



Everyday Wisdom

a study in Proverbs

COFFEE

BE KIND
LOVE WELL
LIVE WISE¹

We've heard from the other Pastors that Proverbs are not Promises

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom" Proverbs 9:10

"Fear of the Lord" doesn't mean being scared of God.

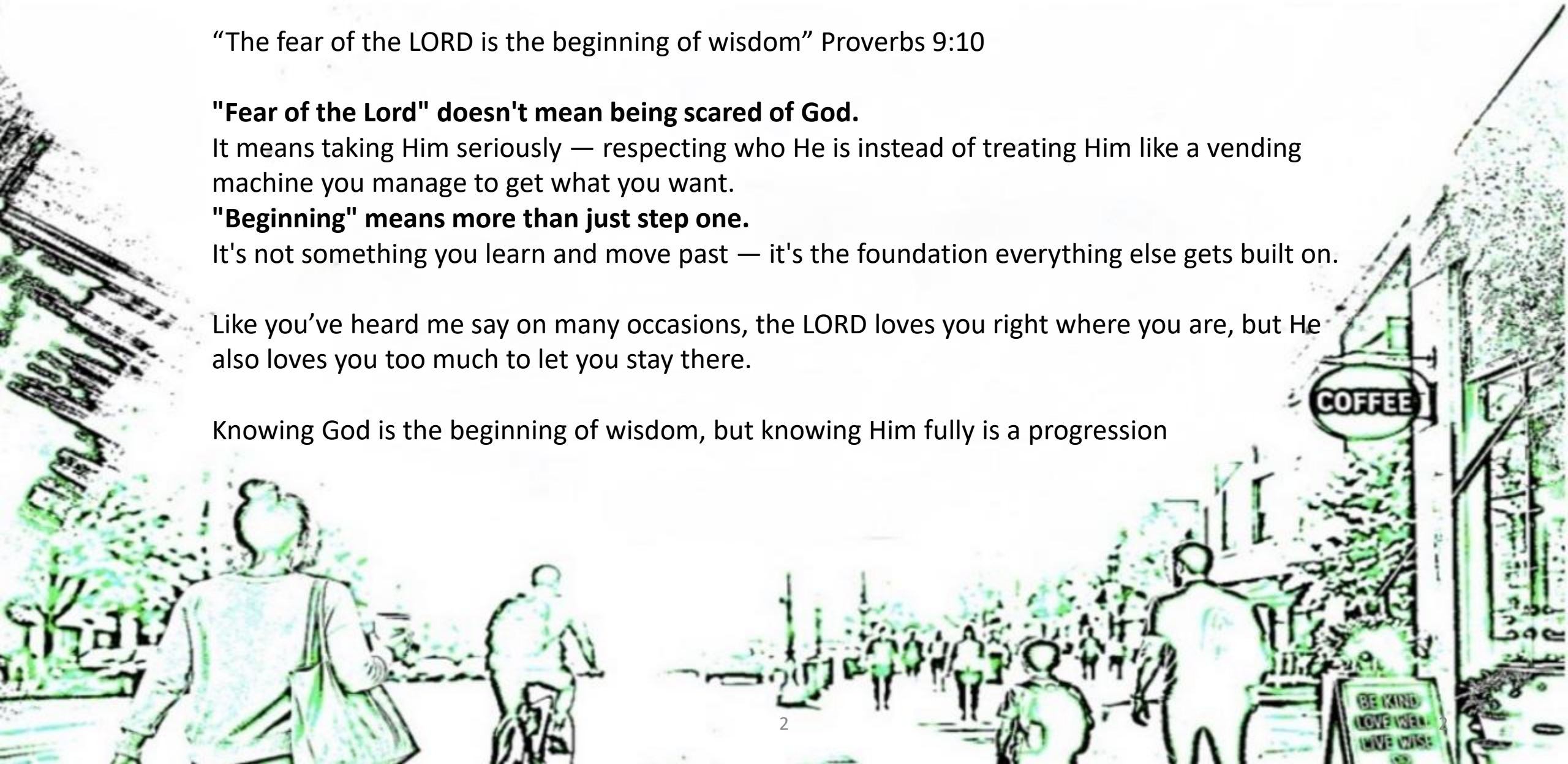
It means taking Him seriously — respecting who He is instead of treating Him like a vending machine you manage to get what you want.

