



The Shape of Wisdom

EAT THIS BOOK, PART 4

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Proverbs 8:35–36

1. Tell Yourself: God is wise and His revelation is true AND that I am limited and often wrong!
2. Read the Bible in Community with a capital C!
3. God's wisdom is something you DO! The only way to know is to do — it's more like learning to ride a bike than learning algebra or multiplication tables.
4. Wisdom is PERSONAL so... come to HIM (i.e. Jesus).

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