

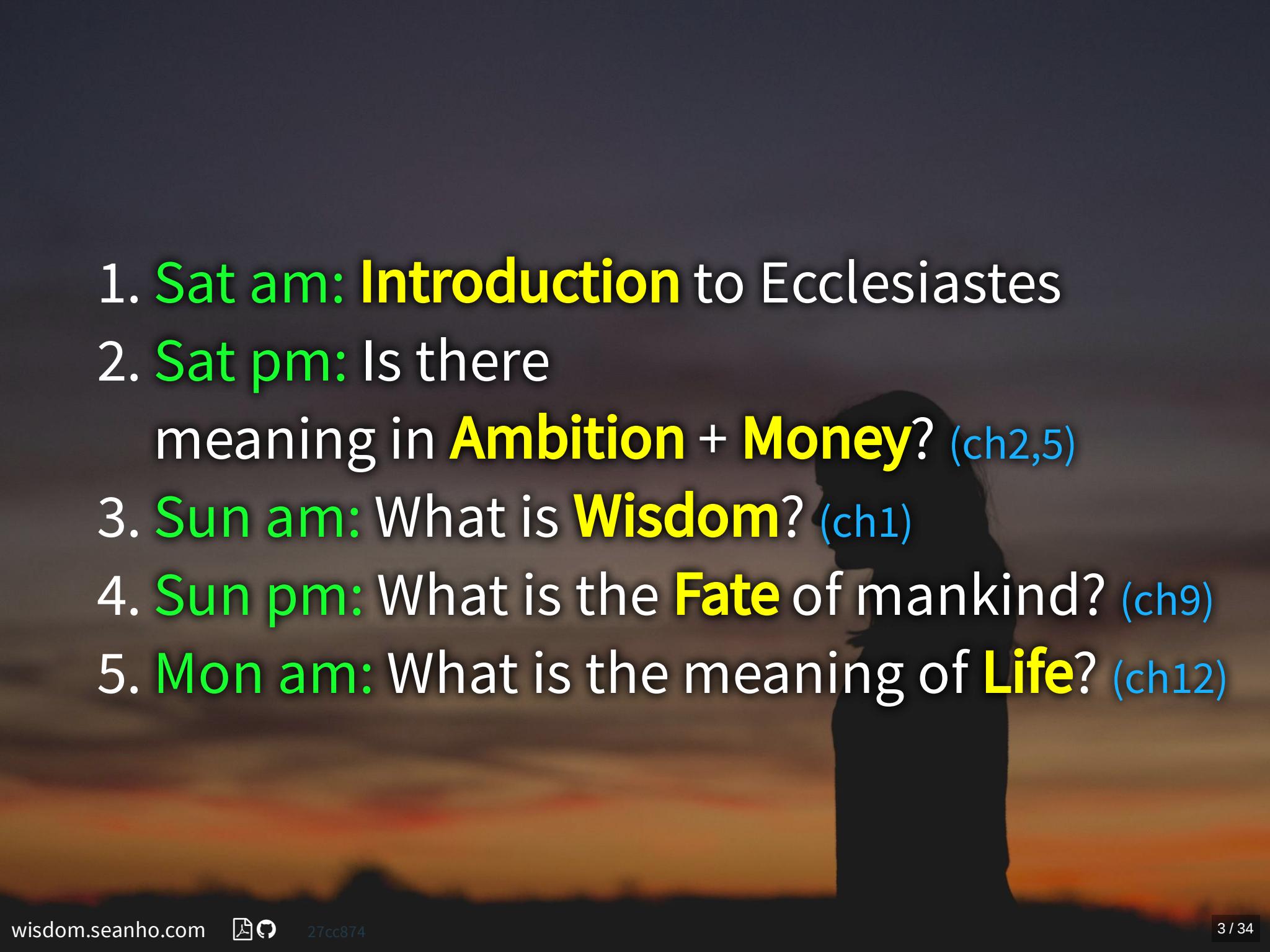
# Wisdom

## Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

### The Meaning of Life (1/4)

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**What is the meaning of  
life?**

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- A dark silhouette of a person's head and shoulders facing right, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise with orange and yellow hues.
1. Sat am: **Introduction** to Ecclesiastes
  2. Sat pm: Is there meaning in **Ambition + Money?** (ch2,5)
  3. Sun am: What is **Wisdom?** (ch1)
  4. Sun pm: What is the **Fate** of mankind? (ch9)
  5. Mon am: What is the meaning of **Life?** (ch12)

12 I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven.

It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with.

[12](# "ref") 我傳道者在耶路撒冷作過以色列的王。

[13](# "ref") 我專心用智慧尋求、查究天下所做的一切事，乃知神叫世人所經練的是極重的勞苦。

14 I have seen everything that is done under the sun,  
and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

15 What is crooked cannot be made straight,  
and what is lacking cannot be counted.

[14](# "ref") 我見日光之下所做的一切事，  
都是虛空，都是捕風。

[15](# "ref") 彎曲的，不能變直；  
缺少的，不能足數。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 1:14-15 (ESV/CUV) (p.2/5)

16 I said in my heart, “I have acquired great wisdom,  
surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me,  
and my heart has had great experience  
of wisdom and knowledge.”

[16](# "ref") 我心裡議論說：我得了大智慧

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勝過我以前在耶路撒冷的眾人，  
而且我心中多經歷智慧和知識的事。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 1:16 (ESV/CUV) (p.3/5)

17 And I applied my heart to know wisdom  
and to know madness and folly.

I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind.

