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## Introduction to the Fool Proof Life

Proverbs 1:1-7

**1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: <sup>2</sup> for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; <sup>3</sup> for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; <sup>4</sup> for giving prudence to those who are simple, <sup>a</sup> knowledge and discretion to the young—<sup>5</sup> let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—<sup>6</sup> for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. <sup>b</sup> <sup>7</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools <sup>c</sup> despise wisdom and instruction.**

Before my wife and I got married, we got an apartment a couple of weeks before we got married. Important to note, I was the only one who moved in. She didn't move in. We got this apartment but it was just me and it was my job to make our apartment ready, so it was going to be great when we both moved in. My main job, the one thing that I needed to do, the thing that was number one on my list, was I needed to hang up our TV. That's the thing that I cared the most about. We got this TV mount stand and that's what I did. I was like, I'm going to absolutely crush it as my first thing as an almost married man. I'm not handy at all but I was like I've got to figure this out.

So, one of my friends gave me their stud finders. It's that thing where you run it up against the wall and it beeps whenever it comes up against the stud in the wall. I had never used it before, but I took it and I went across the wall and it just wasn't beeping at all. I figured that it needed some batteries or something but just to check, I kind of waved it in front of myself and since it didn't go off then, I knew something was wrong (congregation laughs). I've got more, I've got more, yeah. It was just a bummer. It was just a bummer that Adalee wasn't there because I realized that since she wanted to marry me, that she was the stud finder and man, it would've been so helpful (the congregation laughs again). Thank you, thank you. That was JP's joke; I got to use it, but anyway.

So, I realized that I just needed batteries, I just didn't want to go get them so I was like, I'm just going to figure this out on my own because I knew you could do this thing where you tap up against the wall, whenever it's not hollow, that's where the stud is. So that's just what I did. I kind of tapped along the wall until I found a spot that wasn't hollow. I drilled the screw in the wall. There was no stud there and it was humiliating. It was like oh my word, there's this big

hole in the wall that I can't even use. So I just tapped along the wall again, drilled another hole, no stud there. Then I looked online, and it said that there are apparently, you guys probably know better than I do, apparently there's studs every six inches or so in the wall. You guys are whispering, I think it was 6 inches (congregation is laughing). I think that's clearly wrong; it was a while ago. Whatever, anyway, they're a certain distance apart so I just kind of moved over a couple of inches, drilled another hole. There was nothing there. So, at this point the wall looks like Swiss cheese. It's like, man I've just tried to find everywhere in the wall where there is not a stud. So, I eventually went and got batteries and was able to find the studs almost immediately, got to hang up the TV on the wall, but man, I had made an absolute mess of things because I thought I could figure it out on my own.

Some of your deepest regrets in life, some of your greatest pains in your life will come from that phrase; I thought I could figure it out on my own. Some of you have been stuck in addiction and it's destroying your life, but you don't want anyone to know because you're like I can figure this thing out on my own. Some of you have deep relational pain because you just followed your instincts and your instincts lead you to say angry, hurtful things. Some of you have great financial stress because your savings and your spending have gone unchecked. You thought you could figure it out on your own and it's not going well because oftentimes our desires, our emotions, our feelings are not right. They will not lead us to the place that we want to be in.

Which is why we're going to be in the book of Proverbs over these next few weeks in this new sermon series called Fool Proof. Proverbs is written in one way to fool proof our life because it's going to tell us; You don't know what you're doing! Don't follow your heart! Don't follow your instincts because you can't figure this thing out on your own! That is offensive today. In today's day and age, we live in a postmodern society where all truth is relative. There is no correct. There is no right and wrong. There's only my truth, and your truth, and your truth. But here's the thing, if you live out your truth, you will eventually be confronted with THE truth that you don't know what you're doing! Which is why we need this book.