"Beginning" means more than just step one.

It's not something you learn and move past — it's the foundation everything else gets built on.

Like you've heard me say on many occasions, the LORD loves you right where you are, but He also loves you too much to let you stay there.

Knowing God is the beginning of wisdom, but knowing Him fully is a progression



2 Chronicles 1:7,10

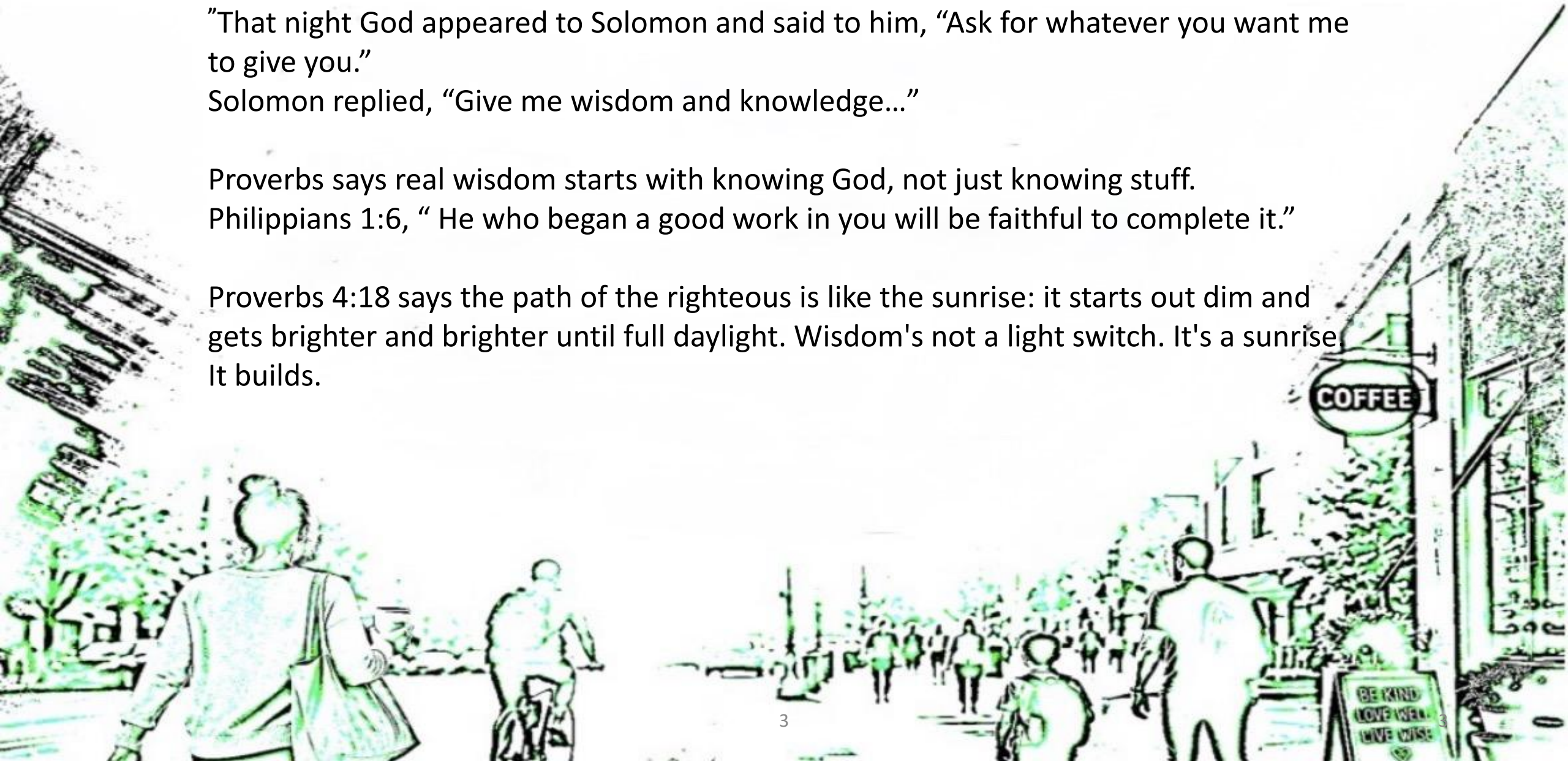
"That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon replied, "Give me wisdom and knowledge..."

