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Chapter 9. Realizing the necessity of KNOWLEDGE.

Week 33: Being INTENTIONAL about asking, seeking and knocking, to discover truth.

Video: Dead Poets Society

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Word of the Week: Ask

Theme verse: *Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.* – Matthew 7:7-8

Additional Verses: – 2 Peter 2:5-8

Quotes: “Ask yourself, are you being intentional about the sort of influence you want to have on the world around you?” – John C. Maxwell

John Eldredge: “It was men who stopped slavery. It was men who ran up the stairs in the Twin Towers to rescue people. It was men who gave up their seats on the lifeboats of the Titanic. Men are made to take risks and live passionately on behalf of others.”

Questions: Are you intentional about seeking and asking the right questions? Where do you go to ask and seek wisdom? Do you ask God daily for direction and what his will for your day might be?

Highlight Video: No Survivors, Jeremy Camp

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Word of the Week: Ask

Dictionary:

verb

- to put a question to; inquire of: *I asked him but he didn't answer.*
- to request information about: *to ask the way.*
- to make inquiry; inquire: *to ask about a person.*
- to request or petition (usually followed by for): *to ask for leniency; to ask for food.*

noun

- a question or inquiry.
- a request, especially a demanding one: *Is it too big an ask for you to give me a loan?*

Quotes: “My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” – John F. Kennedy

“Don’t ask ‘Why’, ask instead, ‘Why not.’” – John F. Kennedy

“Ask yourself, are you being intentional about the sort of influence you want to have on the world around you?” – John C. Maxwell

“I never learn anything talking. I only learn things when I ask questions.” – Lou Holtz

“If you don’t ask, you don’t get.” – Stevie Wonder

“Ask not what your teammates can do for you. Ask what you can do for your teammates.” – Magic Johnson.

“It is never late to ask yourself, “am I ready to change my life, am I ready to change myself?” Every breath is a chance to be reborn. But to be reborn into a new life, you have to die before dying.” – Shams Tabrizi

Bible: Psalm 27:4

One thing I **ask** from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Proverbs 30:7-8

Two things I **ask** of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.

Ecclesiastes 7:10

Do not say, “Why were the old days better than these?” For it is not wise to **ask** such questions.

Matthew 7:7-8

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who **asks** receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Galatians 3:5

So again I **ask**, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

Ephesians 1:17

I keep **asking** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Ephesians 3:19-20

And to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we **ask** or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

James 1:5-6

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. But when you **ask**, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

James 4:2-3

You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not **ask** God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who **asks** you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.