One of the verses that I think describes our culture best today is actually found in the book of Judges. Multiple verses in Judges say this exact same thing. It says this in Judges in 21:25; **In those days Israel had no king. Everyone did as they saw fit.** Does that not describe our day and age? Everyone did as they saw fit. We live in a time of expressive individualism. I want to be whatever I want to be. I want to do whatever I want to do. I want to believe whatever I want to believe. I want to live how I see fit. We've learned how that goes. It shows us in the book of Judges. How'd it go in the book of Judges when everyone did whatever they wanted to do? Man, it was complete chaos. There was murder and envy and strife. It's not a world in which you want to live in because whenever you do whatever you want to do, you don't get the results that you want to get. There is a way that leads to life and there is a way that leads to death, which is why we need Proverbs. It will show us the right way to live. It will fool proof our life.

So, if you've been following along in the Bible reading plan, you've kind of got a head start on us because we're going to read a chapter of Proverbs a day every single day in January. We're just going to preach alongside of it. We're going to teach why Proverbs is written, then we're going to teach about the different themes in the book of Proverbs. Some of you are well acquainted with this book, others of you are just now getting introduced to it. Here's some background on Proverbs.

Proverbs is in the Old Testament and it's one of five books that are in a genre called wisdom literature. Books like Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job, Song of Solomon and parts of Psalms. They're called wisdom literature because they're trying to teach us how we should live. Since the world is as it is, how do we live in the midst of that world? They're trying to teach us how to live wisely. Proverbs specifically is a book that's largely filled with these short concise wise sayings. We're used to those in our culture, phrases like "an apple a day keeps the doctor away". Or "early to bed, early to rise, keeps a person healthy, wealthy and wise". Those are kind of what Proverbs are. But the difference between those and the book of Proverbs is that Proverbs are not just rhyming phrases, they're Godly principles.

In order for us to understand this book we need to understand the difference between a principle and a promise because the book of Proverbs is not filled with promises, it's filled with principles. Now, a promise is something that will happen no matter what. A promise is God saying I'm going to do this. You can take it to the bank. It's happening 100% of the time, but a principle is different from that. A principle is something that will happen most of the time. It's not a 100% guarantee. It's a, this is most often how the world will go. If we don't understand the difference between a principle and a promise we're going to be confused by this book because there's a few verses that, they just don't seem like they always happen.

Here's one for instance. Proverbs 10:27; **The fear of the Lord adds length to life but the years of the wicked are cut short.** So, what happens when a follower of Jesus dies young? Is it because they had some hidden sin? Is it because they were actually secretly evil? No, this is a principle, it's not a promise. See, the principle here is that, if you follow Jesus, you will live your life in a way that leads to a longer life most of the time. You will live in a healthier way. On the other hand, if you pursue sin, you will pursue things that have the capacity to take your life. So, most of the time a follower of Jesus will live longer than a person who does not, but it's not a guarantee. In many ways, Proverbs is an oversimplification of life. That's the gift of Proverbs. In a world that's so complex that's overwhelmingly complex, Proverbs steps in and provides clarity, provides direction. It tells us, this is the way you should go. Proverbs keeps us from a sloppy and selfish life.

Just some more background on Proverbs, most of it was written by King Solomon. You might not know who he is, but his dad was King David, and you probably know who that is. Solomon took over the throne after David passed away. So, he was over the whole kingdom of Israel. It tells this story in 1 Kings chapter 3 where early on in his reign, God appeared to him in a dream

and He said, Solomon, ask me anything you want, and I will give it to you. Solomon replied to God saying, I am far too young to be leading these people, the people are far too many, I'm overwhelmed, I don't know what to do, so God, would you give me wisdom and discernment? In 1 Kings 3 it says that God was pleased that Solomon asked for this, it says this in verse 12: **I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.** So apart from Jesus, God made Solomon the wisest person to ever live and it's from his wisdom, this Godly wisdom, that he writes the book of Proverbs.

So let's get into it. Proverbs 1 verse 1. Solomon says this; **The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight;** So before we keep going, we're going to talk about wisdom a lot in these next few weeks. If we're going to talk about it, we need to actually define it. So, what is wisdom? Wisdom is different from being smart. Wisdom is different from having a bunch of information in your head because there are a lot of brilliant fools. There are. Wisdom is different. Biblical wisdom is different from having a lot of information. Here, that word for wisdom in the Hebrew can really be translated as one who lives skillfully. One who not just knows how to live but is able to live it out. They don't just have information but they're able to apply it. That's what wisdom is. It's the ability to know things but also apply it to your life. Right now, we are living in an age of information. We certainly are not living in an age of wisdom.

