TABLE TALK

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THE WISDOM OF THE GOSPEL

God's Way Over the World's Way

Scripture

I Corinthians 1:18-31

Purpose

To emphasize that God's wisdom is greater than human wisdom and that the message of the cross, though considered foolish by the world, is the power of God to save those who believe. Paul teaches that God often uses what the world considers weak, foolish, or insignificant to reveal His power and challenge human pride. Ultimately, the passage reminds believers that **true wisdom, righteousness, and salvation are found in Jesus Christ alone, and glory belongs to God**.

MOVING DIFFERENT

Have you ever faced a situation where doing things God’s way went against society, your friends, or even your own common sense suggested? What made it difficult to choose God‘s way and what did you learn from the experience.









I CORINTHIANS 1:18–21 NIV

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”[a]

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

FAITH OVER POPULAR OPINION

In a culture where everyone has an opinion and social media often influences our thinking, how can we distinguish between advice that sounds good and wisdom that actually comes from God?







I CORINTHIANS 1:22–25 KJV

22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

WEAKNESS OR STRENGTH?

The world often teaches us to seek power, control, and independence, while the Gospel teaches humility, sacrifice, and dependence on Christ. What is one area of your life where choosing God's way might require you to surrender control?







I CORINTHIANS 1:26–31 NIV

26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

CHOSEN WITHOUT ALL THE CRENDENTIALS

Have you ever felt unqualified, overlooked, or inadequate for something you believed God was calling you to do? How does knowing that God uses ordinary people change your perspective?


THANK YOU