Proverbs says real wisdom starts with knowing God, not just knowing stuff.

Philippians 1:6, "He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it."

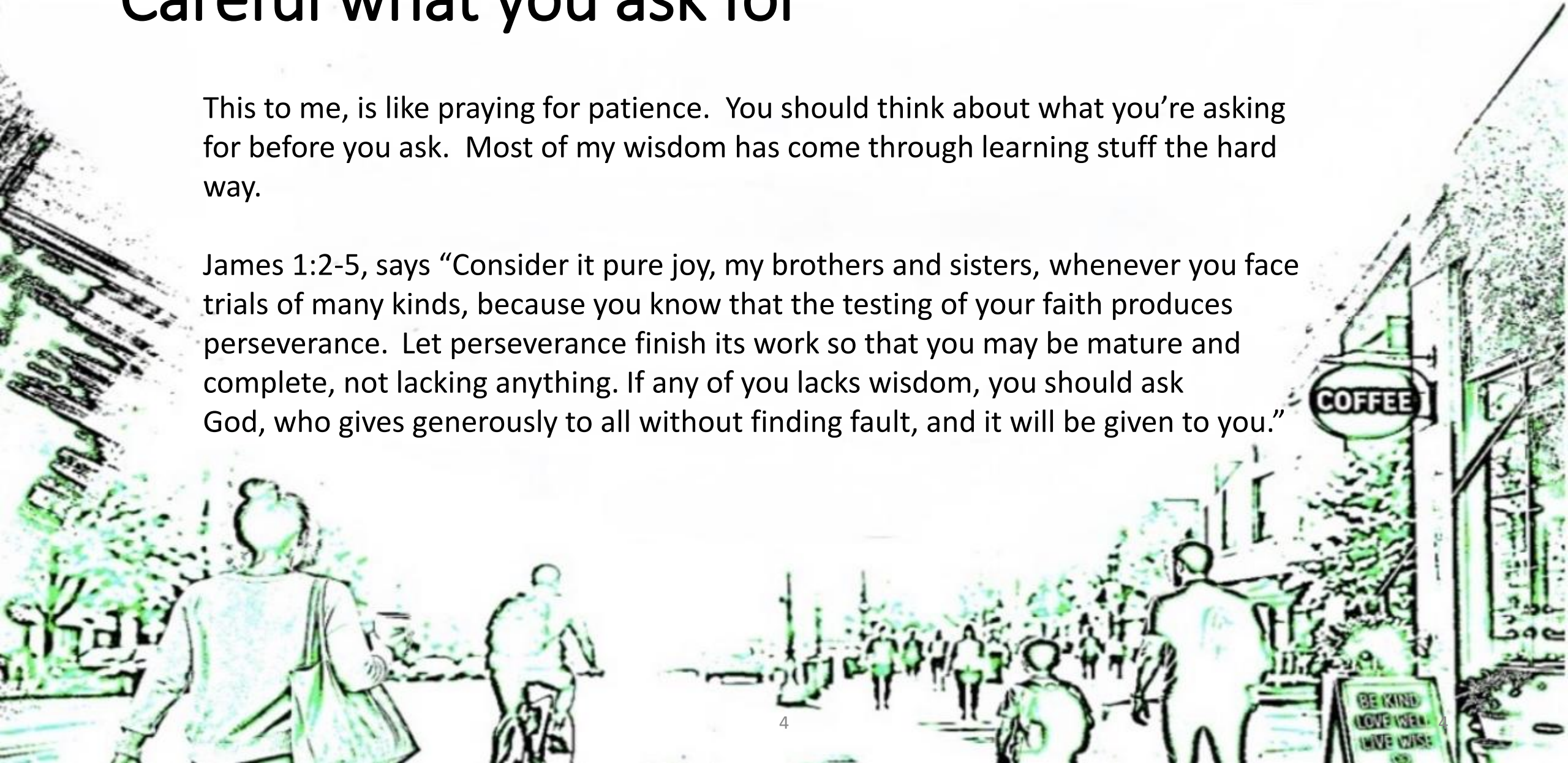
Proverbs 4:18 says the path of the righteous is like the sunrise: it starts out dim and gets brighter and brighter until full daylight. Wisdom's not a light switch. It's a sunrise. It builds.



