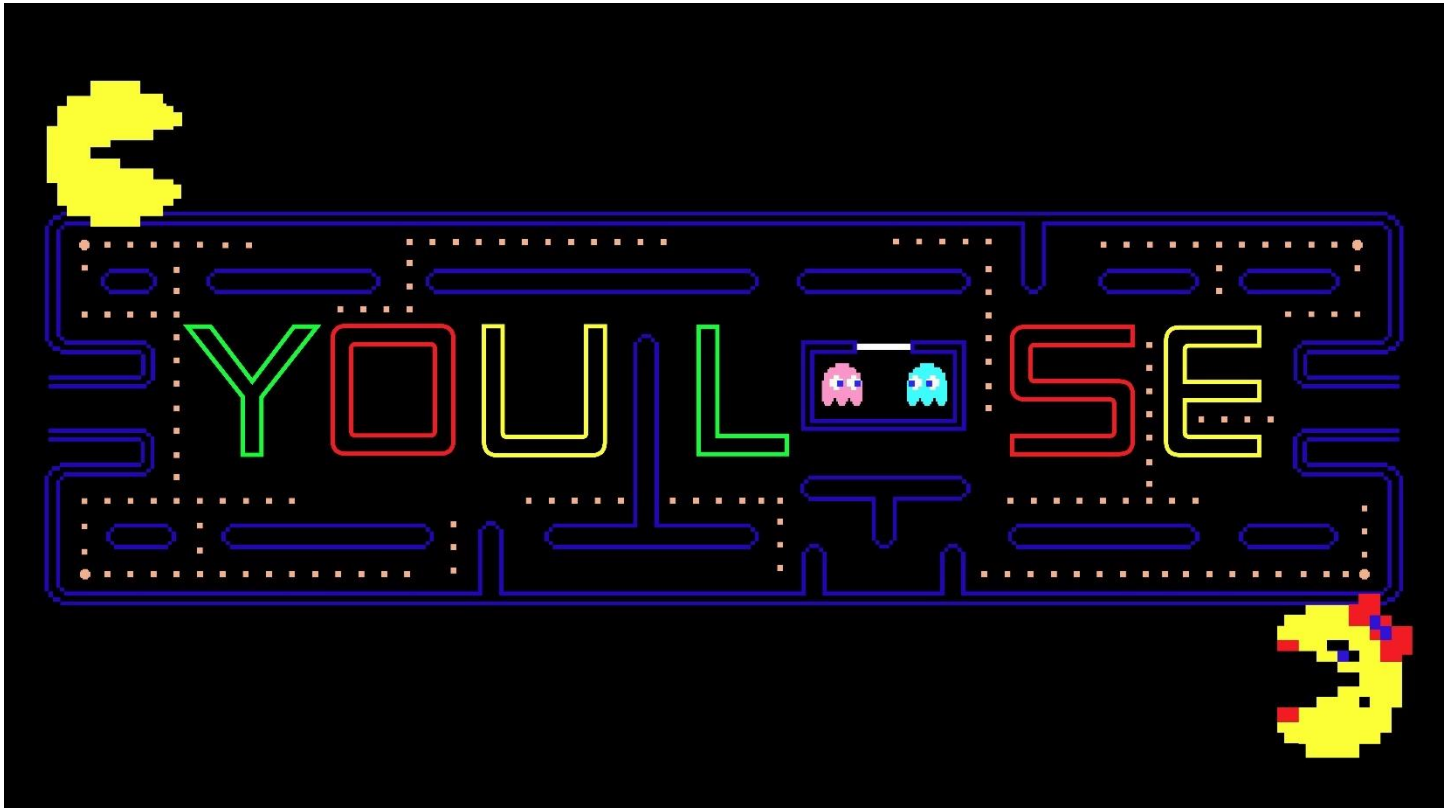


## WALK OF THE WISE



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# SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of March 10, 2019

Eph 5:15-21

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded how to walk the walk of the wise. Based on this understanding, how well are you walking the walk? Explain.
- 2 What are the marks of the Spirit filled walk? Would you describe your walk as Spirit filled? Why or why not?
- 3 Paul continues his motif of 'off with the old and on with the new' by exhorting believers to walk in wisdom and not in foolishness. Why is wisdom such an important aspect of the Christian life to Paul? How should this affect our own walks with Christ?

## DIGGING DEEPER

- 1 **Gal 6:10, ESV** – <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**Col 4:2-6, ESV** – <sup>2</sup> Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. <sup>5</sup> Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Looking at the passages above, how are we to make the best use of our time? Why?

What guides our walk and opportunities? How well are you walking this out in your own life? Explain.

2

**1 Peter 2:15-17, ESV** – <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

**1 Thess 4:3-5, ESV** – <sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup> not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God.

When reading passages about God's will for believers, we see many commonalities. Discuss the commonalities found in the passages above.

These verses do not speak of specific will, such as career choice, what person you marry, what automobile you should drive, etc. So, does God care about these things? Why or why not?

Ultimately, what is God's desire for all believers? How are you fulfilling His will in your current occupation, neighborhood, community, etc.?

3

**Acts 4:8-10, ESV** – <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well.

**Acts 4:31, ESV** – <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

**Acts 13:48-52, ESV** – <sup>48</sup> And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. <sup>49</sup> And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. <sup>50</sup> But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. <sup>51</sup> But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. <sup>52</sup> And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

In the passages above, we see the disciples being filled with the Spirit on multiple occasions. What happened when the disciples were in full submission to the Holy Spirit?

How can modern day Christians have similar experiences?

Describe a time when you have had a similar experience of the Holy Spirit moving in your life for the purpose of transforming the life of others? If you have never experienced this, why not?

## TAKING IT HOME

Jesus tells us to walk in wisdom. The best way, the only way, to truly walk in wisdom is to be fully submitted to the Holy Spirit. In what ways are you fully submitted to the Holy Spirit? Celebrate this with your group and give praises to God. In what ways are you not fully submitted to the Holy Spirit? What steps are you going to take to be fully surrendered? Share what God is teaching you with an accountability partner and pray together.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Prov 15:21  
Mark 4:11  
Acts 1:5  
2 Cor 12:5-10  
Rom 8:9, 12:2  
Col 3:17  
James 1:5, 3:17  
1 Peter 4:4