You see, we've got everything at our fingertips. We know seemingly all we need to know and yet peace is not the norm, anxiety is. Joy is not the norm, stress is. We have information. We don't have wisdom. This is why Solomon wrote this book. He wants to give us wisdom. In fact, this is why he said he wrote the book, continuing on in verse 3. He wrote, **for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; 4 for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion of the young– 5 let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance– 6 for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.**

This is why he wrote this book. Just to simplify that, this is why Solomon wrote Proverbs. Just condensing a few things, he said Proverbs was written for gaining wisdom, receiving instruction, and adding to learning. Now think about those three words, gaining, receiving, and adding. You cannot gain if you already have it all. You cannot receive if you are not lacking. You cannot add if you are already full. You see this is a simple book, this is what so many people don't understand and why they miss out on the book of Proverbs. In order for us to understand this book we need to understand this; you cannot become wise if you already think you are. If you already think you have all you need, this book is going to be useless for you because Solomon says this is for giving you something. This is so that you could receive. This is so something is added to your life, but this book will not be helpful to you if you don't think you need any help.

Which is point number 1. The first thing that we can learn here is that wisdom starts with a posture of humility. You cannot become wise if you already think you are.

*1. Wisdom starts with a posture of humility.*

You see humility and submission are prerequisites of the book of Proverbs. You can't just look at this book hoping to find affirmation for what you already believe. You have to submit yourself to this book, not looking for affirmation but instead to be challenged. You have to say, man, I don't know all I need to know. I need to learn more. The only way you're going to become wise is if you humbly assume that you're not wise.

This is true of four different people that Solomon wrote this book for. Looking again at the text, this is who Solomon wrote this book for. He wrote this; **4 The prudence of those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young-** , Which those are seemingly the same, the simple and the young, but then in verse five he says, **5 let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance-** Now those are seemingly the same. So, he's saying I've written this to the simple but also to the wise. I've written this to the young, but also the discerning. They seem like different categories, but he really says that they have one thing in common. All four of these groups of people know one thing. They know they haven't made it yet. So, there's no age requirement to understand the book of Proverbs. There's no IQ requirement because this book is written for anyone and to everyone. Solomon wrote this book for all people because this book can be used by anyone and everyone except one person. The one person who will have no use for this book and is the person who thinks they have no use for this book. It's the fool. He says this in verse 7; **But fools despise wisdom and instruction.** The only person who has no need for Proverbs is the person who thinks they have no need for Proverbs, and they're fools.

Here's a good test to figure out where you lie. Are you wise or are you a foolish person? Here's the test. The wise are those who know they are fools, and the fools are those who think they are wise. Proverbs 12:15 says this; **The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.** You see, the fool doesn't want to submit to anyone else. They just want to do whatever they want to do. You know, recalling that opening story about the TV, I was telling my wife I was opening up with that story and she reminded me of another story that I had forgotten about. I was like, man, typical my wife, she's just keeping a record of all my wrongs. I was like, you're not supposed to do that. That was amiss, I won't say that in the I am service. She's great!

So, she reminded me of this story at that apartment, and in order to live in that apartment, we had to prove that we had renter's insurance. I thought that was a stupid idea, like, nothing's going to happen, we're fine. I was like, okay, I'm going to prove that we have renter's insurance. So, I got renter's insurance for a month and showed it to them and then immediately canceled it. Now not only is that deceptive, but it's also just foolish. Like, who did I think I was back then. I was like, I don't need this. Nothing's going to happen. I'm fine, and I didn't want to pay the eight

bucks a month for renter's insurance. I was like I need to go to Chick-Fil-A instead. What was I thinking?! I thought I knew better than them. I was like, man, I can get out of this. I don't need to be protected. Nothing is going to happen to me. See, that's the definition of foolishness. You think you know better than everyone else, and you don't want to submit to any authority in your life because at the heart of foolishness is pride. You see, this is how the fool stays a fool. Their pride keeps them from admitting their foolishness. They can't see their poor decisions because they're busy judging everyone else's. Even now, as I'm talking about foolishness, you're not thinking about you. You're thinking about your brother. You're thinking about your neighbor. You're thinking about your friend and your pride is keeping you from seeing your own foolishness.