Careful what you ask for

This to me, is like praying for patience. You should think about what you're asking for before you ask. Most of my wisdom has come through learning stuff the hard way.

James 1:2-5, says "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."



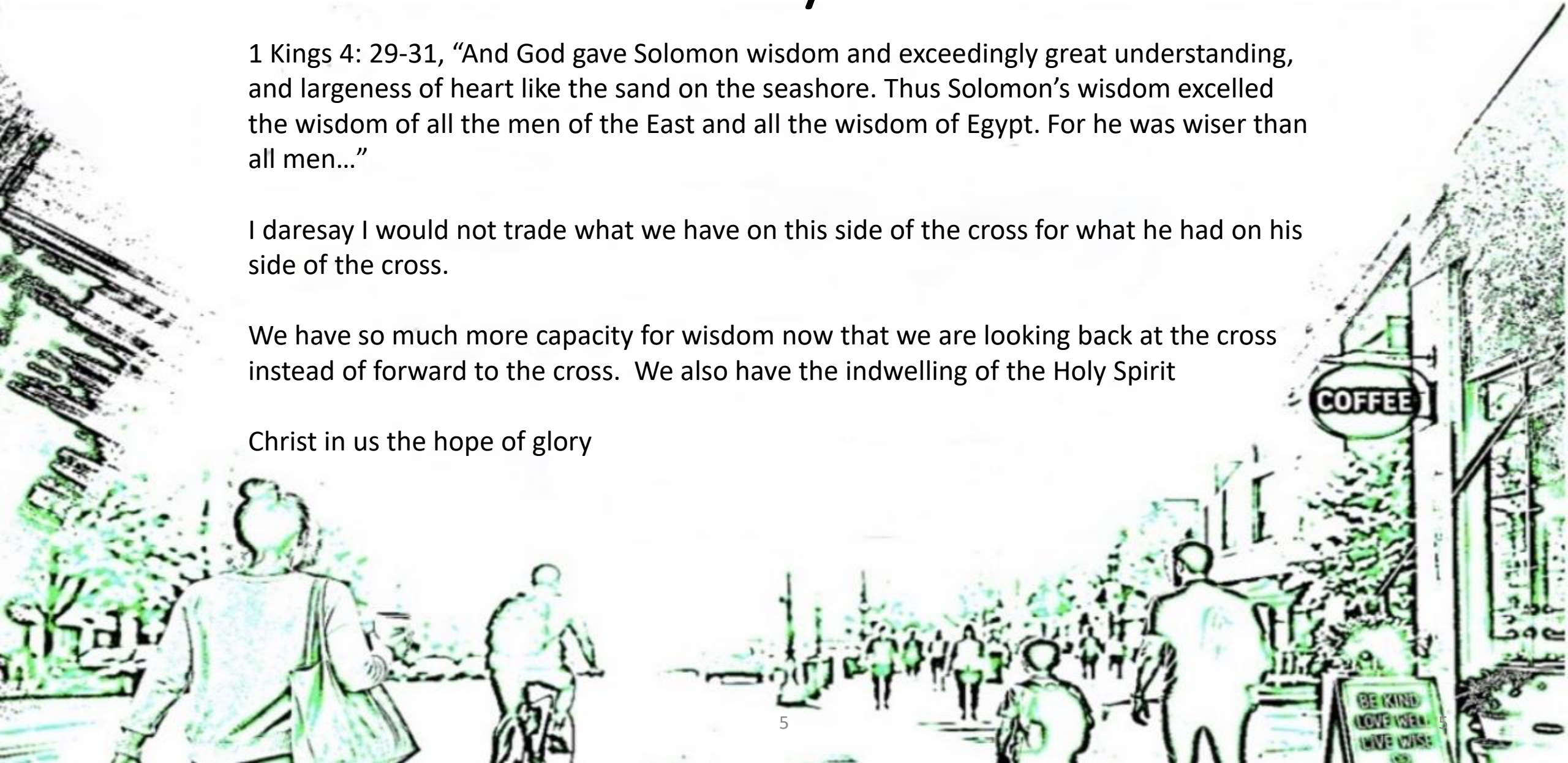
Solomon was a Wise Guy

1 Kings 4: 29-31, "And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men..."

I daresay I would not trade what we have on this side of the cross for what he had on his side of the cross.

