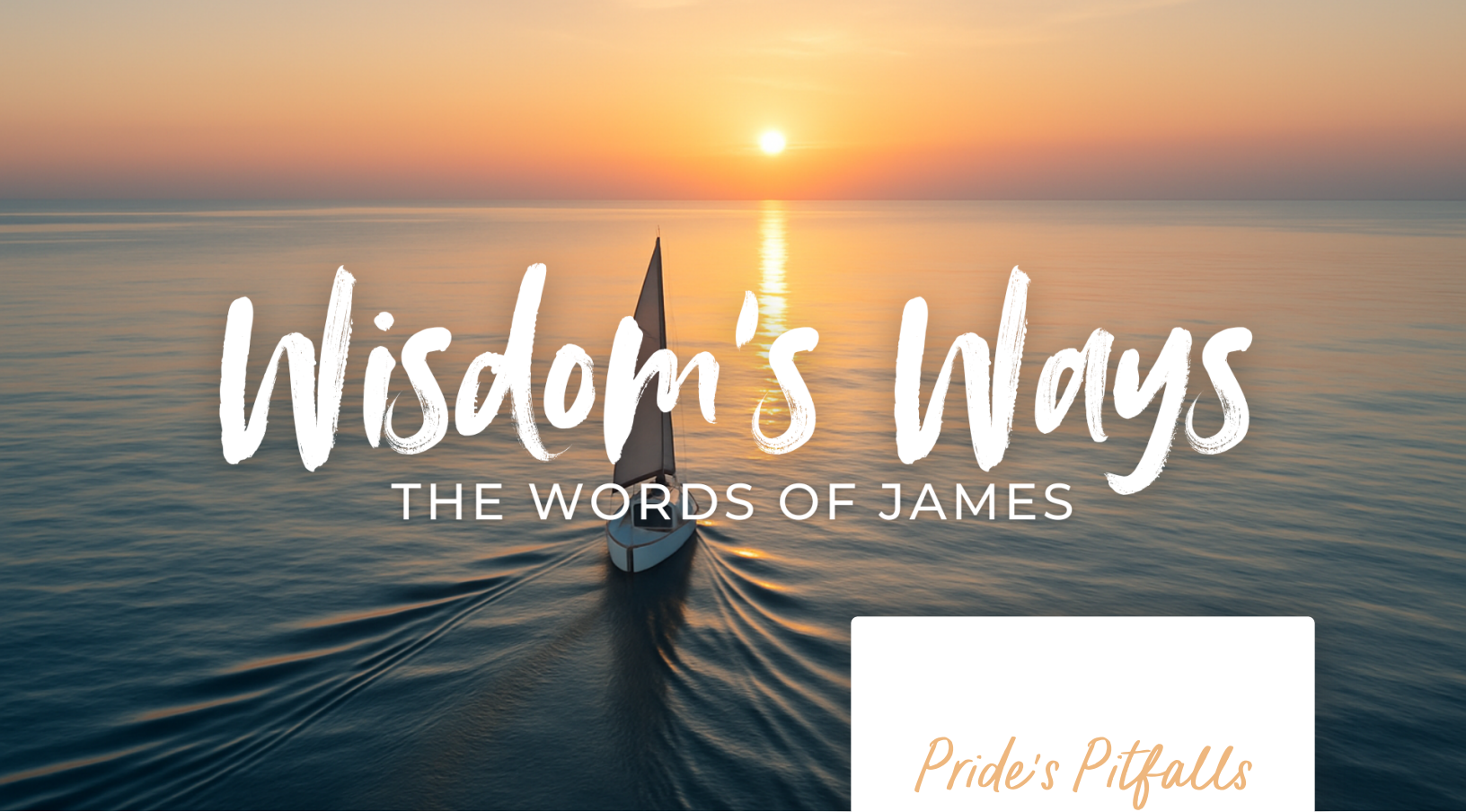




Wisdom's Ways

THE WORDS OF JAMES

Pride's Pitfalls

**The way of
humility trusts
only in God.**

SERIES SUMMARY

Before Jesus' death and resurrection, His siblings had their doubts. What sibling wouldn't, right?! Yet His brother James became a pillar of the early church and a teacher whose words still shape disciples today.

His letter is blunt yet brimming with practical wisdom, calling us to embrace joy in trials, reject favoritism, put faith into action, guard our words, and walk humbly with God.

Through this series, the words of James will help us uncover *Wisdom's Ways* for following Jesus here and now.

ICEBREAKER

Share with us a helpful piece of wisdom that someone shared with you.

SCRIPTURE

Read the following wisdom literature:

- Job 1:20-21
- Proverbs 11:2-4
- Proverbs 16:18-19



LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. Job responded in humility, but what response would you typically expect from someone who'd been as wealthy & influential as he was?
2. Why do you think Proverbs repeatedly warns that pride leads to destruction? Have you seen that to be true?
3. How do you see the connection between riches & pride?

EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

4. How do you tend to respond when your plans don't work out?
5. What's a way that pride tends to show up in your own life?
6. What makes it hard for you to entrust your future to God instead of trying to control it?

WRITING A NEW STORY

7. How is it possible to be both humble and confident? Can you think of ways humility might actually increase confidence?
8. What are some practical ways to keep from trusting things like money or influence?
9. How can a parent/grand you help a kid grow in humility?

TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Ask the Lord to keep us humble. Express trust in Him and His plans for our lives.

