

**Elder's Rising Bible Study Session 3**  
**Saint Peter Lutheran Church**  
**Building the Shepherd's Tool Bag**

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"So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim Your might to all the generations to come." (Psalm 71:18) p. 37

1. How can this verse from Psalm 71 help our words with those we are shepherding?

**Job**

"The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding"  
(Job 28:28). P. 41

1. This quote from Job is very deep theologically and spiritually in its shortness. How is "fear" wisdom? And to "depart from evil" understanding? What knowledge, for our shepherd's tool kit, can be applied here? Discuss in small groups first; then form a consensus in our large group.
2. Read together Martinson's description of "Elder Wisdom" on the bottom of page 41 and the top of 42. What are the "practices," we can carry from this verse, while we do our work?