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### Unlikely Choice – Unlikely Choices

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (ESV)

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

#### God’s unlikely choices.

- Not many wise
- Not many powerful (might)
- Not many of noble birth.

“God chose what is foolish in the world”

“God chose what is weak, low and despised in the world”

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NKJV)

“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,  
Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the Lord.  
“For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways,  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

Psalms 51:17 (NIV)

“My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart  
you, God, will not despise.”

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 (ESV)

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