We have so much more capacity for wisdom now that we are looking back at the cross instead of forward to the cross. We also have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Christ in us the hope of glory

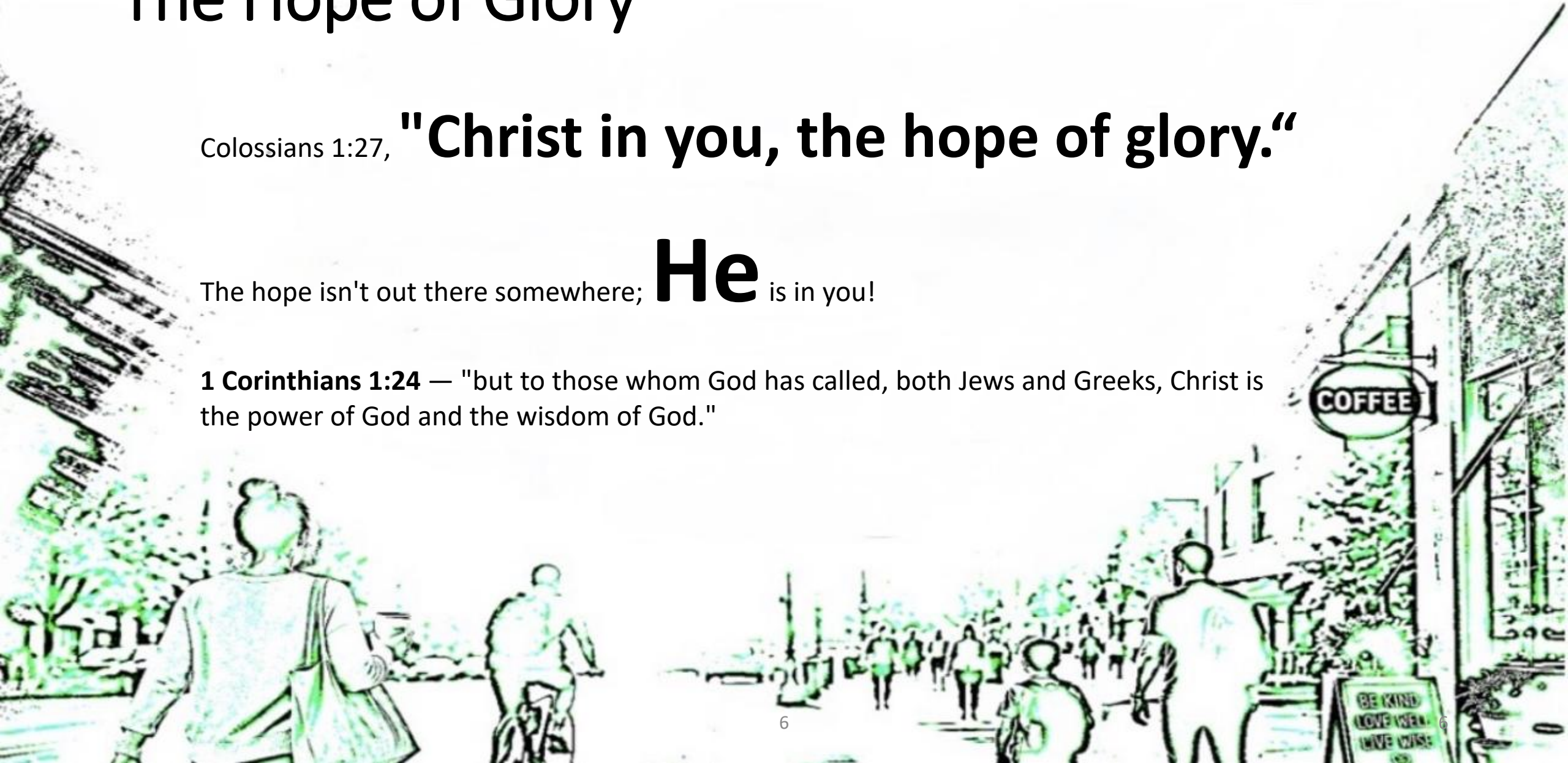


The Hope of Glory

Colossians 1:27, **"Christ in you, the hope of glory."**

The hope isn't out there somewhere; **He** is in you!