So, let me help you. I'm just going to be here to help you. Here's how you can know if you're prideful. You might be prideful if you can't remember the last time, you said the phrase, will you forgive me for. You just can't even get yourself to say those words because saying those words would be admitting that you did something wrong. Or you might be prideful if you rarely, if ever, spend time in the Bible. Yeah, work's been busy, and your kids have a lot of sports and man, you're just exhausted and it's hard to find time for, but let's just be honest. Can we just be honest? You don't spend time in God's word because you don't think you need it. You don't need it. You're figuring out life on your own. Why would you search it out in the Word of God when your life is going fine. You don't need it, that's why you're not spending time in it.

Or you might be a fool if you know James 1:5 which says **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.** You know that scripture says God is the source of all wisdom and He will give you wisdom if you ask for it. You might be a fool if you don't ask Him for it. If you don't frequently hit your knees and say God, would you give me wisdom for today, I don't know what I'm doing. You might be a fool if you don't go to Him in prayer and consistently ask Him for wisdom. Or you might be prideful if whenever you go to life group, you don't want to admit your fault and you don't want to share different decisions you're trying to make in your life because you honestly don't care what the people in your life group are going to say. You just want to do whatever you want to do when you want to do it, and to one degree or another, this is all of us. All of us fall in this camp and we have to understand our pride because we need to run from our pride, not just because it makes us foolish but because God is reviled by our pride.

Proverbs 16:5 says, **The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.** Isaiah 2:11-12 says, **The eyes of the arrogant will be humbled and human pride brought low; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day. 12 The Lord Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled).** You see we've got a choice. We can either choose to be humble now or be forced to be humbled later. Hopefully for all of us it would start today because point number one, wisdom starts with a posture of humility.

Okay, next let's look at verse seven. We already looked at the back half of it but let's look at the first half of it. If we're going to understand the rest of the book, we have to understand this verse. Solomon writes this: **7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.** You know, there's a lot of places that we can go for knowledge. We can go to knowledge on the internet. We can go search it out in books. We can search it out in podcasts. We can search it out in physics. We can search it out in astrology. There's a lot of places that claim to have knowledge. Solomon says if you want to receive knowledge, you need to know where to find it and there's only one true place where you can find knowledge which is point number two. The second thing that we can learn is that wisdom starts with the person of Jesus.

## *2. Wisdom starts with the person of Jesus.*

1 Corinthians 1 says that Jesus is the personification of the wisdom of God. This is who Jesus is. Jesus is wisdom personified, so without knowledge of Him and without fear of Him, Proverbs can only do so much. Because we can know all the principles in this book and they're helpful. They really are, but if we don't know Jesus, they can only do so much. The thing is, for us, we're not pretty good people in need of tips and tricks to get better. We're dead people in need of a resurrection and a Proverb can't do that. A principle can't do that. Only the person of Jesus can do that. Only in knowing Him can we receive what we ultimately, truly need.

Proverbs 1 verse 7, Solomon says something interesting. He says that we should fear the Lord, which is confusing. If you grew up in church, you know that God is a God of love. We know that Jesus is our friend. That's who our God should be and yet Solomon writes that we should fear the Lord. Now, that word can also be translated as awe. We need to have an awe of the Lord because it is an awesome thing to be confronted with the living God. The more you read scripture the more you get to know Him and the more you get to know Him, the more your estimation of Him grows. The more your reverence of Him grows. The more you realize that Jesus became a man just like us and that at the same time He was nothing like us. Colossians 1 says this about Jesus. **15 The son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.** He is the one who created it all. He's the one who created the idea of DNA.

