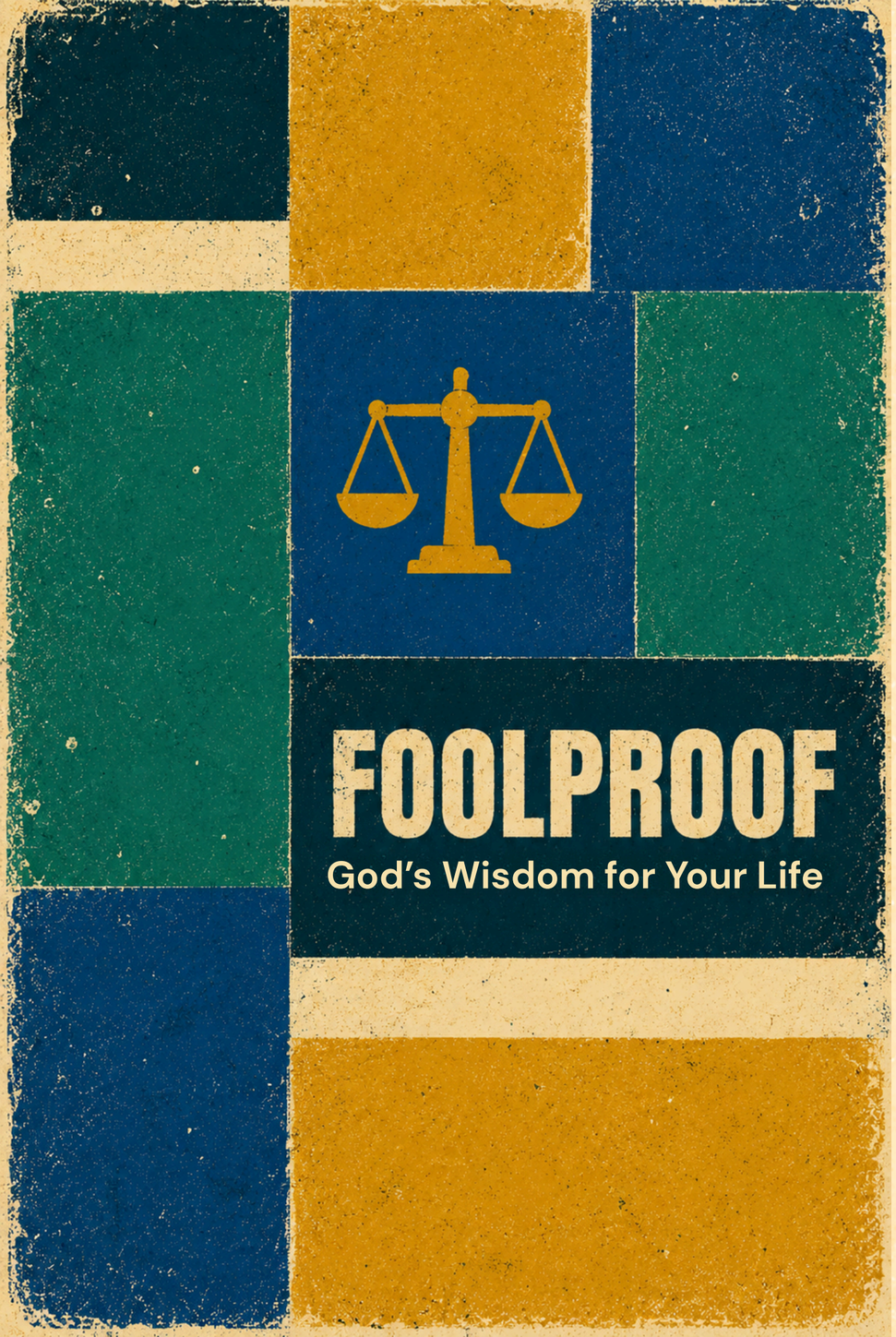

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SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 9:10, 3:11-12, 4:1-2, 4:11, 6:20-22, 13:24, 19:18, 20:7, 22:6, 23:26, 29:15

PREACHING TODAY

James Forsyth, Senior Pastor

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

Proverbs 9:10

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Proverbs 3:11-12

Hear, O sons, a father’s instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching.

Proverbs 4:1-2

I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

Proverbs 4:11

My son, keep your father’s commandment, and forsake not your mother’s teaching. Bind them on your heart always… When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you.

Proverbs 6:20-22

Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

Proverbs 13:24

Discipline your son, for there is hope.

Proverbs 19:18

The righteous who walks in his integrity —blessed are his children after him!

Proverbs 20:7

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.

Proverbs 23:26

The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

Proverbs 29:15


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“Children, no matter how nurtured at home, must be risked to the world. And parenthood is not an exact science, but a vexed privilege and a blessed trial, absolutely necessary and not altogether possible.”

Wendell Berry

THE POWER OF PARENTING



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2. LIMITS

“Even the best training cannot instill wisdom, but only encourage the choice to seek it.”

