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SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 3; Proverbs 1:7; **wisdom** **TRC KidStream: Join a Small Group: Palm Sunday:**

EASTER - 9:30a. Next Sunday. Our goal is to have as many shares as possible.

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday April 10th. Premiere twice 2pm & 8pm

All kids... listen up! I want to announce our first ever **EGG HUNT-to-go!** We will supply the eggs and candy... you supply the hunt in your own backyard!!

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EASTER CONCERT with Sarah-Lynn Grubb!! Sunday April 12th. Premiere twice 2pm & 8pm

CORE 52 - CHAPTER 14

This morning I want to start with some help for some of your marriages. I know that some of you have not spent this much time together since your honeymoon and maybe things are a little tense. I'm going to give everyone a little help. (Disclaimer: None of this did I learn from my own marriage, I simply read it on the internet.) **How to survive a stay-at-home order**

Here's how to translate what your wives mean guys, when they say certain things...

1) "Do whatever you want."

What men hear: She's telling me that I can make my own schedule today.

What she really means: Whatever you do, do *not* do whatever you want. I want you to keep asking me what you can do today to help me until I'm sure you really care so I can give you a real answer.

2) "Can you watch the kids?"

What men hear: I'll check my emails, catch up on work, rest a little on the couch and the kids will let me know if they need something.

What she really means: Please give everyone dinner, help everyone with baths, read bedtime stories, help with homework and put everyone to bed... in their pajamas.

3) "You don't need to buy me anything."

What men hear: She has everything she needs, and she doesn't want me to buy her anything for her birthday, our anniversary, Mother's Day etc.

What she really means: If you really love me, you'll figure out the perfect gift for me. Include a thoughtful card. If you're not sure what I like, ask my best friend, my mother or one of our teenage daughters.

4) "What?"

What men hear: She's asking me to repeat myself because for some reason she didn't hear me the first few times. Either she's really distracted or needs a hearing test.

What she really means: I heard you the first time, but can't believe you said that, and I'm giving you a few chances to change what you just said.

5) "I'm not arguing."

What men hear: She sounds really calm, maybe that means she is finally seeing this from my perspective.

What she really means: I'm tired of saying the same thing over and over again.

Today we are starting a new series called **BETWEEN THE LINES**.

The entire Bible is about Jesus. Sometimes he sits on the surface of the page. Other times Jesus hides between the lines. This four-week series explores some of these hidden gems that shine brightest when Jesus is brought to light.

1 Kings 3:5

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon is the son of David.

He is the first of the kings of Israel who fulfill God's promise to David that the throne would never leave his family.

Solomon's dream was much more straight forward.

God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

1 Kings 3:6-9

⁶Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to

distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

Solomon asks for discernment. He asks for WISDOM so he can govern God's people. So he can be a good leader.

1 Kings 3:10-15

¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this.

¹¹So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I 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. ¹³Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands

as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” ¹⁵Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.

Solomon has become synonymous with discernment. His legacy is wisdom.

The Book of Proverbs, in the Old Testament, was written by Solomon.

Our key verse today is from Proverbs 1

Proverbs 1:7

⁷The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7 is the theme of the entire book of Proverbs.

Fear.

Wisdom.

WISDOM.

Mark Moore: Core 52:

Wisdom in the Bible is the ability to practically live out God's truths in a way that brings health to you, your family, and your community.

Joshua's wisdom empowered him to lead the people of Israel.

Ezra's wisdom enabled him to administrate a community.

By wisdom, **Daniel** lived ethically in exile among enemies.

Through wisdom **Paul** debated the philosophers and critics.

Wisdom is when the Spirit of God moves and engages a person for God's good.

1 Corinthians 2:13

¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

Wisdom is when the Spirit of God moves and engages a person for God's good.

Proverbs 1:7:

FEAR:

At the end of another book written by Solomon he states this...

Ecclesiastes 12:13

¹³Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.

So what does it mean to FEAR God?

Deuteronomy 10:12

¹²And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

God wants us to have a healthy appreciation for who He is and His will for our lives.

Fear turns to reverence; and reverence, to awe; and awe, to adoration.

Revelation 19:5

⁵Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!"

The fear of God is not just what we do; it defines who we are.

Proverbs 1:7

⁷The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

God is worthy of our respect. He created us and knows us, and knows what's best for us.

You see when we trust God we can live our lives with wisdom. The fear of God leads to discernment and that wisdom points us to Jesus.

What's hidden between the lines is Jesus.

SGL Questions:

1. Have you ever had a disagreement because you misunderstood what the other person was saying?
2. If you were given the opportunity to be given anything you want, what would you ask for? Why?
3. Solomon asks for wisdom/ discernment. If that is what you would ask for, how do you think it would change the way you live?
4. Read Proverbs 1:7 - wisdom and fear. How does a person gain wisdom.
5. Fear comes from many places. where do your fears come from, how do you fight back against those fears.