



THE WAY OF WISDOM

COMMUNITY
OF GRACE

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Hey, Grace'rs,

*"By **wisdom** the LORD founded the earth;
by **understanding** he created the heavens.
By his **knowledge** the deep fountains of the earth burst forth,
and the dew settles beneath the night sky." (Proverbs 3:19-20; NLT)*

Created into the DNA of life is this WISDOM of God:

We breathe in oxygen.

(Oxygen is essential to our survival.)

We breathe out carbon dioxide.

(Carbon dioxide is essential for the survival of plants.)

Plants in turn breathe out oxygen for us to breathe in.

Created into the fabric of our humanity is this WISDOM of God:

We breathe in God's grace.

(It's our life-breath)

We breathe out generosity.

(which brings joy and hope to others)

Many of them, in turn, breathe in God's grace and breathe out generosity.

The WISDOM of God isn't simply a philosophy of life. It's a person:

In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,

and the Word was God.

He existed in the beginning with God.

God created everything through him,

and nothing was created except through him.

The Word gave life to everything that was created,

and his life brought light to everyone.

The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness can never extinguish it.

So the Word became human and made his home among us.

(John 1:1-5; 14)

The way of WISDOM is the **Way of Jesus**. It's the way of grace.

It's a radically simple Way of life: breathe in . . . breathe out . . . breathe in . . . breathe out.

It's also a radically transformative Way of life. Get into the rhythm of grace and giving and your life will never be the same.

During this month of October we're taking a deep dive into God's wisdom: God's way of grace.

I'm inviting you to consider how God might call you to respond to his invitation to ***breathe in God's grace*** and ***breathe out his love onto others*** through this prayer:

God, where do you want me/us to be in my/our giving?

Next week you will be receiving a commitment card. This year we're going to try something different. *I'm inviting you to turn in your card* (at worship on October 29 or mail it in) *in a sealed envelope that you will address to yourself.* We will mail it back to you next year at this time so you can see how God breathed grace into and through you. Nobody will see your commitment but you and God.

Between now and then, please continue to pray that WISE prayer: *God, where do you want me/us to be in my/our giving?* And then, in response to God's grace, trust God to give that amount through you over the next 12 months.

Pastor Tim

