

# For Such a Time as This

## A Daily Devotional

### Tuesday, May 5, 2026



From 1 Corinthians 1:

**For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart.” Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.**

Paul was convinced that the revelation of who God is and what God is like is more surely found in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ than it is in a thunderstorm, a beautiful lily, or a rational argument for the existence of God. In the cross of Christ is God’s purposes and God’s very being and character most certainly revealed.

This confounds those who hope for victory in divine events or rational exhibitions of God’s tremendous power. Instead, in the weakness and the smallness and the commonness of the crucifixion, the reality of God’s love and judgment was displayed.

Kimlyn Bender, a theologian who has written an interesting commentary on the First Letter to the Corinthians, says this:

**Through the foolishness of the cross and its proclamation, God has destroyed the wisdom of the world (whether the settled truths of its philosophical traditions, the heights of achieved knowledge, or the brilliance of its rhetorical practice) and has abrogated human strength (whether expressed in intellectual arguments, cultural attainments, or political achievements). That he has done this through the weakness of a man condemned and crucified displays the entire overthrow of the world rationality and power. As Luther summarizes this revolution: ‘For the cross of Christ has condemned all things that the world approves, even its wisdom and righteousness.’**

Anything else I could add, at this point, would be underwhelming to say the least!

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