

“The woman named Folly is brash. She is ignorant and doesn’t know it. She sits in her doorway on the heights overlooking the city. She calls out to men going by who are minding their own business. “Come in with me,” she urges the simple. To those who lack good judgment, she says, “Stolen water is refreshing; food eaten in secret tastes the best!” But little do they know that the dead are there. Her guests are in the depths of the grave.” Proverbs 9:13-18 NLT

## [lectio] // PROVERBS 9:13-18

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

I can't help it, I had to capture the whole passage. This is a brilliant piece personifying Folly as a woman (sorry girls). She is ignorant but doesn't know it. Wow! How many humans does this describe? Take the simple path folly says, take what you want, make it easy on yourself. These are all mantra's of the fool. Folly's job and sole purpose in life is to enlist, snare, and invite to a den of 🦴! All because the passer-by lacks judgment. Folly makes it look simple, easy, and totally self-serving. It's practically FREE, Folly says. No money down, no commitment - take it, it's yours! And the proverb says, they've just been invited to "death" and the guests are all meandering in the lobby of the "grave." This sounds so much like an Eagle's song.

## [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

My heart breaks for so many that I know that lack judgment and they are being wooed and picked off by folly everyday. I'd put down names, but that feels cruel. Please help me, show me how to reach the generation of simples before they become fools. I have to write this next book! Notes from the cliff!

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root