[17](# "ref") 我又專心察明智慧、  
狂妄，和愚昧，  
乃知這也是捕風。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 1:17 (ESV/CUV) (p.4/5)

18 For in much wisdom is much vexation,  
and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

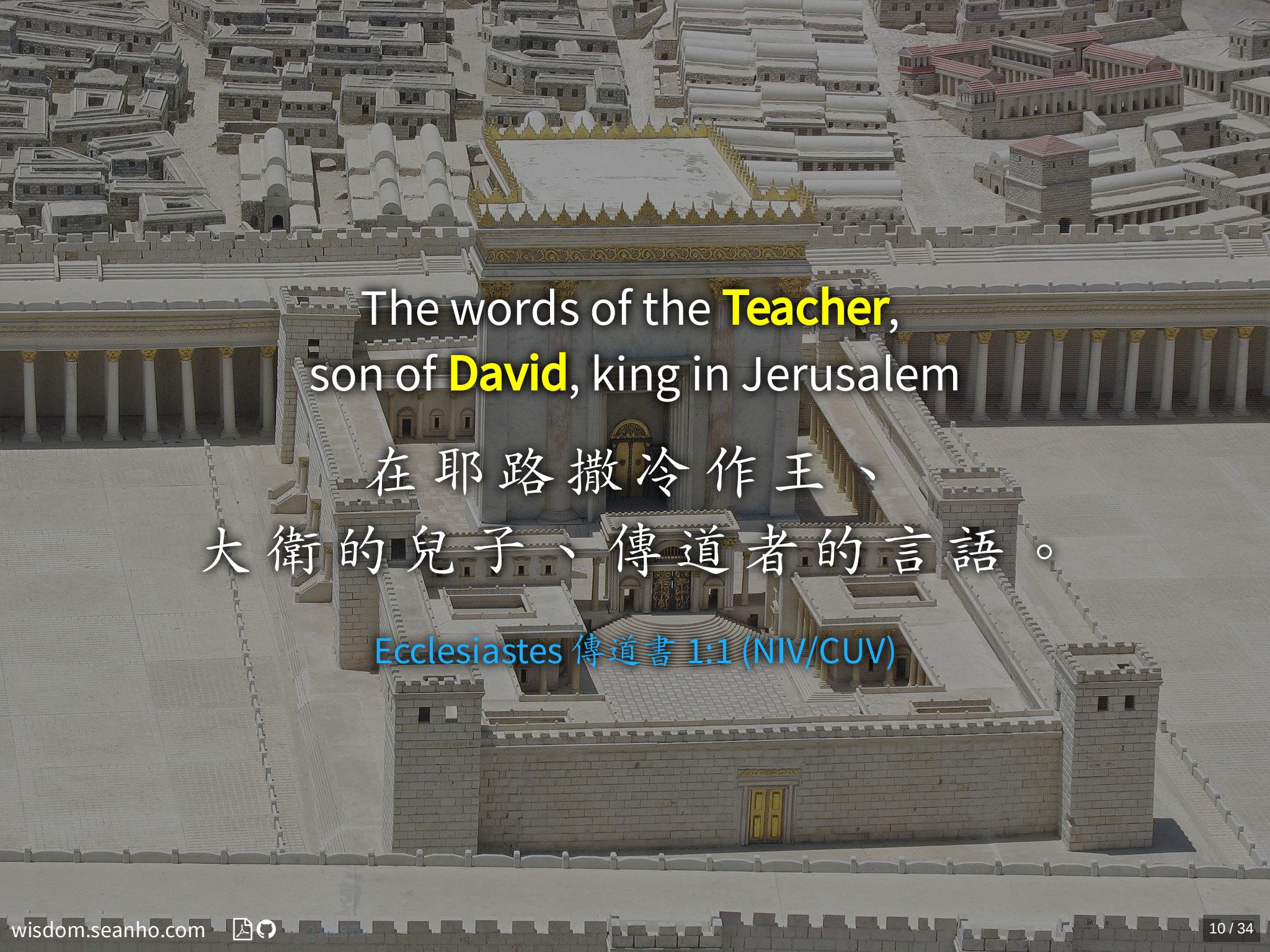
[18](# "ref") 因爲多有智慧，就多有愁煩；  
加增知識的，就加增憂傷。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 1:18 (ESV/CUV) (p.5/5)

# Wisdom (Ecc 1)

1. **Searching** (v12-13a)
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The words of the **Teacher**,  
son of **David**, king in Jerusalem

在耶路撒冷作王、  
大衛的兒子、傳道者的言語。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 1:1 (NIV/CUV)

Behold, I give you a **wise** and discerning mind,  
so that none like you has been **before** you  
and none like you shall arise **after** you.

