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My life is a perfect example of an absolute waste. That does not have to be for you."

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and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

(Proverbs 9:10 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

LIFE UNDER THE SUN

The Pursuit of Meaning

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the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;

(Numbers 6:25 ESV)

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Ecclesiastes 8



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I say: Keep the king's command,
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(Ecclesiastes 8:2 ESV)

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Be not hasty to go from his presence.
Do not take your stand in an evil cause,
for he does whatever he pleases.
For the word of the king is supreme,
and who may say to him, “What are you doing?”

(Ecclesiastes 8:3-4 ESV)

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Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing,
and the wise heart will know the
proper time and the just way.

(Ecclesiastes 8:5 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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For there is a time and a way for everything,
although man's trouble lies heavy on him.
For he does not know what is to be,
for who can tell him how it will be?

(Ecclesiastes 8:6-7 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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No man has power to retain the spirit,
or power over the day of death.
There is no discharge from war,
nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it.

(Ecclesiastes 8:8 ESV)

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All this I observed while applying my heart
to all that is done under the sun,
when man had power over man to his hurt.

(Ecclesiastes 8:9 ESV)

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yet I know that it will be well with those who **fear God**,
because they **fear before him**.

(Ecclesiastes 8:2,12 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

Let every person be subject to the **governing authorities**.
For there is no authority except **from God**,
and those that exist have been instituted **by God.....**
Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,
for he is **God's servant** for your good.....
Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid
God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

(Romans 13:1,2,4,5 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

(Ephesians 5:22 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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giving thanks always and for everything to God the
Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
submitting to **one another** out of **reverence for Christ**.

(Ephesians 5:20-21 ESV)

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Children, obey your **parents in the Lord**, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

(Ephesians 6:1-3 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Bondservants, obey your **earthly masters** with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would **Christ**, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of **Christ**, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as **to the Lord** and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back **from the Lord**, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

(Ephesians 6:5-8 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Masters, do the same to them,
and stop your threatening, knowing that
he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven,
and that there is no partiality **with him.**

(Ephesians 6:9 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

Obey your **leaders** and submit to them,
for they are keeping watch over your souls,
as those who will have to give an account.

(Hebrews 13:17 ESV)

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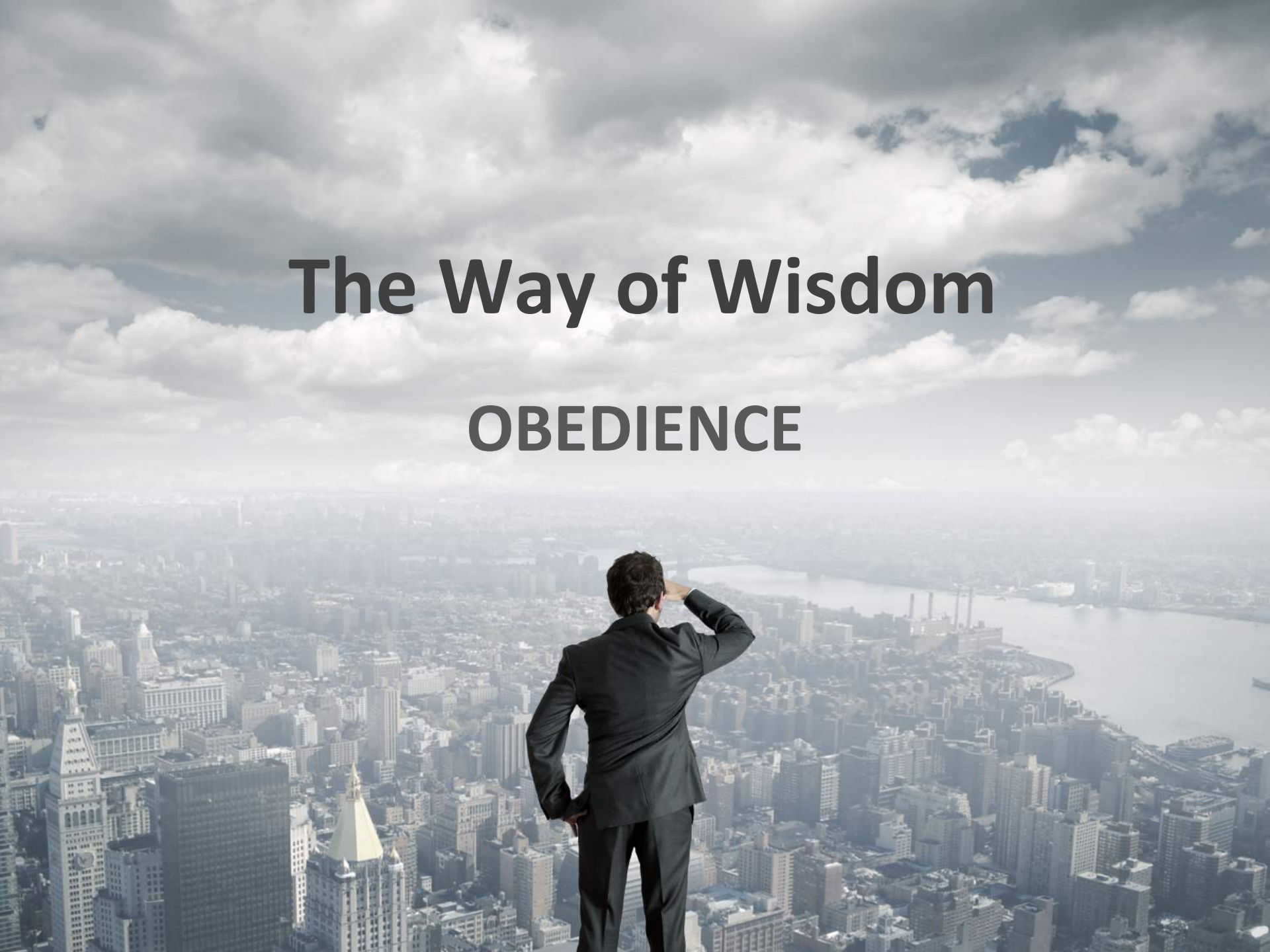
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The Way of Wisdom