1 Corinthians 1:24 — "but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God."

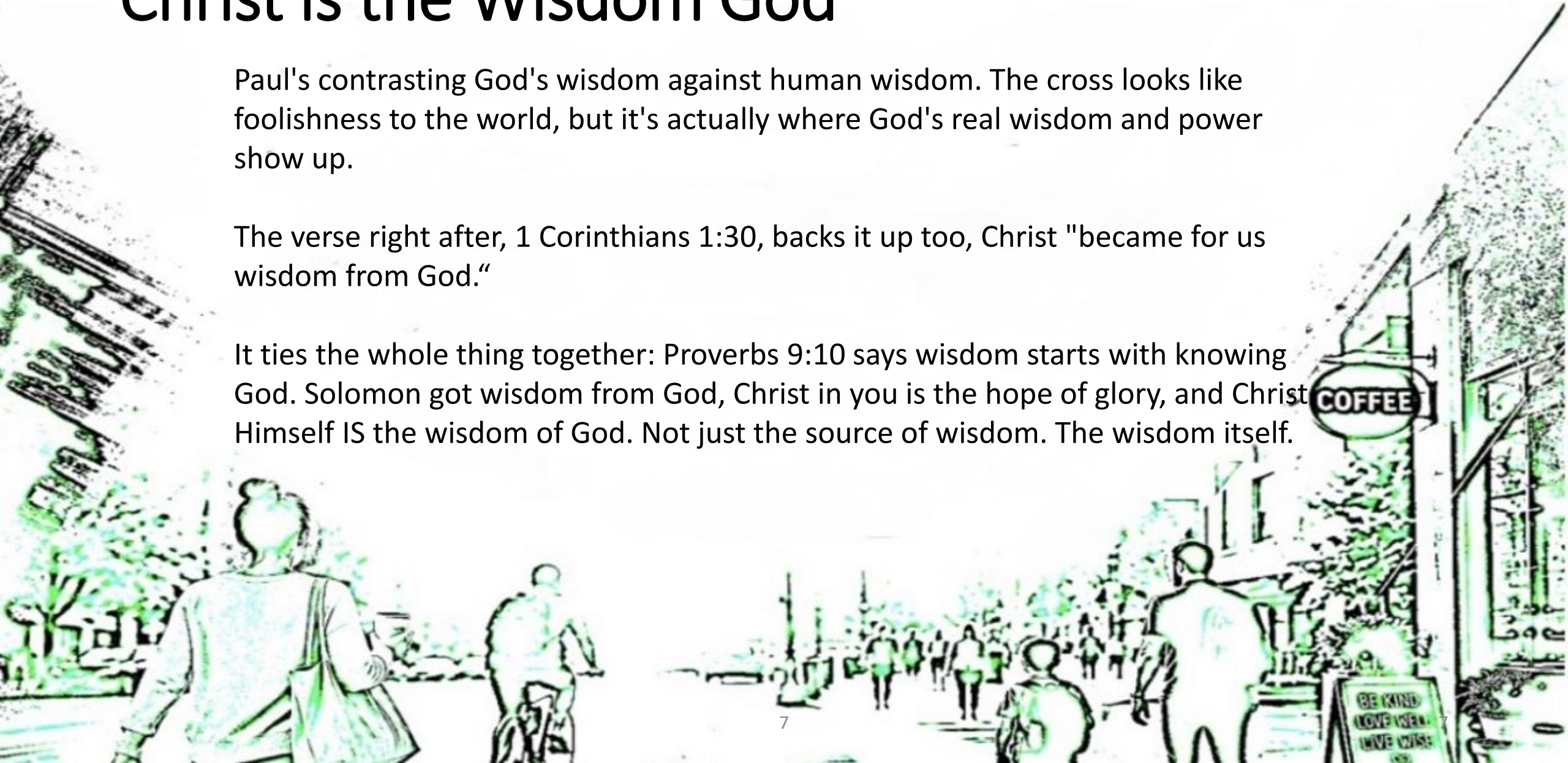


Christ is the Wisdom God

Paul's contrasting God's wisdom against human wisdom. The cross looks like foolishness to the world, but it's actually where God's real wisdom and power show up.