Here's another fun fact. Check out this number. (7,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 shows on the screen). In the average human adult male, this is how many atoms are inside of me right now. If you're just listening on a podcast, that's seven, with twenty-seven zeros after it. I don't even know how to say this number. That's how many atoms are in my body and right now, in this moment, He is the one holding it all together. He's the one sustaining it all right now. Check this out. Right now, you are sitting on a planet, on a floating rock in space that is spinning a thousand miles an hour at its' axis, but more than that, it is rotating at around 67,000 miles per

hour around the sun. But more than that, we are in a solar system which is rotating around our galaxy at 490,000 miles per hour and you don't even feel it.

A couple of weeks ago, I got to go in a friend's Tesla, and we went from zero to sixty in like four seconds or something. I wanted to throw up. Like, my stomach is not made for that and yet all of that is happening right now and I'm fine! Like, I talk about wisdom for him to create that. Then, more than that, if we were a little bit further away from the sun we would freeze. If we were a little bit closer, we would burn up. How wise does He have to be to create a universe like that. How much wisdom must He have? And yet, oftentimes I think I know better. Oftentimes we think we know better about sex. Oftentimes we think we know better about how to spend our money. We think we know better about parenting. We think we know better about the words that we should say. Who do we think we are?! I mean, the only right response is to come up in front of this creator God, this sustainer God, this Almighty God and hit our face and say holy, holy, holy! Woe is me for I'm a man of unclean lips. Who am I to stand before the King? The only right response is fear, but instead so often, when we read the Word of God, we just pick and choose what we think fits our belief. Man, how wrong is that? See, the only way to get to knowledge is to fear Him. To submit to Him. To admit that He is the source for all wisdom.

You know, many times, we think that man, to fear God, is just in the Old Testament. It's in Proverbs, it's in Exodus, it's just in the Old Testament. It's just not really true though because we also see evidence of it in the New Testament as well. One's in Matthew chapter nine. A story where Jesus heals the paralytic. You know the story where his friend drill a hole in the roof and they lower him down and Jesus heals him in front of a crowd of people and this is what happens next. This is going to be in the ESV. It says this in verse **8. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.** The NIV says that they were filled with awe but the Greek word there is phobos, where we get the word phobia. You see, even in Matthew chapter nine, this is the New Testament, there's a fear of the Lord. They are afraid of Jesus because this is kind of scary. It is! Who is this man that can heal a paralytic just by saying rise? Who is this man and how much power does his words have, that his words can change a life?! My question to you is how much power do His words have over your life? That's probably how much you fear Him.

Here's another test to see how much you fear Him. Think what it would be like to be with Jesus. What would it be like if he was physically present with you? Like, imagine the rest of this day, you get to hang out with Him. He's going to be in your car waiting for you when this is all over. What would you do?! If you got to be in the presence of Jesus, how differently would you live? If He was in your car driving home, how different would the music that you listen to be? Or, if He was at your house, with your wife and your kids, how much differently would you treat them? Or, if He was sitting on your couch with you tonight, how different would the shows that you watch be? If He was with you on your couch, how different would the things that you search



on your phone be, or the things that you text your friends be? How much differently would you live if Jesus were physically present with you?

Here's the truth, He IS with you. He IS. Matthew chapter 28:20 he says, behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, Through the power of the Holy Spirit, He is with you always. If you are a believer in Jesus. Here's how much you know that you can fear Him. How different is the you with Him physically present, than with Him spiritually present? How wide is that gap? For many of us, I bet it's far too wide because we don't live in a fear of the presence of the Lord. We don't realize that He's in our midst. That He's with us and that He deeply cares how we live. But, for most of us, we're just the star of our show. We're just going to do what we want, say what we want, whenever we want to do it, because we live with the lack of fear, and our lack of fear is keeping us at a lack of wisdom.

In summary, if we're going to become wise, we need to understand two things. We need to understand that wisdom starts with a posture of humility and, point two, wisdom starts with the person of Jesus.

