

**“THE WORLD’S TRASH, GOD’S  
TREASURE”**  
**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Preaching the cross is foolish, but powerful. The Corinthians were reluctant in this because they thought nobody would believe it. Paul reinforced that the members of the body of Christ should trust the power of it when they interact with other Corinthians. Another obstacle was: they didn't think they were qualified; they didn't have what it takes. Remember, God doesn't do things the way society would do them. In fact, He goes counter to the world, in opposition to it! So the question is, *“Are you more than adequate to preach the gospel to people?”*

### **HIS KIND OF PEOPLE**

Notice in **verses 26-28**, that “not many” wise, mighty or noble are called. I'm glad we have some of those, for sure. In fact, we tend to get excited when someone like that gets saved; a staunch atheist, a lifelong, diehard evolutionist, an athlete/performer, a mobster or even a jihadist. Jesus is able to save anyone at any level of society, but He doesn't need the famous and mighty to prove His great power!

We might be inclined to think, “Well, the wise, mighty, and noble – those people are harder to get”. And we, on the other hand, “that's the best God can do”. No, He chooses it to be this way. It's by design! Let's consider these other terms, **Weak** – weak or sick, not the best health, (or verbally weak). **Base** – insignificant, of no family, passed over. **Despised** – Looked down on with disdain, ridiculed, the not so beautiful. **Nothings** – Meaningless; nobody expects you to achieve, accomplish; irrelevant, useless to society like Jacob Rahab, Jonah, Moses, Gideon, Jeremiah.

### **FOR HIS GLORY**

Why does He choose to do it this way? He chooses it to be this way so that nobody would think it's because of them. Of course, it's God! The message is powerful enough, and more than sufficient. These passages are meant to act as a firewall in their minds and hearts. You don't need to be eloquent, brilliant, full of Charisma (Mr. /Mrs. Personality), or cool. He doesn't need any of that; THIS is how the power of God is displayed!

### **CONSIDER**

- Do you believe the simple Gospel message has power?
- Do you believe what this passage says about you?
- Will you admit that the Gospel is enough, you are enough, and Jesus is enough?
- Who will you share the Gospel with this year?

### **PRAY ...**

- That each member of this local Church would regularly tell people about the Good News!