Derek Kidner

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LIMITS FREE US FROM...

PRIDE

My kids turned out well, so I must have done it right.

DESPAIR

My child has wandered, so I must have failed.

FATALISM

My parents failed me, so I'm bound to make the same mistakes again.

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MAKE IT EASY FOR YOUR KIDS TO BELIEVE IN THE FATHER'S LOVE.

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Proverbs 23:26

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“Children sense hypocrisy immediately, but they also know sincerity.”

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THE BEST PARENTING

INSTRUCTION
shows them the path of life.

DISCIPLINE
brings them back to it when they've wandered.

THE BEST PARENTING

THREE GUARDRAILS

LOVE

Discipline must come from love.

GOOD

Discipline must seek your child's good.

HOPE

Discipline must bring hope.

THE BEST PARENTING

DELIGHT • EXAMPLE • DIRECTION

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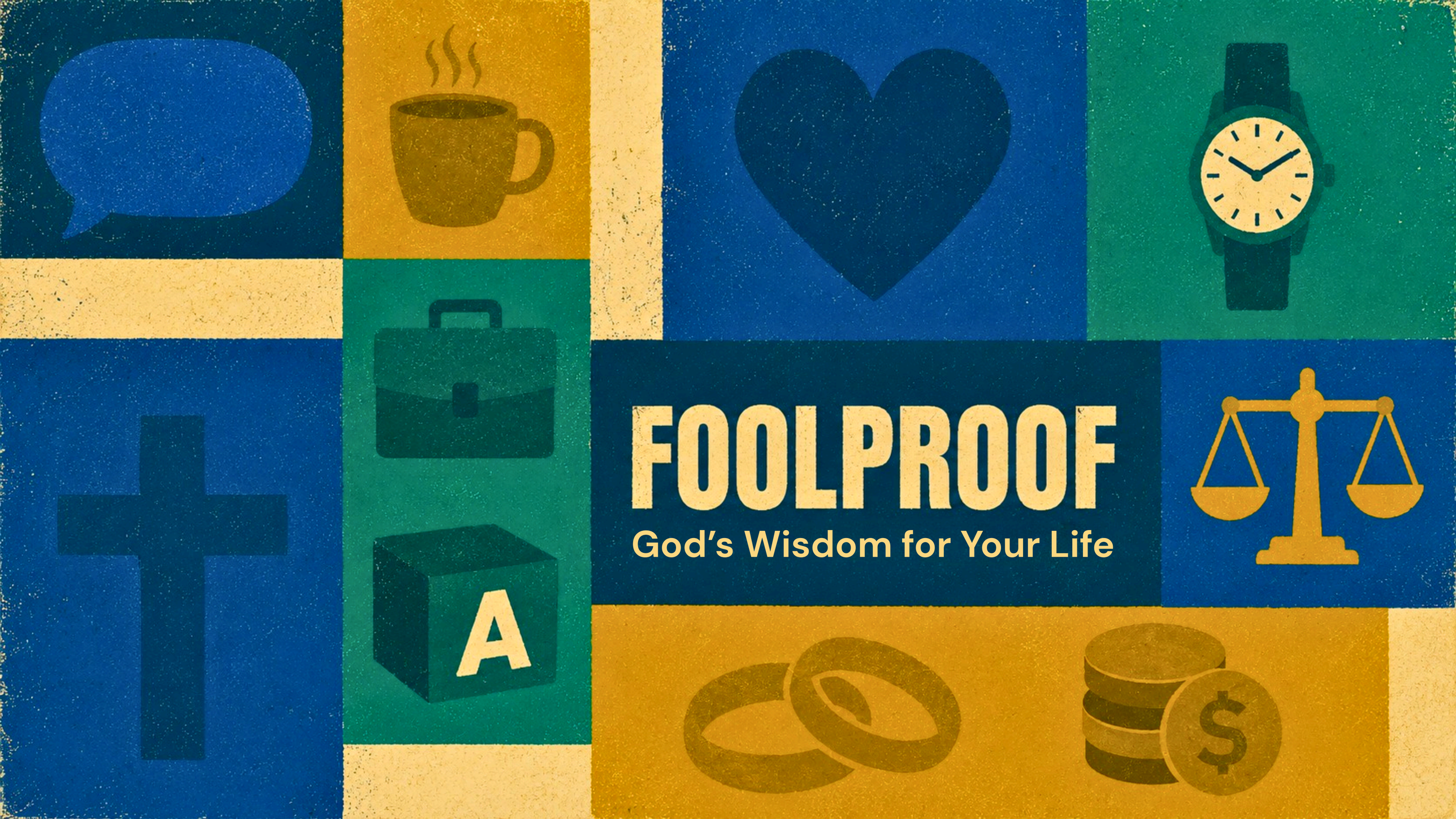


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See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

1 John 3:1

WE CAN BE WISE PARENTS BECAUSE WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD.


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