

## Wisdom: The Doorway to Transformation

### I. An Event or a Process

*The Pursuit of Wisdom, the Pursuit of a Person, is the Doorway to ongoing Transformation.*

### II. Proverbs 2:1-11

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and treasure up my commandments with you,  
    <sup>2</sup> making your ear attentive to wisdom  
and inclining your heart to understanding;  
    <sup>3</sup> yes, if you call out for insight  
and raise your voice for understanding,  
    <sup>4</sup> if you seek it like silver  
and search for it as for hidden treasures,  
<sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the Lord  
and find the knowledge of God.  
    <sup>6</sup> For the Lord gives wisdom;  
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
    <sup>7</sup> he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;  
he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,  
    <sup>8</sup> guarding the paths of justice  
and watching over the way of his saints.  
<sup>9</sup> Then you will understand righteousness and justice  
and equity, every good path;  
    <sup>10</sup> for wisdom will come into your heart,  
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;  
    <sup>11</sup> discretion will watch over you,  
understanding will guard you... - Proverbs 2:1-11

#### 1. Wisdom is a Person!

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**2** And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup> But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him” —

<sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person,

which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. -1 Corinthians 1:18-2:13

## 2. Wisdom Comes from Position

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## 3. Wisdom is not Automatic; it comes through Desire!

“With him, there is only one deal-breaker: “The complacency of fools destroys them (Proverbs 1:32)”. You do not need to hate Jesus to waste your life. You only need to be okay with how you are.”<sup>1</sup>

## 4. Do We Want Wisdom? It's Ours for the Asking in Jesus!

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (Matthew 5:6).”

## III. A Conversation with A Daughter of God

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# Mission Adulam

28 years of Gods heart for children and teenagers  
with problems of addictions and others.

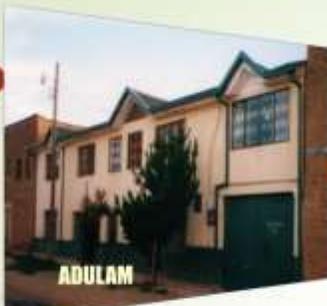
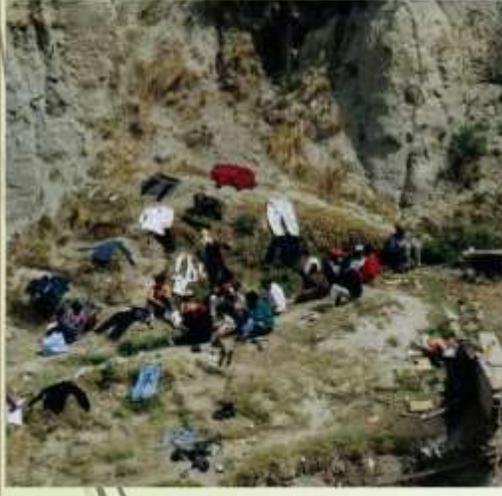
## Start of Mission Adulam: '92



- After meeting on the streets:
- Vision for addicted boys and girls.



# Find them in the hedges and hidden places



## MISSION ADULAM



God have us 5 houses, each a miracle



Spontaneous prayer in Talita Cumi, house for addicted teenage girls before their science presentation.



# Karina

She tried rehab many times but didn't make it.





Patricia: the change  
Drugs brought her TB  
and HIV, being in the  
mission she found Jesus.

Going back home after rehab., high jump  
for teenage boys in the Adulam rehab.



No room for Ed, for some teenagers there is no family to return to.



Job training for girls to have some skills for work after rehabilitation.





Celebrations are important, these girls became 15, which is a big birthday in Bolivia.

Children in Jesed, our centre for after school support, get to choose gifts for Christmas



### Openings for ministry:



- Reaching out to parents
- Prevention work in school
- Serving in detention centers

There is a lot of social unrest, pray for the Lord to keep us.



## When in trouble don't hide like Adam: find help and talk to God

- God reaches out to our young people and to you. He helps us to help kids in Bolivia and is available to you.

Deliver those who are drawn toward death and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter...

Prov. 24:11

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