

“Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom.” 1 Corinthians 1:21-22 NLT

## [lectio] // 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

## [meditatio]

reflect on – what word, words, phrase, or sentence speaks to you from the text, then write them down

The world would never know him through human wisdom. Paul does not say that those who believe are simpletons, just that faith is not the same as “proof.” Human wisdom says, one doesn’t die to save! Human wisdom says, God does not become man and live, suffer and go to a criminal’s cross. God’s wisdom is truth through extreme love, sacrifice and forgiveness. Human wisdom still can’t figure out forgiveness! We only know retribution, retaliation and violence to solve issues.

## [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

So, of course this wouldn’t make sense to us! Sin and selfishness has flipped our hearts to oppose the very thing you offer. To make sense of our life and the world around us now, we have to believe and bend our knee to your lordship. Today, I bend my knee and heart to see you, to know you. Help me to offer this senseless love and forgiveness to those I come across today.

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root