

## DAY 5 // The Four Streams

Wisdom is usually the intersection or confluence of four major streams through which wisdom generally flows.

### 1. The Stream of the Spirit

James 1:5 says, *“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all.”* I ask God for wisdom several times a day. Proverbs 2:6 says that *“the Lord grants wisdom.”* There are some decisions that will come to you only when you pray for God’s wisdom and he instills it in your heart and soul. And the most difficult decisions often require an extended season of prayer.

### 2. The Stream of People

Who are your wise companions and advisers? And who are you reading? You don’t have to know someone personally to gain from their wisdom, you can read it. It is very hard to make wise decisions without the wisdom from others.

### 3. The Stream of Experience

The longer we live, actively paying attention to these streams, the more we grow in experience, which carries invaluable wisdom. And you need other people’s experience too. Sometimes you just know you don’t have the right people around you and you have to have the humility and guts to acknowledge it. There’s a reason why we have consultants, physicians, marriage counselors, spiritual directors, financial planners, lawyers, and pastors. They have experience we don’t have but need.

### 4. The Stream of Pain

Pain is a powerful teacher. And you can gain wisdom from your own pain or from someone else’s pain. Whenever possible, learn from someone else’s pain. When you see the losses that others have suffered because they had poor boundaries, took on too much, burned out, cut corners, didn’t get advice, or had a moral failure, you know to avoid those roads at all costs.

When the four streams of wisdom from God, people, experience, and pain flow into your life, they form a mighty river of wisdom that blesses every aspect of your life. Which of these streams has been your biggest wisdom teacher?

## MESSAGE NOTES

*It is better to listen to the quiet words of someone wise than to the shouts of a ruler at a council of fools. Wisdom does more good than weapons, but one sinner can undo a lot of good.*

Ecclesiastes 9:17-18, Good News Translation

God has true wisdom, and when we get plugged into it, this is the way to live a true life.

“Flow” is about short term. Wisdom is valued forever.

God wants his people (both individually and collectively as the church) to display his glorious manifold wisdom to the world around us.

Wisdom takes discipline and hard work. We have to train our wisdom muscles!



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...God **Knows What You Need!**

*For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.*

Jesus, in Luke 21:15 NIV

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