The Wisdom of God, part 1

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.

-Charles Spurgeon

I. A Different Evaluation

II. A Different Understanding

III. A Different Approach

Take it Deeper:

1) What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge? What are their different outcomes and results in a life? (Proverbs 1:1-7; Proverbs 2:1-12; 1 Corinthians 8:1; 1 Corinthians 13:1-2)

2) Why is the gospel message foolishness to the world? From the world's perspective, why doesn't it make sense? What kinds of things would the world expect to find in a message of salvation?

3) Why does God use a "foolish" message to save sinners? What does this demonstrate about His power and wisdom? What does it emphasize in the process of evangelism? (Consider 2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

4) What are some practical implications of our profound weakness? How does it move us to respond to God? How does it move us to respond toward others in the church? How does it encourage us when it comes to preaching the gospel to the lost?

For Families: Talk with your kids about pride and humility. Discuss areas of weakness, and how God has revealed his strength in those places. Consider how he has brought others into your life (spouse/friend/etc.) that compliment those areas of need. Consider how you have seen God demonstrate His strength when you were not strong on your own. Encourage your kids with the understanding that they are able to rest in God's strength rather than relying on their own.