



# MESSAGE NOTES

## Wisdom and Faith

**Mark 12:30**

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### 1. An important balance

**Mark 12:30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.**

God wants us to have faith and He wants us to have wisdom, in balance and proportion to each other. He gave us both our hearts and our minds. And He wants us to love Him with both. True faith is proven through difficulties and trials. True wisdom is hearing from God and doing His will. Whether you tend to be a more emotional person or a more logical person, you can have both faith and wisdom.

### 2. Faith lacking wisdom

**1 Corinthians 1:22-23 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified.**

The Jews, who only wanted to see wonderful miraculous signs couldn't fathom why God would allow His Son to be crucified. And the Greeks couldn't make sense of it logically. But the cross of Christ represents the power, wisdom and the love of God. It's so far superior to anything we could ever imagine. We don't need to understand it, we just need to accept it.

### 3. Faith with wisdom

**1 Peter 1:6-7 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.**

Faith with wisdom believes in God's love for us but also knows that He works for our benefit through difficulties and trials. It's recognising that God is good in any and all circumstances and that He knows what's best for us. So even when from our perspective it looks like we're going through the worst-case scenario, we can choose to trust Him and to love Him anyway.

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**Accounting Report Augst 2024**

**Income** 950,970 yen

**Expenses** 932,444 yen