



PART 2: LISTEN

It's human nature to resist being told what to do. We think our way is the best way.

But if we're honest, no one has to tell us to listen to what we *want* to hear. Pausing and listening to what we don't want to hear is a sign of **maturity**.

And the times we don't want to hear advice is often when we need it the most.

CONNECT

Have you ever given someone advice that they couldn't see the benefits of at the time? Or have you ever ignored advice that ended in a disaster? Share your experience.

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week as a reminder of what you talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. In the video, Andy said, "Humility equals receptivity. Pride always equals resistance." Have you experienced this when giving others advice? Why does pride result in resistance?
2. Read **1 Kings 3:7–9**. What about Solomon's posture stands out? How can we have the same posture in our lives?
3. In the video, Andy described how not only is life connected (your decisions today impact your decisions tomorrow), but we are connected to people around us that are impacted by our decisions.
 - a. Share a time when you made a decision you later regretted because you failed to consider the impact of that decision on the people around you.
 - b. How would taking time to recognize the impact of your decisions on the people around you affect the decisions that you make?





4. Take time to think of someone in your life who provides wise counsel. If you don't have someone, consider what qualities you would look for in a person to be that for you. Share with the group those names or qualities.
5. Is someone in your life trying to get your attention about something right now? Is there something in your life that you don't want outside input on? How can your group help support you as you navigate this?

BEFORE NEXT TIME

Listening to what we don't want to hear is an important decision to make. This week, be on the lookout for moments where people offer advice that your first instinct is to ignore. Lean into that advice and bring it before God with an open heart, asking him to show you if something needs to change. Consider grabbing coffee with someone in your group and ask if they have noticed any blind spots in your life. Share those experiences with your group next time.

PRAY

Have someone in your group pray for the godly people around you to have the courage to speak truth in love. Pray that this group will be a place of trust and accountability.