我就應允你所求的，賜你聰明智慧，  
甚至在你以前沒有像你的，  
在你以後也沒有像你的。

1 Kings 列王紀上 3:12 (ESV/CUV)

Ryan Hutton

When Solomon was old his **wives**  
**turned away** his heart after other gods,  
and his heart was not **wholly true** to the Lord his God

所羅門年老的時候，  
他的妃嬪誘惑他的心去隨從別神，  
不效法他父親大衛  
誠誠實實地順服耶和華—他的神。

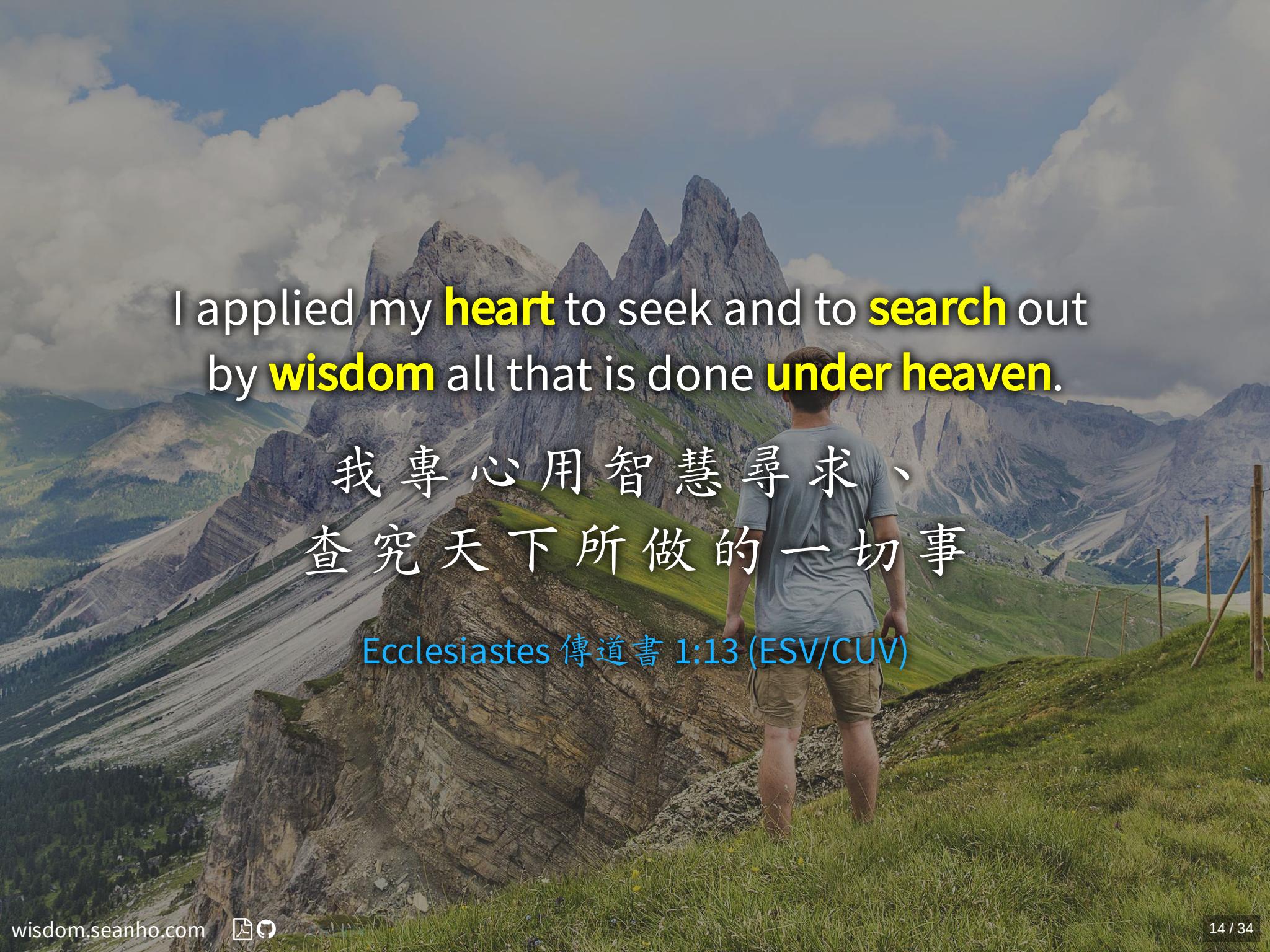
1 Kings 列王紀上 11:4 (ESV/CUV) (p.1/2)

Los Angeles. Edwin Andrade

So Solomon did what was **evil** in the sight of the Lord  
and did **not** wholly follow the Lord,  
as **David** his father had done.

所羅門行耶和華眼中看爲惡的事，  
不效法他父親大衛專心順從耶和華。

1 Kings 列王紀上 11:6 (ESV/CUV) (p.2/2)



I applied my **heart** to seek and to **search** out  
by **wisdom** all that is done **under heaven.**

我專心用智慧尋求、  
查究天下所做的一切事

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 1:13 (ESV/CUV)

If any of you lacks **wisdom**, let him **ask God**,  
who gives **generously** to all without **reproach**,  
and it will be given him.

你們中間若有缺少智慧的，  
應當求那厚賜與眾人、  
也不斥責人的神，主就必賜給他。

James 雅各書 1:5 (ESV/CUV)

**Have I considered what  
my purpose is?**

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and behold, all is **vanity** and a striving after wind.

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Ecclesiastes 傳道書 1:14-15 (ESV/CUV)

“If you add all the hundreds of **billions of dollars**  
that have been spent in this **war on drugs**,

[had we not] spent one **nickel** in the last **25 years**  
the situation would not be any **better** or any **worse**.

It had absolutely no effect, it was **wasted money**.”

Michael Levine, former DEA station chief

What does man **gain** by all the **toil**  
at which he toils under the **sun**?

<sup>4</sup> A generation goes, and a generation comes,  
but the **earth** remains forever.