You know, going back to my opening story about the TV. As I said, I was eventually able to get it up. Got the batteries and hung it up and it looked great and the good news for me was, Adalee, she didn't see any of the process, all she saw was the finished product. So, once she came over, she just saw the TV hung up on the wall and she was like, Nate! You did it! And I was like, I did it! You married a handyman, I crushed it, check this out! I did it!

The bad news was, a year later, we moved out. We had to take everything down including the TV and when I took that TV down off the wall, she looked at me and she was like, Nate, what did you do?! What happened?!

You see, I could only cover it up for so long. While I thought I had fooled her, I had just made a fool of myself. Some of you, you've made a mess of your life. You've got a lot of sin in your life, but you're covering it up well. You've convinced yourself; you've convinced others, that you don't need any help. You're crushing it right now. You're doing great. You've got a great cover up. Some of you, man, you're struggling with alcohol and you've pushed the line frequently. You're getting tipsy, you're getting drunk. Some of you look at what your sales last year were. Look at how well you did. Look at how far you were advancing in your career. You're the star of the show. Some of you don't know anything else but gossip in conversations. You're just used to speaking badly about other people, but everyone loves you. You're healthy, you're beautiful, everyone's got their eyes on you. They're so impressed by you. Others of you man, there's this covetousness with your heart. You just want what your neighbor has, but man, you go to church all the time. You're a good person. You don't need any help. You've got it all figured out.

You may have fooled yourself. You may have fooled us. You're not fooling God. At one point in your life, sickness will come, loss will come, death will come, and like a thief, it will steal everything you put your trust in and everything will be laid bare, and at that point, your career won't be able to save you, your beauty won't be able to save you, your church attendance won't be able to save you. The only thing that can save you is if you are covered by the blood of Jesus. If you admit, I am a fool who's done foolish sins, foolish things, but I've been forgiven. The problem is it's really hard to get there. Even in Jesus' time, this is what would happen. People wouldn't want to admit their foolishness. They didn't want to admit that they were lost. They didn't want to admit that they had sickness. This is what happened in Mark chapter two. **15 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. 16 When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with the tax collectors and sinners?" 17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."**

You know, scripture says the only people who become wise are the people who admit that they are fools and Jesus says the only people who receive salvation are the people who admit that they need saving. The people who don't try to cover up their sins. They don't try to put it all away, but instead, they open up their lives and say here I am. Man, I've messed things up. In fact, I'm far worse than I even realize, but He's far better than I realize. Because, while all I've done is sin, all He's done is save. My foolishness is fully forgiven because of the finished work of Jesus on the cross. That's the person who receives salvation. The more quickly you can admit your foolishness, the closer you are to wisdom. The more quickly you can admit your sinfulness and sickness, the closer you are to salvation.

As we continue in this sermon series on the book of Proverbs, we have to stay in this state. We have to stay low before the throne. We have to stay humbled before the King, admitting that we don't own wisdom, He does. That we haven't earned salvation, He's given to us and it's only once we admit that we're fools will we become wise in Christ Jesus. I'm going to pray it would be true of us today.

Father, thank you so much for your word, that it confronts us. It doesn't just tell us phrases that make us feel better, but it tells us who we actually are and the book of Proverbs shows us wisdom to show us that we're not wise, that we've done foolish things, But God, thank you that in spite of our foolishness we have full forgiveness in the blood of Jesus Christ, that we don't have to cover it up with good works, because we can't cover it up with good works. Instead, we can be covered by the blood of Jesus who washes us and frees us and redeems us from everything that we've done. So God, I just pray that you'd free us from this charade that it's so easy to play in Waco, Texas. This charade of, I know what I'm doing. I've got it all figured out. Can we just admit that we are fools? We've done foolish things, but in spite of all that, we're

loved, seen and forgiven by our Savior, who's loved us not because we're good enough, but simply because He's so good. Father, may we be humble people who not just think of ourselves less, but think of you more. May we be desperate for you every single day. May we search you out through prayer, through reading of the Word, through the people in our community, and may we become wise because we admit that we are fools. Father, more than anything else, what we want to do today, and every single day, is worship you because you are alive and with us in for us. It's in Jesus' name we pray, amen.