

*God  
Calling*

*1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

## **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

**26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:**

**27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;**

**28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:**

## **1 Corinthians 1:26-31 - continued**

**29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.**

**30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:**

**31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.**

# Introduction

**A. God calls people**

**B. God calls people to salvation**

**Revelation 22:17**

**And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

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**C. God calls people to service**

**Romans 1:1**

**Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle,  
separated unto the gospel of God,**

**Galatians 1:15**

**But when it pleased God, who separated me from my  
mother's womb, and called me by his grace,**

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**D. God's calls is steadfast**

**Romans 11:29**

**For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.**

**God is still calling people today**

# **I. God Calls The Foolish (v 27)**

## **A. He called foolish Zacchaeus**

- 1. Zacchaeus had lived only for what he could accumulate**

**Jeremiah 17:11**

**As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.**

- 2. His main goal in life was to become wealthy**

**Luke 12:21**

**So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.**

# **I. God Calls The Foolish (v 27)**

**A. He called foolish Zacchaeus - continued**

**3. He cheated others to get ahead**

**Proverbs 22:16**

**He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.**

**4. He was called down from the sycamore tree to be saved**

**Romans 3:23**

**For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**

**What does God have to call us down from?**

# **I. God Calls The Foolish (v 27)**

**B. God called foolish Jonah, who tried to run away from God**

**Proverbs 19:13**

**The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.**

**C. He called the foolish to wisdom and eternal life**

**Proverbs 9:6**

**Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.**

## **II. God Calls The Weak (v 27)**

### **A. He called the prodigal son**

- 1. The young man was so weak that he was out of control**

**Luke 15:13**

**And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.**

- 2. He was so weak, he squandered his inheritance**
- 3. He was so weak, he gave in to bad company**

## II. God Calls The Weak (v 27)

### B. God has called the weak to do mighty things



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## **II. God Calls The Weak (v 27)**

### **C. Why does God use nobodies? (v 29)**

#### **1. It shows His power to change lives**

**1 Corinthians 15:10**

**But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**

#### **2. People will see the miracle and turn to Christ**

**Acts 9:42**

**And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.**

# **III. God Calls The Base And Despised (v 28)**

**A. He called the woman at the well to reach her town  
John 4:39**

**And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.**

# **III. God Calls The Base And Despised (v 28)**

**B. He called harlots and lepers to the amazement  
of the Pharisees**

**Luke 7:39**

**Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it,  
he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a  
prophet, would have known who and what manner of  
woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.**

**He is still calling outcasts to salvation because of His  
love**

**God Is Calling  
Today**