人一切的勞碌，  
就是他在日光之下的勞碌，  
有甚麼益處呢？

<sup>4</sup> 一代過去，一代又來，  
地卻永遠長存。

But the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief,  
and then the **heavens** will **pass away** with a roar, ...  
and the **earth** and the **works** that are done on it  
will be **exposed.**

但主的日子要像賊來到一樣。

那日，天必大有響聲廢去，  
有形質的都要被烈火銷化，  
地和其上的物都要燒盡了

2 Peter 彼得後書 3:10 (ESV/CUV) (p.1/2)

Since all these things are thus to be **dissolved**,  
what **sort of people** ought you to be  
in lives of **holiness** and godliness,  
12 **waiting** for and hastening  
the coming of the day of God!

這一切既然都要如此銷化，  
你們爲人該當怎樣聖潔，怎樣敬虔，  
[12](# "ref") 切切仰望神的日子來到。

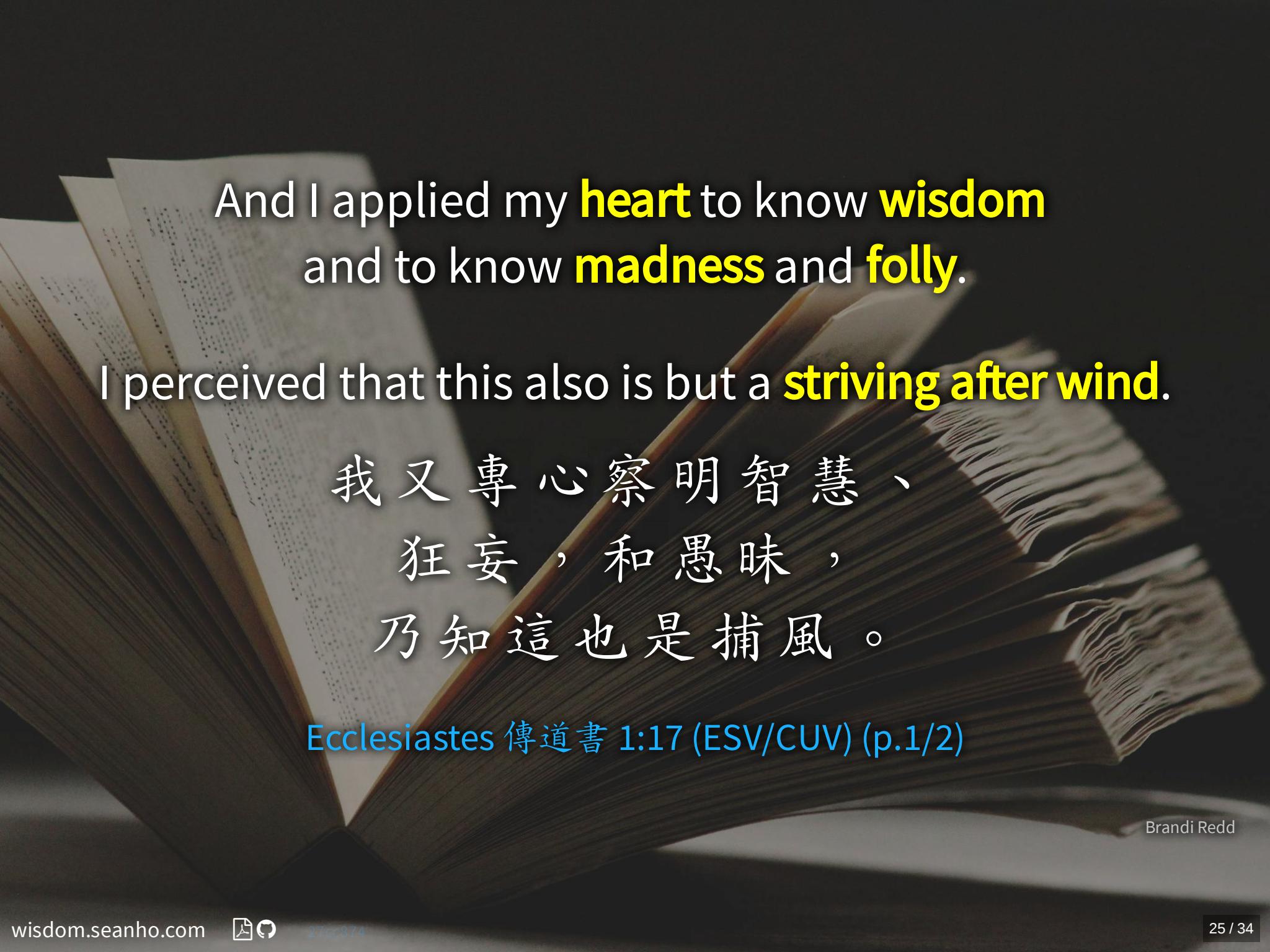
2 Peter 彼得後書 3:11-12 (ESV/CUV) (p.2/2)

What **projects** of mine  
have been **chasing** after  
the wind?

