

Message Notes

“Remember where you came from”

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *“Previously on 24, er, Church in Crisis: a study of 1st Corinthians!”*

The Ten Problems in Corinth

Paul’s Heart for the people

“the cross emptied of its power”

Christ Crucified - foolishness and scandal or power and wisdom

This week - Paul’s further attempt to kill divisions

Remember where you came from

1 Corinthians 1:26

Getting a God-centered perspective on who you are - 1 Corinthians 1:27-28

God’s Economy = Upside Down!
Luke 1:46-56

Why would God do pick the weak to shame the wise? - 1 Corinthians 1:29

1 Peter 5:5-7

So, how smart really is God?

1 Corinthians 1:30

Jesus Christ - Wisdom from God

Our benefits

The only possible, acceptable response!

1 Corinthians 1:31

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Application – *“Do the verbs!! Are you thinking and boasting?”*

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶Brothers, 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. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It 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. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

Luke 1:46-56

⁴⁶And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵²He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵to Abraham and his descendants for ever, even as he said to our fathers.” ⁵⁶Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

1 Peter 5:5-7

⁵Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Jeremiah 9:23, 24

²³This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, ²⁴but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the LORD.