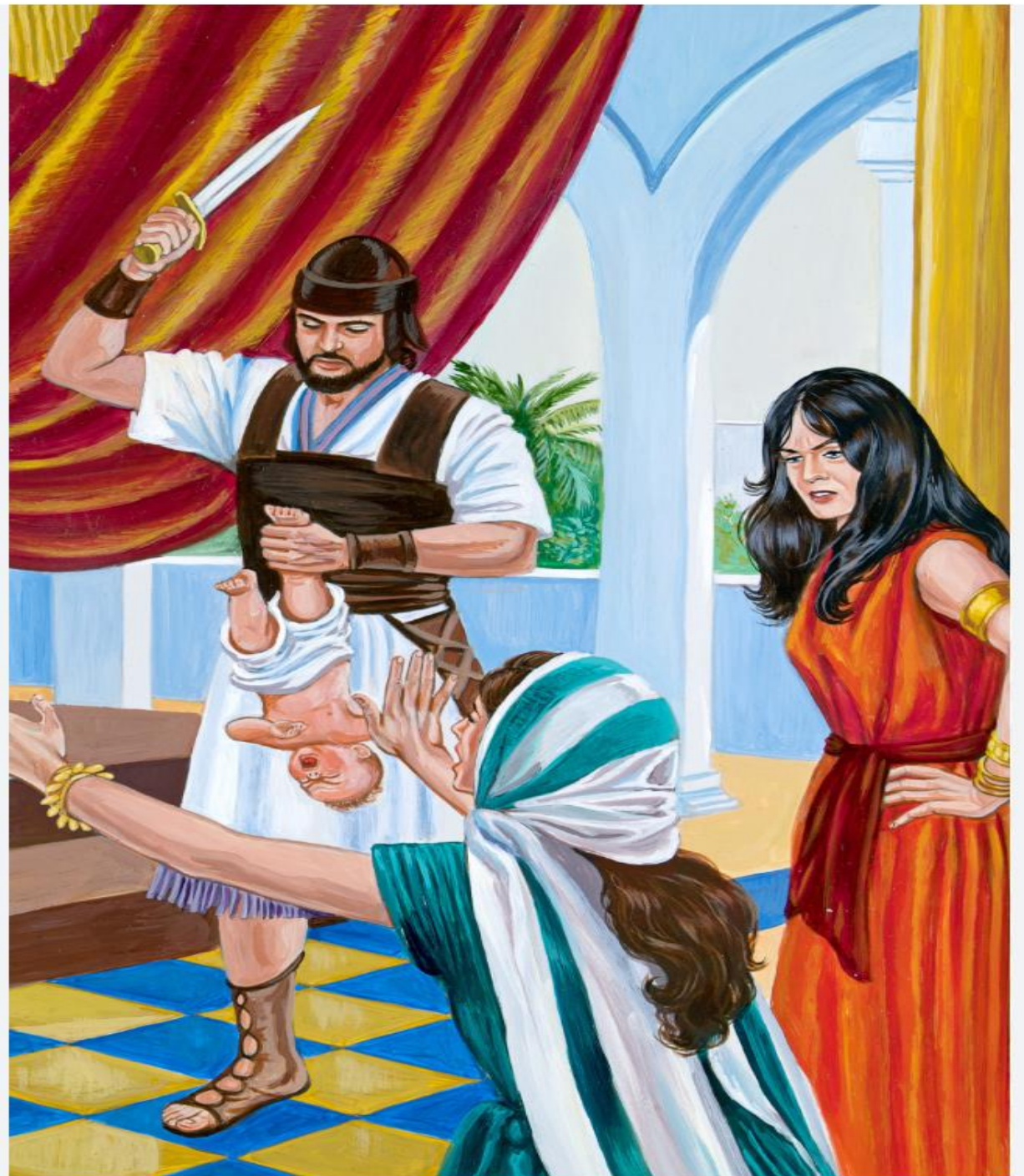
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WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?



# King Solomon's wisdom

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# Bottom Line:

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GOD IS THE SOURCE OF WISDOM.



# What does the Bible say?

## James 1:5

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CEV

If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you. God is generous and won't correct you for asking.

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.



What does  
this mean for  
us today?