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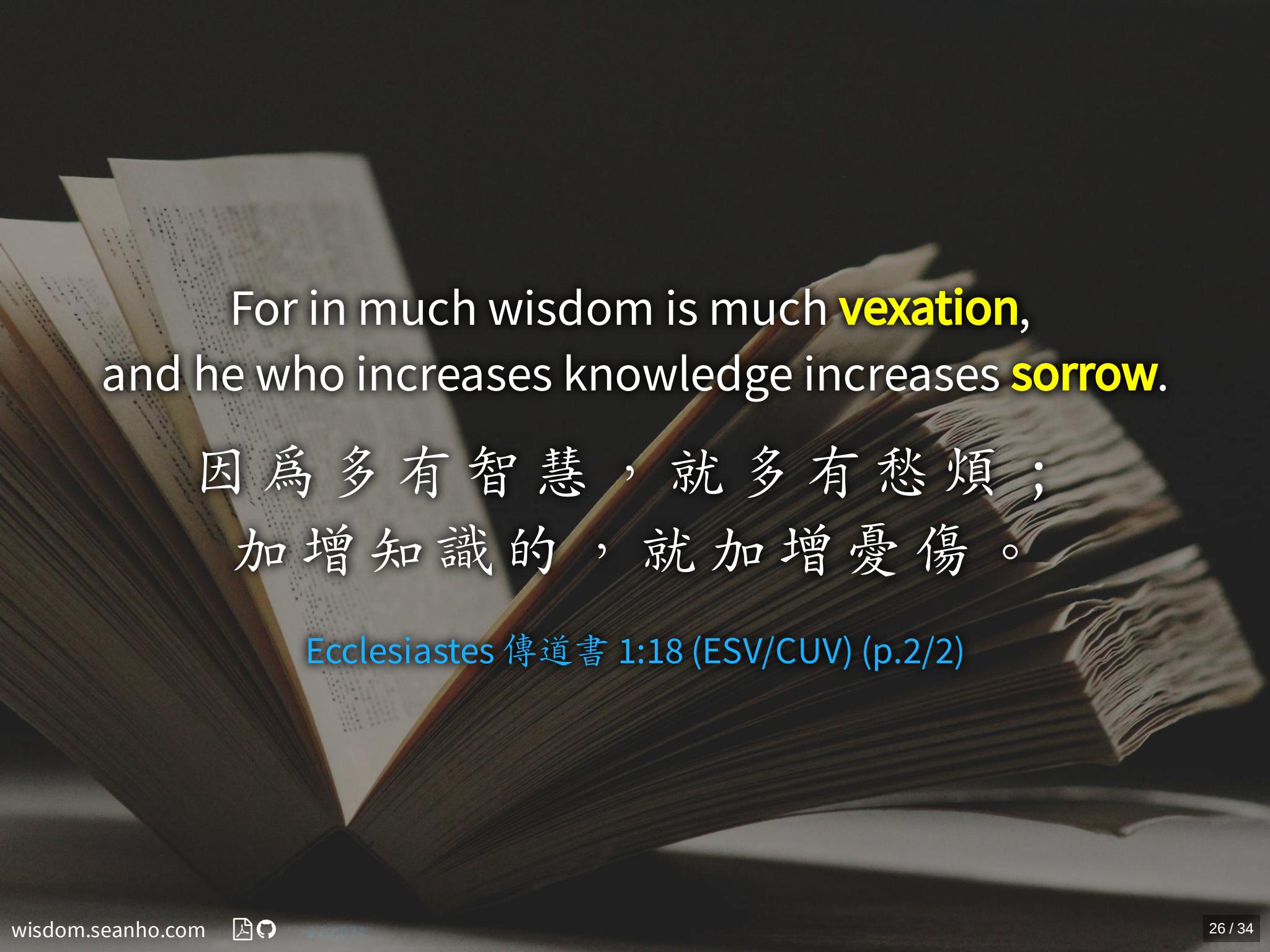
And I applied my **heart** to know **wisdom**  
and to know **madness** and **folly**.

I perceived that this also is but a **striving after wind**.

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狂妄，和愚昧，  
乃知這也是捕風。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 1:17 (ESV/CUV) (p.1/2)

Brandi Redd



For in much wisdom is much **vexation**,  
and he who increases knowledge increases **sorrow**.

因為多有智慧，就多有愁煩；  
加增知識的，就加增憂傷。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 1:18 (ESV/CUV) (p.2/2)

Be not overly **righteous**,  
and do not make yourself too **wise**.  
Why should you **destroy** yourself?

