

**“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”**

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31**

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But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

# 1 Corinthians 1:28-29

<sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, <sup>29</sup> that no flesh should glory in His presence.

# 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— 31 that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

# Circumstances of the Call

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# Circumstances of the Call

- Not many with intellect,  
power or status

## John 7:45-47

<sup>45</sup> Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" <sup>46</sup> The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" <sup>47</sup> Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived?"

## **John 7:48-50**

<sup>48</sup> Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?

<sup>49</sup> But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.”

<sup>50</sup> Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them,

## John 7:51-52

<sup>51</sup> “Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?” <sup>52</sup> They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.”

# Contrast of the Called with the World

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But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

# 1 Corinthians 1:28

and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

# Contrast of the Called with the World

- **Wise foolishness**

## **Matthew 11:25**

At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.

# Contrast of the Called with the World

- **Wise foolishness**
- **Weak strength**

## Hebrews 11:32-33

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say?  
For the time would fail me to  
tell of Gideon and Barak and  
Samson and Jephthah, also of  
David and Samuel and the  
prophets: <sup>33</sup> who through faith  
subdued kingdoms, worked  
righteousness, obtained  
promises, stopped the mouths  
of lions,

# Hebrews 11:34-35

<sup>34</sup> quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

# Contrast of the Called with the World

- **Wise foolishness**
- **Weak strength**
- **Irrelevant relevance**

## Luke 18:9-10

9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

## **Luke 18:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.  
<sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'

## **Luke 18:13**

And the tax collector,  
standing afar off, would not  
so much as raise his eyes to  
heaven, but beat his breast,  
saying, 'God, be merciful to  
me a sinner!'

## **Luke 18:14**

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

# Consequence

# **1 Corinthians 1:29**

that no flesh should glory in  
His presence.

# Consequence

- No boasting in God's presence

## **Job 40:11**

Disperse the rage of your  
wrath; Look on everyone  
who is proud, and humble  
him.

## **James 4:6**

But He gives more grace.  
Therefore He says: "God  
resists the proud, But gives  
grace to the humble."

**Christ**

## 1 Corinthians 1:30

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

# Christ

- **Became our:  
Wisdom, righteousness,  
sanctification, redemption**

**Command**

# 1 Corinthians 1:31

that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."

# Command

- **Give God the glory!**  
**Boast of Christ alone**

## **Jeremiah 9:23**

Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;

## **Jeremiah 9:24**

But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.