

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
ECCLESIASTES: Wisdom for Life
Ecclesiastes 8:1-17 - Wisdom is Trusting God - 04.12.2026

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?

2. Take a moment to read Ecclesiastes 8:1-17 - where specifically does wisdom stand out to you throughout this chapter?
Below is a breakdown of this chapter where Solomon reveals specific situations where '*wisdom is found in trusting God*'
Even when submitting to those in authority (Ecclesiastes 8:1-9)
Even when the wicked prosper in this world (Ecclesiastes 8:10-14)
Even when we can't comprehend His ways (Ecclesiastes 8:15-17)
Have you struggled when facing any of the above situations in different seasons of your life?
How did your trust (faith/belief) in God impact how you navigated those situations?
Did you find yourself struggling to trust in God, or did those circumstances cause you trust in Him more fully?
After navigating that, did you learn anything new to provide wisdom in the face of similar situations in the future?

3. Consider the Word of God more broadly than just the book of Ecclesiastes - where do these situations come up within the Bible?
How do stories like Daniel help us to recognize our responsibility pertaining to authority and "the proper time & the just way"?
What other biblical narratives can you think of that help us to know how & when to submit to those in authority over us?
(*Consider Jesus, the disciples/apostles, Moses & the prophets of the Old Testament, etc.)
How does knowing God's Word function as a tool to enable us to better navigate these situations in our lives?

4. What are some questions you've pondered or that you've asked God to reveal to you that remain a mystery still?
How does knowing that there are truths about God that are "unknowable" to us impact you?
How can Scripture help you navigate this & help you learn to trust in the Lord more as you accept his transcendence?

5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from this sermon; do any of these particularly encourage, convict, & challenge you? If so, how?
WISDOM IS FOUND IN TRUSTING GOD...
...Even when submitting to those in authority
We trust in God who strengthens us to do His will!
...Even when the wicked prosper in this world
We trust God knowing He is just & reigns over all!
...Even when we can't comprehend His ways
We don't know it all; we trust in God, who does!
TO TRUST IN JESUS IS TO TRUST IN GOD!