17 Be not overly **wicked**, neither be a **fool**.  
Why should you **die** before your time?

不要行義過分，也不要過於自逞智慧，  
何必自取敗亡呢？

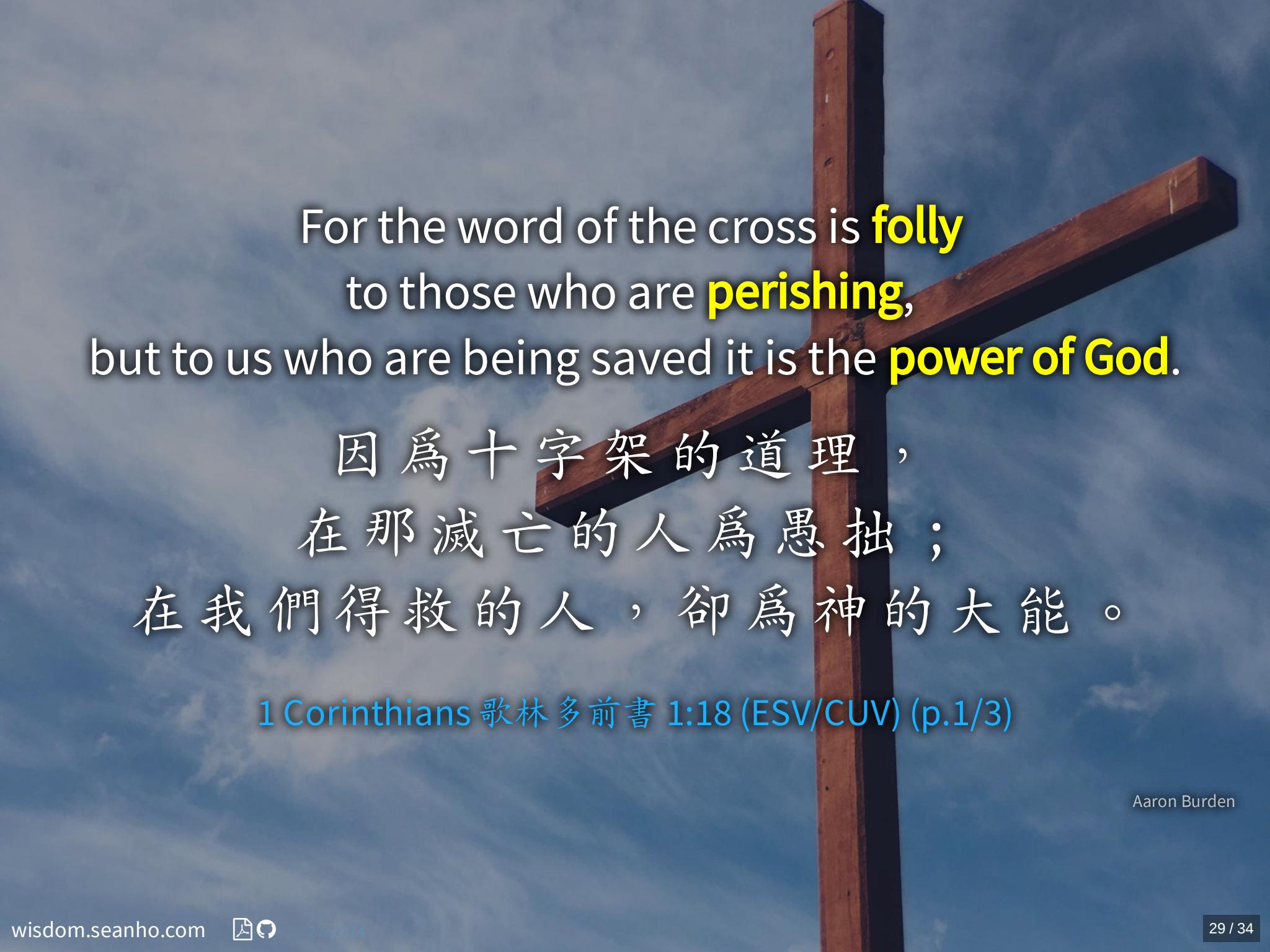
17 不要行惡過分，也不要爲人愚昧，  
何必不到期而死呢？



It is good that you should take hold of **this**,  
and from **that** withhold not your hand,  
for the one who **fears God**  
shall come out from both of them.

你持守這個爲美，那個也不要鬆手；  
因爲敬畏神的人，必從這兩樣出來。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 7:18 (ESV/CUV) (p.2/2)

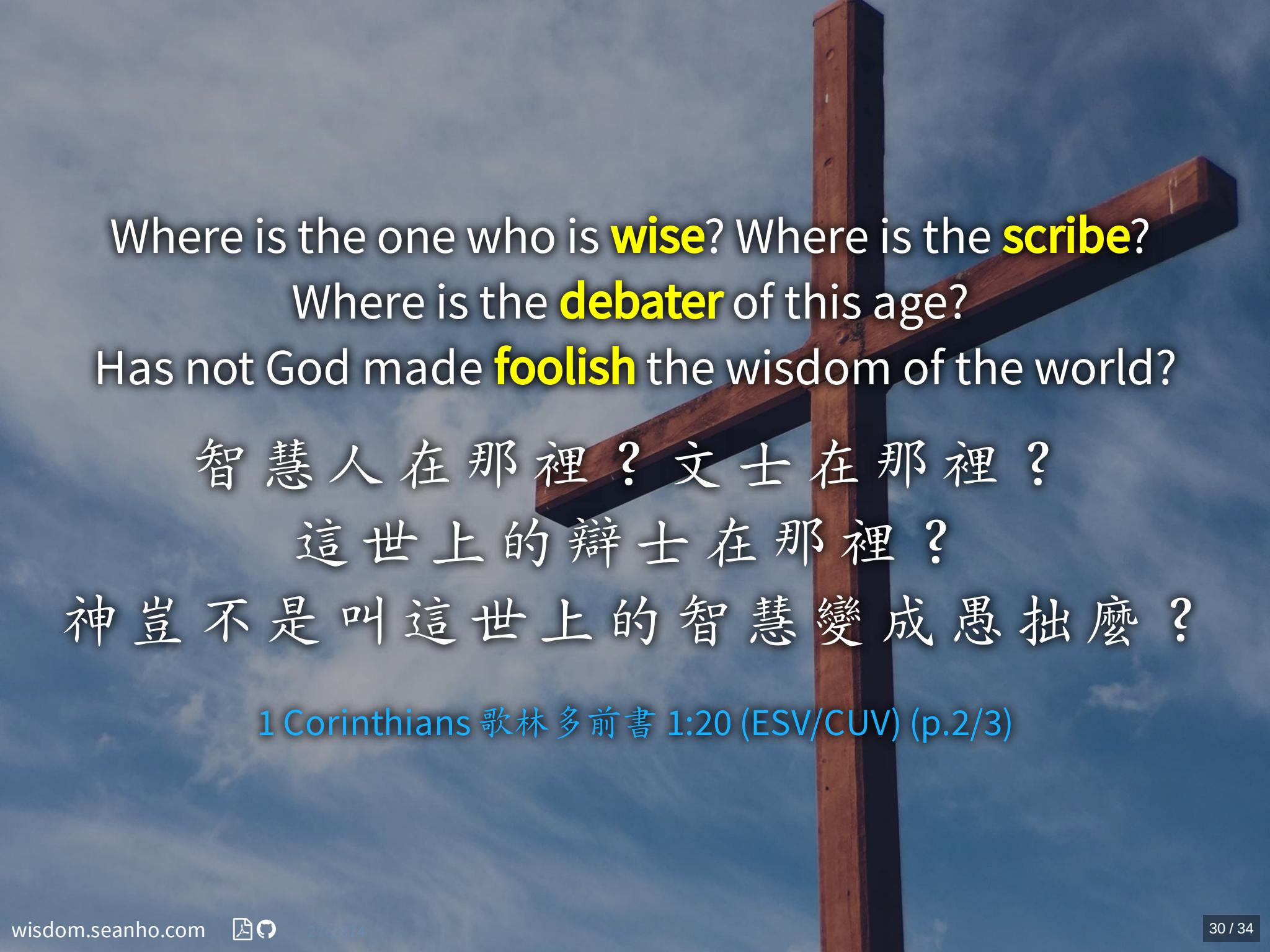
A photograph of a simple wooden cross standing against a backdrop of a blue sky filled with white and grey clouds. The cross is made of dark wood and has a rough, natural texture.

