

# Wounds of Wisdom

*“Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction...” 1 Corinthians 10:11*

## Walls to Wisdom

### **Haughty Hardness – Nebuchadnezzar’s Downfall**

*“He who is often reproved, yet stiffens his neck, will suddenly be broken beyond healing.” Proverbs 29:1 ESV*

*Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity.” Daniel 4:27 ESV*

12 months later...still prideful...

and the king answered and said, *“Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?” Daniel 4:30 ESV*

7 Years later...lesson learned...

*“ At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?” Danel 4:34-35 ESV*

### **Prioritizing the Present – Esau’s Trade**

Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. And Esau said to Jacob, *“Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!”* (Therefore his name was called Edom.) Jacob said, *“Sell me your birthright now.”* Esau said, *“I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?”* Jacob said, *“Swear to me now.”* So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright. Genesis 25:29-34 ESV

*“See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.”* Hebrews 12:16-17 NIV

### **Corrupting Company – Rehoboam’s Council, Love of Money**

*“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”* Proverbs 13:20 ESV

*“Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke on us, and we will serve you.”*<sup>5</sup> He said to them, “Go away for three days, then come again to me.” So the people went away. 1 Kings 12:4-5

3 days later...

And the king answered the people harshly, and forsaking the counsel that the old men had given him,<sup>1</sup> he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.” 1 Kings 12:13-14

### **Crowded Heart**

*“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”* Matthew 6:24 ESV

### **Words of a Wisdom Walker**

Appeal to the source of all Wisdom – Jesus Christ

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

*“I don’t know everything, and I need you, Jesus, to guide me.”*

*“God, show me where I’m wrong.”*

*“I understand what you are showing me and I’m willing to change.”*

*“I will go where you lead me even when it’s uncomfortable.”*