

## QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you were chosen or asked to do something you thought you were unable to do, but you did it by trusting God to give you the ability to do it.
  
2. Why do you think it is dangerous for a believer to put confidence in his or her own abilities instead of fully relying upon God?
  
3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about putting our confidence in God:
  - a) Psalm 118:8
  - b) Proverbs 3:5-6
  - c) Proverbs 3:26
  - d) Proverbs 14:26
  - e) Isaiah 41:10
  - f) Philippians 3:3
  - g) I John 5:14
  
4. Why does God choose the foolish over the wise...the weak over the strong... and the lowly things over noble things?
  
5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
  - I am going to ask God how He wants to use me to serve Him, and I am going to trust Him to give me the ability to do it.
  - I am going to commit to pray for each ministry in the church this week. (Worship, Youth, Children, Security, Ushers, etc.)
  - I am going to memorize I John 5:14.

Cornerstone Church  
I Corinthians 1:26-2:5

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Study Series #004

## ***When Foolish Things Confound the Wise***

### **I. Introduction**

A. Choices

B. Chosen by God

(See Luke 12:32; Ephesians 1:4-5; I Peter 2:9)

### **II. When Foolish Things Confound the Wise**

A. God's Calling

(See I Corinthians 1:26; Acts 4:13)

B. God's Choice

(See I Corinthians 1:27-28; Isaiah 55:8-9; Matthew 2:2; Mark 15:2; Luke 23:38; John 19:19; Matthew 2:1; Micah 5:2; Luke 2:7-8; John 1:46; I Corinthians 1:29; Judges 7:1-25; Judges 8:10; Acts 4:13)

### C. God's Work

(See I Corinthians 1:30-31; Romans 3:21-26; Romans 5:1; I Corinthians 6:11; I Th 4:7; I Peter 1:1-2; Romans 8:23; Galatians 3:13; Jeremiah 9:23-24)

### D. Paul's Example

(See I Corinthians 2:1-3; Acts 17:15-34; Acts 18:1; Acts 14:8-20; Acts 16:11-40; Acts 17:1-10; Acts 17:10-15)

### E. Paul's Message

(See I Corinthians 2:4-5; John 9:25)

## Passage of Study I Corinthians 1:26-2:5

1:26 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; <sup>27</sup> but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, <sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no man may boast before God.

<sup>30</sup> But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

<sup>2:1</sup> And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

<sup>3</sup> I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

## III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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