For the word of the cross is **folly**  
to those who are **perishing**,  
but to us who are being saved it is the **power of God.**

因為十字架的道理，  
在那滅亡的人為愚拙；  
在我們得救的人，卻為神的大能。

1 Corinthians 歌林多前書 1:18 (ESV/CUV) (p.1/3)

Aaron Burden

A large wooden cross stands prominently against a backdrop of a blue sky filled with white and grey clouds. The cross is made of dark wood and has a simple, rustic design.

Where is the one who is **wise**? Where is the **scribe**?

Where is the **debater** of this age?

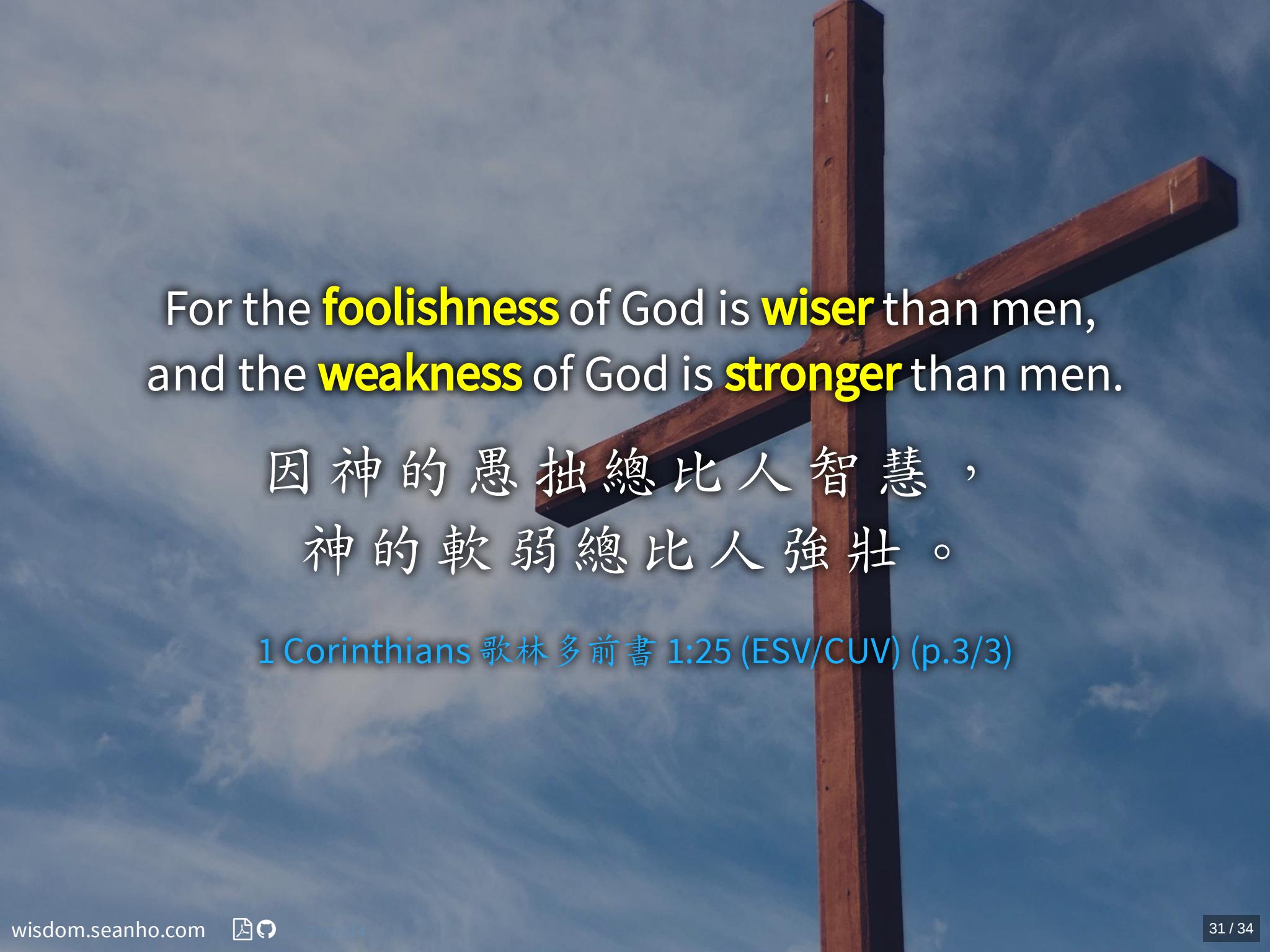
Has not God made **foolish** the wisdom of the world?

