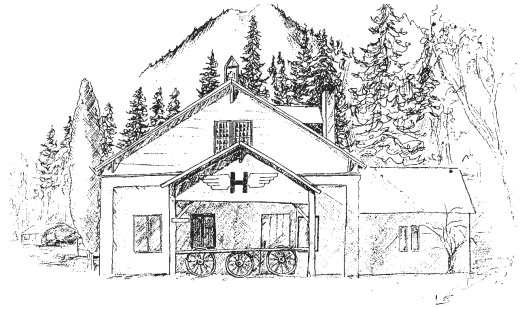


Flying H Youth Ranch

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"...turning the hearts..." Malachi 4:6 since 1962

November 4, 2008

Dear Partners,

Wisdom in decisions, or more accurately, lack of wisdom in decisions, is what brings a boy to the Ranch. When we see someone hide from reality with drugs or alcohol, foolishness is easy to recognize. If one of our teenage children seeks intimacy through multiple sexual relationships, we know we are witnessing a foolish, superficial attempt at filling a need to be truly known, that only God can fill. When we experience defiance at our resident's hands, we know the rebellion is against God. (It's often easy to see the foolishness of other's choices.) None of these examples show us a way of wisdom; they show us foolishness in a way that is hard to miss. There are other foolish ways that are harder to discern.

Proverbs 18:2 "A fool takes no delight in understanding, but instead loves to air his own opinion."

When we see a boy is unwilling to hear or understand his parents, we can easily agree; "He is being foolish." But, during an intake, we might be allowed to witness a parent say "That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard." Is that foolish according to Proverbs 18:2? Or we might see a parent "tune out" while we are trying to understand why a boy does what he does; or why a spouse has withdrawn from his/her family. Is that foolish? Is it sin?

All our sin comes down to disobeying one or both of the Great Commandments: Love God, and love your neighbor. (See Matt. 22:37-39) Is "tuning out" those we say we love sin? Is it foolish? Is there a better way? Yes! Yes! Yes! There is a way that can rightly be called "wise."

I Corinthians 1:22-24 "For indeed Jews seek for signs, and Greeks seek for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling-block, and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Jesus Christ is the embodiment of God's wisdom and power, and God's wisdom in Christ's body chose to die for my sin; the boy's sin, the parent's sin, the staff's sin, and for your sin. Does Jesus delight in understanding us? Even though we are sinners? In Hebrew's 2-5 we learn that Jesus identifies with us in our

weakness, because He Himself has suffered weakness. He, the embodiment of God's wisdom, identifies with us, understands us. The way of wisdom, the way of Jesus, is for us to delight to understand each other; to delight to identify with each other. That includes parents delighting to understand foolish, sinful boys; boys delighting to understand foolish, sinful parents; missionaries delighting to understand foolish, sinful families; and even staff delighting to understand foolish, sinful staff. This is the way of wisdom, the way of Jesus.

God bless,

Bob

Bob Hostetler

Director of Development

Our praises:

- Jordan graduated!
- ALL the boys are back with good reports from their Fall Home Assignment.
- The Family Resolve went well. Parents, boys, and staff were all challenged with how good relationships require humility, and that pride destroys our relationships.
- We had Nehemiah Servants and Sowers here in the last month helping us get ready to open the new school. Sidewalks are poured; trim and baseboards are installed; new computers and whiteboards are ready to be installed; student desks and bulletin boards are on their way; the new building is almost ready to open. We plan to move in the first week of November! We plan to have a consecration service next spring, when the mountain passes will be good for travel, and you all will be invited.
- The Huysers are at 57%!

Prayer requests:

- We need the wisdom of Jesus in our relationships with each other, with boys, and with parents.
- We are considering two new residents and need wisdom to speak to us.
- The Huysers have several opportunities to share the Ranch with others in November. Please pray for success. Rob, Cathy, and Jessica want to come and join God in the work he is doing here.

Our needs:

- More staff! Please contact me if you or someone you know is perhaps responding to God calling them to come to the Flying H.