OBEDIENCE



“It is my first public declaration that a thing which looks to be unreasonable and seems to be unprofitable, being commanded by God, is law, is law to me. If my Master had told me to pick up six stones and lay them in a row I would do it, without demanding of him, ‘What good will it do?’ Is no fit question for soldiers of Jesus. The very simplicity and apparent uselessness of the ordinance should make the believer say, ‘Therefore I do it because it becomes the better test to me of my obedience to my Master.’

Spurgeon

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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“When you tell your servant to do something, and he cannot comprehend it, if he turns round and says, “Please, sir, what for?” you are quite clear that he hardly understands the relation between master and servant.

So when God tells me to do a thing, if I say, “What for?” I cannot have taken the place which Faith ought to occupy, which is that of simple obedience to whatever the Lord hath said.”

Spurgeon

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

I wonder where the Israelites would be if Moses had taken a poll before they crossed the Red Sea.

Harry Truman

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

The end of the matter; all has been heard.
Fear God and keep his commandments,
for this is the whole duty of man.

(Ecclesiastes 12:13 ESV)

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yet I know that it **will be well** with those who fear God,
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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials,
and to keep the **unrighteous** under punishment until
the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge
in the lust of defiling passion and **despise authority**.

(2 Peter 2:9-10 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day....

Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, **reject authority**, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

(Jude 1:6,8 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Because the sentence against an evil deed
is not executed speedily,
the heart of the children of man is **fully set to do evil.**
Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and
prolongs his life

(Ecclesiastes 8:11,12 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Then I saw the wicked buried.
They used to go in and out of the holy place and were
praised in the city where they had done such things.
This also is vanity.

(Ecclesiastes 8:10 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity.

(Ecclesiastes 8:14 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him. But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

(Ecclesiastes 8:12-13 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and
forbearance and patience, not knowing that **God's
kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?**

(Romans 2:4 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when
God's righteous judgment will be revealed.
He will render to each one according to his works:

(Romans 2:5-6 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The end of the matter; all has been heard.
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for this is the whole duty of man.
For God will bring every deed into judgment,
with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

(Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 ESV)

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And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun
but to eat and drink and be joyful,
for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life
that God has given him under the sun.

When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the
business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do
one's eyes see sleep, then I saw all the work of God, that man
cannot find out the work that is done under the sun.
However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out.
Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out.

(Ecclesiastes 8:15-17 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. **But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.**

(Luke 24:19-21 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The image is a collage with a textured, aged paper background. In the center, a rectangular piece of paper with ragged, torn edges is pasted. On this piece, the words "God's" and "wisdom" are written in a black, serif font, stacked vertically. To the left of the text, there are three dark blue or black silhouettes of crosses. The largest cross is in the middle ground, showing a figure on the cross. To its left, a smaller cross is partially visible. In the foreground, another cross is seen from a low angle, appearing to rise from a dark, shadowed area. The bottom right corner of the collage shows a soft-focus image of a blue sky with white clouds, which appears to be layered behind the torn paper.

God's
wisdom

The Way of Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 8



until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.

(Psalm 73:17 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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“One act of obedience is better
than one hundred sermons”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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"When I got back to my cell, I said, 'God, I asked you to set me free, not kill me.' God spoke to me and said, 'Andrew, I have set you free from the inside out, I have given you life!' From that moment on I haven't stopped worshipping Him."



"It was breathtaking. This was the first time I witnessed someone so excited to meet their God."