



AT THE MOVIES

Unstoppable

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Week 2
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Bottom Line: God's wisdom is the guide we need for navigating daily life and all it throws our way.

Icebreaker: What was a small decision in your life that had real and lasting consequences?

Key Verse: *My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," and call understanding your kinsman.* Proverbs 7:1-4

On Sunday we talked about the movie *Unstoppable*, which is about a train with a load of toxic chemicals on the way to certain disaster. Some of us feel like we are there right now. We are headed in a bad direction and feel unable to stop or change the trajectory of our lives. Thankfully, God's Word is not silent on this issue. The Bible frequently talks about wisdom and how it is available to us in order to make decisions that honor God.

Wisdom is available to us if we search God in His Word. It is not hidden or obscured from our sight. When we keep His Word in front of us, it guides us to where we should go. It becomes so helpful to us that we consider it as close to us as our own family (v. 4).

God's Word teaches us about the amazing and unrelenting grace we can find in the gospel that speaks to our deepest need. No matter how far we have gone in our pursuit of our own wisdom, we find help, hope, and acceptance from God. Know that if you are one of those people who has veered off course, you can come home. Your Father will welcome you, and the church will surround you. The warning against going off course in Proverbs 7 is strong because God cares about you and wants to keep you from mistakes. Find the Lord in His Word and follow the wisdom from His Spirit.

THINK IT OVER >>>

Thinking back on Brandon's message, what stood out to you?

Brandon said the reason we get off track is because we ignore the voice of wisdom and we underestimate the significance of small decisions. He said this can cost you your life, and you stop it by wrecking yourself now rather than later.

Talk about the relationship the father called the son to have with wisdom, while warning him about adulterous wisdom. What can we learn from this contrast?

Why is it significant that Proverbs 7 is from a father to a son? What wisdom do we gain with age and experience?

LOOK IT OVER <<<

What is the Holy Spirit, in His wisdom, leading you to do right now?

Are any of you in an "unstoppable" situation? Is there something you know you need to leave behind to follow the Lord? What's stopping you? How can you follow Him this moment?

How can you take the wisdom you have learned following God and invest it in a younger believer like we saw in Proverbs?

Do you know anyone who is going to wreck himself or herself? How can you help and support that person before he or she gets to that place?

Have you ever wrecked yourself before? What would have helped you in those moments?

NEXT STEPS

This week, consider taking some next steps together as a group:

1. God has given us community to live out our faith together. Is there anyone working through something in life who needs wisdom that can only come from God? If you are willing, share this situation with the group and let's work through it together, helping each other see what God's Word has to say about this situation.
2. As you close in prayer, thank the Father that though you may be on a path that seems unstoppable and on the way to destruction, His grace is also unstoppable and will meet you where you are. Pray that God would give wisdom to those who need it and comfort to those who have wrecked themselves. Praise Him for the salvation and deliverance that is available to us through Jesus Christ.

EVALUATION/ACTION **Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ**

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at newpointe.org/daily:

Day 1: Proverbs 3:1-4

Day 2: James 3:13-16

Day 3: James 3:17-18

Day 4: 1 Corinthians 2:6-8

Day 5: Ecclesiastes 7:5-9

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.

(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)