



1 Corinthians

1:26-31 – 2:1-5 (NIV)

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.”

2 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!



Sermon Notes

God **CALLS** us

“think of what you were when you were called.” v26

God sees farther than we can see, knows more than we can know, has a better future than we can imagine.

Will we trust to a known God an unknown future?

God **CHALLENGES** us

If it doesn’t challenge you it doesn’t change you

I was unsure of how to go about this, and felt totally inadequate—I was scared to death, if you want the truth of it — and so nothing I said could have impressed you or anyone else. 1 Cor 2:3 (Msg)

Our greatest fears: uncertainty, loss of control, rejection

Where is your faith challenging you the most?

God **CHANGES** us

So your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power v5

Challenge breeds **CHANGE**

I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. Ez 36:26