智慧人在那裡？文士在那裡？

這世上的辯士在那裡？

神豈不是叫這世上的智慧變成愚拙麼？

1 Corinthians 歌林多前書 1:20 (ESV/CUV) (p.2/3)

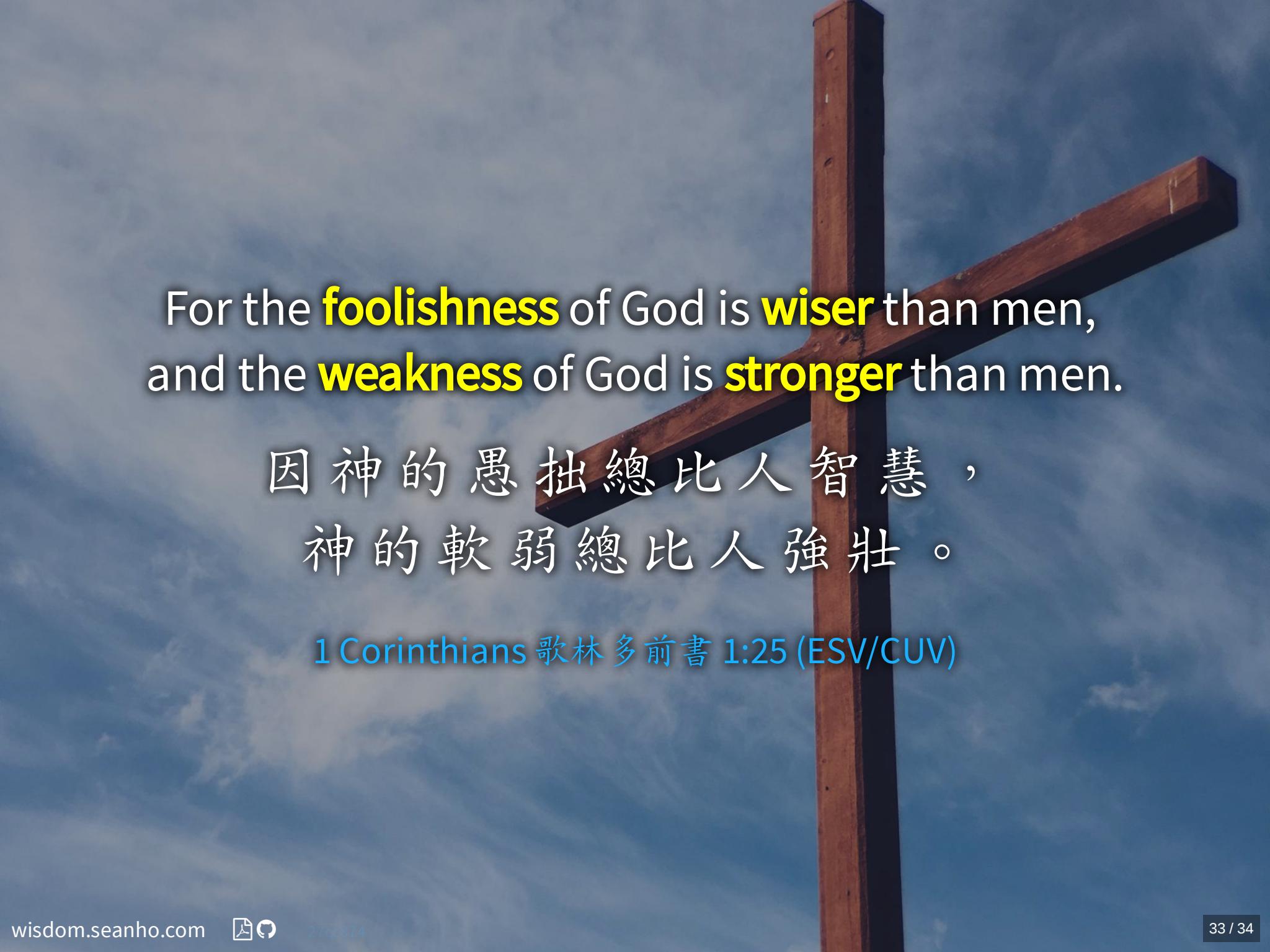
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For the **foolishness** of God is **wiser** than men,  
and the **weakness** of God is **stronger** than men.

因神的愚拙總比人智慧，  
神的軟弱總比人強壯。

1 Corinthians 歌林多前書 1:25 (ESV/CUV) (p.3/3)

What does it mean to  
be **wise**?

A wooden cross stands prominently against a backdrop of a blue sky filled with white and grey clouds. The cross is made of dark wood and is positioned diagonally across the frame.

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1. Have I **considered** what my **purpose** is? (Jam1:5)
2. What **projects** of mine have been **chasing** after the wind? (2Pet3:10-12)
3. What does it mean to be **wise**?  
(1Cor1:18-25)