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**Date:** 10/13/24 **Message:** The Message, Wisdom, & Power of the Cross  
**Series:** Called Out **Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 1:17-2:16

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A dangerous possibility:

Why many do *not* believe:

Why some *do* believe:

Why God planned it this way:

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Corinthians 1:17-2:16

1. What is the message of the cross? What would Christianity or the Bible look like without the cross?
2. 1 Cor. 1:17 indicates that it is entirely possible for “the cross of Christ to be emptied of its power.” What are some specific ways that we might, perhaps without even knowing it, empty the cross of its power? How do we avoid this danger?
3. Why is the message of the cross considered by many to be foolish or weak or unimpressive?
4. In what other ways does God turn the tables on what the world considers foolish and wise? How does the message of the cross prove that God is actually wiser and stronger than the world realizes?
5. Where do you see Jesus’s relationships in the Gospels exemplifying God’s choice of the unlikely, unimpressive, and unworthy (1 Cor. 1:26-28)? Who in your circle would fall into such categories? And how does God’s choice of the unlikely, unimpressive, and unworthy contribute to how you think of yourself?
6. What does having a simple method of presenting the message of the gospel look like in your particular context? How does Paul’s focus on simple and clear preaching relieve the burdens we place on ourselves or the fears we have in sharing our faith with others?
7. Why is boasting so common in our culture, including among Christians? Why does God not want anyone to boast before Him (1 Cor. 1:29)?