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# What does the Bible say?

Psalm 111: 10

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CEV

Respect and obey the Lord! This is the first step to wisdom and good sense. God will always be respected.

NIV

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

# Scripture says...

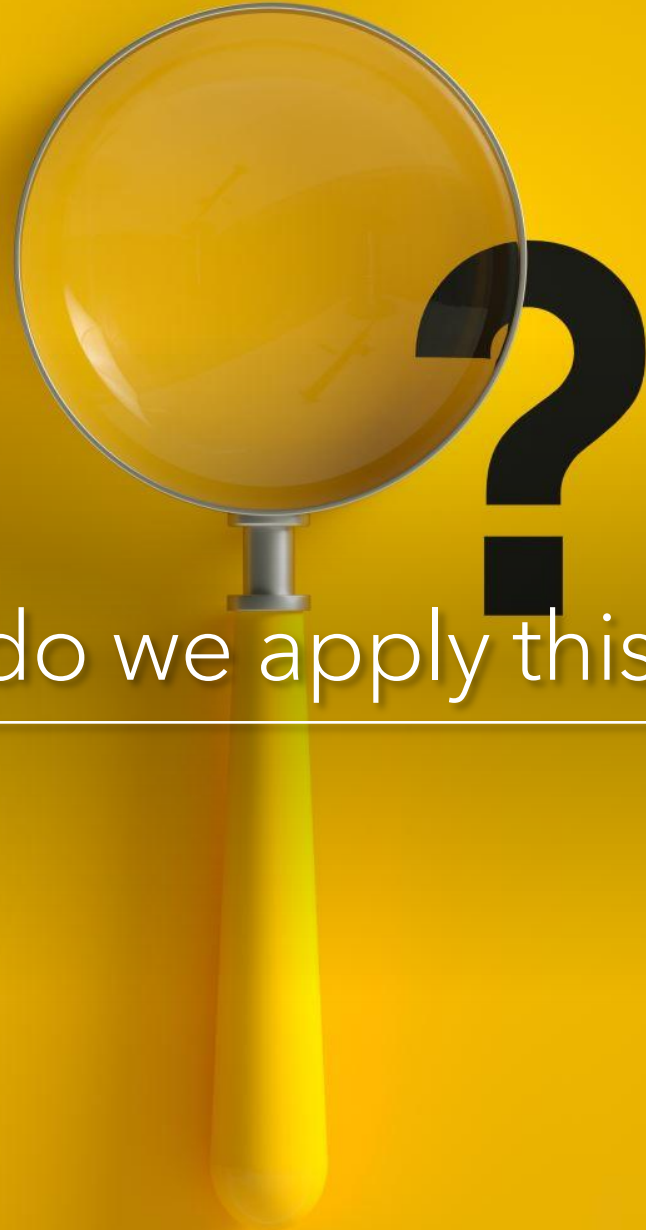
We find wisdom in our relationship with Him.

The fear of the Lord is not to be “scared” of God, but to have a *reverence* and awe for who God is.

If you want to experience true wisdom, Scripture tells us to respect God and obey His commandments.

There is a benefit to being obedient.

As we obey God, we grow with Him in wisdom. We must recognize that wisdom will not come from pure information or knowledge – but God alone.



How do we apply this?

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# What does the Bible say?

## Proverbs 3:7

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Don't ever think that you are wise enough but respect the Lord and stay away from evil

NIV

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.



# Scripture says...

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One way we can fear God in awe and respect is to turn away from evil. If you want to experience wisdom, start by cleaning out the things in your life that don't bring glory to God.

Application: Get wisdom by turning away from evil.

The Benefits: The next verse, Psalm 3: 8, says "This will make you healthy, and you will feel strong."



1. Why is it difficult for us to ask for help at times?



2. Are you struggling to figure something out in your life?



3. What things in your life are you turning away from this week in order to pursue wisdom?

Discussion...



# So...

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Make an intentional decision to get wisdom in your life through your relationship with God.

As you learn to “fear” God, get the things out of your life that are evil and that may be keeping you from a life of wisdom.

Surrender today and God promises to give wisdom generously to all who ask!

Prayer

Call to Discipleship

Benediction

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