The Wisdom of God, part 2

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.

-Martin Luther

I. The Christian's Calling

II. The Christian's Confidence

Take it Deeper:

1) Paul reminds his readers that not many of them measured up to the world's standard of success or prominence. Why do we feel the need to be important? How does this need impact our response to a gospel that says we can offer nothing of eternal importance?

2) How does God's calling of the weak and insignificant put His glory on display? How should that impact our presentation of the gospel to our friends, family, and the world around us? How does this impact how we relate to other people?

3) Where do people typically find their identity? How about within the church? What are some things that even believers might be tempted to find their identity in that are less significant than who we are in Christ? What's the danger of finding identity, even in those good things?

4) How can we cultivate finding our identity in Christ? What are practical ways that we can continue to impress that truth upon our minds and hearts? How can we encourage others in this reality? Knowing that identity is a struggle for all of us to some degree, how can we come alongside fellow saints and joyfully encourage believers with the truth of who they are in Christ?

5) What does being "in Christ" result in for the believer? Why does it matter that God declares us righteous? Why does it matter that he continues to sanctify us? How do these things bring us joy and encouragement, even when life is difficult?

6) For Families: Talk with your kids about where they find their identities. Talk about the reality that we all face in wanting to be accepted and loved, even as adults. Take the time to explain the danger in trying to be someone that the world will accept. Remind them of what it means to be found in Christ, and how this identity is one that nothing in the world can change or shake.