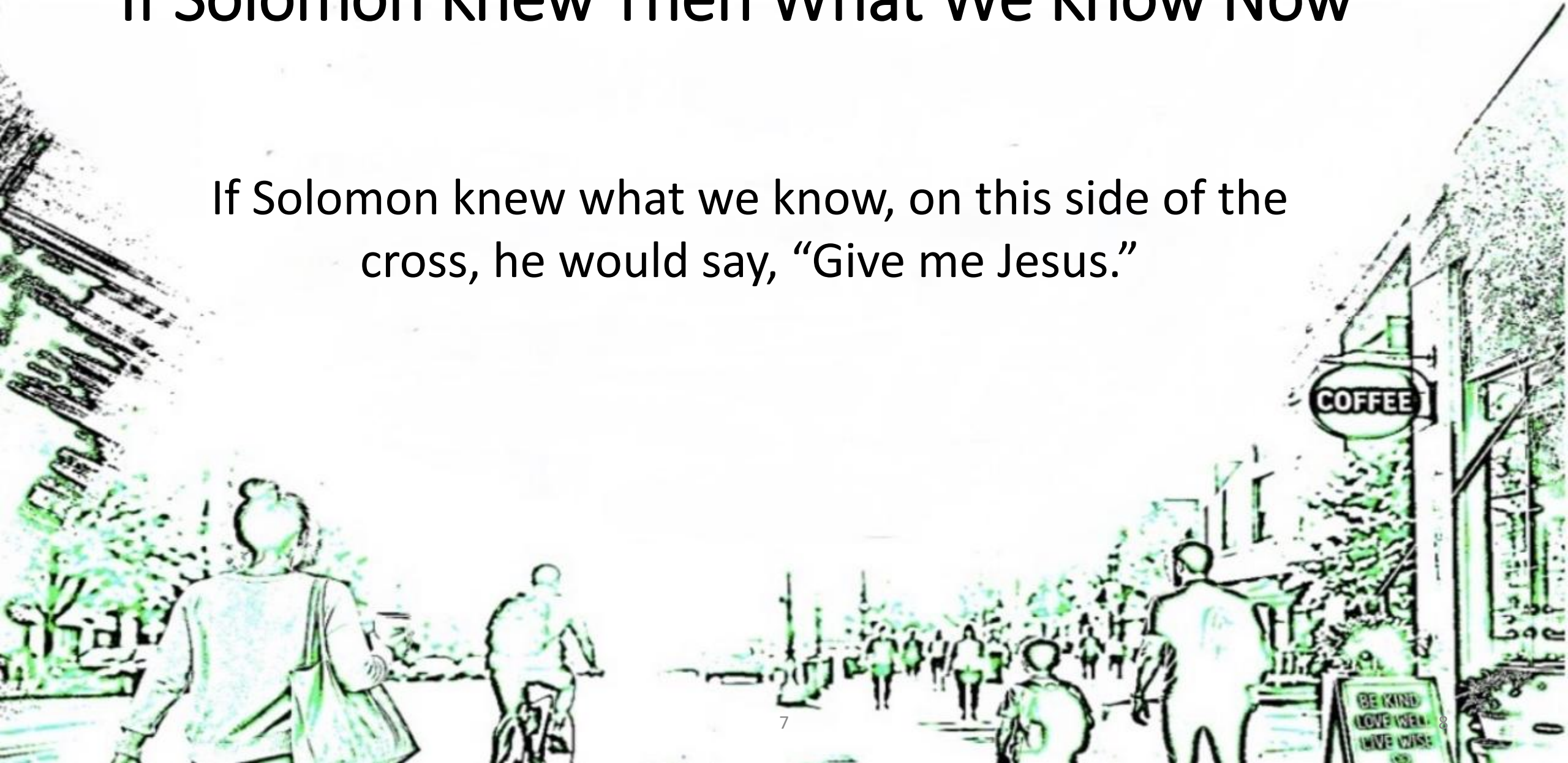
The verse right after, 1 Corinthians 1:30, backs it up too, Christ "became for us wisdom from God."

It ties the whole thing together: Proverbs 9:10 says wisdom starts with knowing God. Solomon got wisdom from God, Christ in you is the hope of glory, and Christ Himself IS the wisdom of God. Not just the source of wisdom. The wisdom itself.



If Solomon Knew Then What We Know Now

If Solomon knew what we know, on this side of the cross, he would say, "Give me Jesus."





No Jesus

No Hope

Know Jesus

Know Hope

