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**WISDOM IN THE WILDERNESS:
THE WILDERNESS AS A PLACE OF REVELATION
Matthew 7.24-29, James 3.13-18**

We are continuing our Lenten journey through the wilderness, joining the Desert Fathers and Mothers in their quest to go against the prevailing tide of culture: pursuing silence, solitude, and greater levels of spiritual maturity. The wilderness is not only an escape from the world to seek God; it teaches us how to live well in the world.

THE LACK OF WISDOM IN THE WORLD TODAY

- James talks about two types of wisdom:

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

James 3.17-18

- Jesus tells us why wisdom is so important: it enables us to **SURVIVE the STORMS of LIFE!**

Matthew 7.24-29

How do we go about acquiring wisdom?

1. Start here: Put God at the **CENTER YOUR LIFE.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9.10

Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1.24 NLT

2. Become familiar with **THE WORDS OF JESUS.**

*"Therefore everyone who **hears these words of mine...**"* Matthew 7.24

3. **DO WHAT JESUS SAYS.**

*"...and **puts them into practice** is like a **wise man** who built his house on the rock."* Matthew 7.24

4. Position yourself in life to **LISTEN for WISDOM.**

Listen as Wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice!
Proverbs 8.1

Journey together throughout the week with Morning Prayers on the Lectio 365 app for your phone and learn more about prayer and the Desert Fathers and Mothers.

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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