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Re-Humanizing Practices
for Christians in a
Synthetic & Secular Age

***Exploring the Wisdom Tradition in Scripture
to Answer Life's **Four Essential Questions*****

- 1. Who are you? (Identity)**
- 2. Where do you belong? (Community)**
- 3. Why are you here? (Purpose)**
- 4. How should you live? (Priorities)**

Psalm 135:15-18

¹⁵ The idols of the nations are silver
and gold, made by human hands.

¹⁶ They have mouths, but cannot speak,
eyes, but cannot see.

¹⁷ They have ears, but cannot hear, nor
is there breath in their mouths.

¹⁸ Those who make them will be like them,
and so will all who trust in them.

Week 2: The Book of Job

The Essential Question: **Where do you belong?**

The Technological Threat:

The Scriptural Shift:

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***The more individualistic
a person is, the more
tribalistic they tend to be.***

Job 2:11-13

¹¹ When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him.

***Real community seeks you out
after the storms of life.***

***Counterfeit community wishes
you well from afar.***

Job 2:11-13

¹² When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads.

¹³ Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.

Real community will sit with you in silence when words fall short.

Counterfeit community likes a quick fix: platitudes, products, and "prayers."

Job 4:1-2

¹ Then Eliphaz the Temanite replied:

² “If someone ventures a word with you, will you be impatient? But who can keep from speaking?”

Job 8:1-2

¹ Then Bildad the Shuhite replied:

² “How long will you say such things? Your words are a blustering wind.”

Job 11:1-2

¹ Then Zophar the Naamathite replied:

² “Are all these words to go unanswered? Is this talker to be vindicated?”

***Real community will speak truth in love
when they feel you're in the wrong.***

***Counterfeit community will indulge
(and encourage) your delusions.***

Proverbs 27:17

17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

¹⁰ If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? ¹² Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

***Real community wants to
encourage and build you up.***

***Counterfeit community wants
to remove discomfort.***

***A desire to help can
unintentionally cause harm.
Non-stop compassion can
actually atrophy confidence.***

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Job 42:7-10

⁷ After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has."

Job 42:7-10

⁸ So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has.”

***Real community isn't always
right but desires reconciliation.***

***Counterfeit community can't
abide in disagreement.***

Job 42:7-10

⁹ So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job's prayer. ¹⁰ After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.

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