

Weekend – I Choose  
God's Wisdom Over Worldly Wisdom  
1-15-16

*1 Corinthians 1:27*

*But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.*

*1 Kings 19:19-21*

*<sup>19</sup> So Elijah went and found Elisha son of Shaphat plowing a field. There were twelve teams of oxen in the field, and Elisha was plowing with the twelfth team. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak across his shoulders and then walked away. <sup>20</sup> Elisha left the oxen standing there, ran after Elijah, and said to him, "First let me go and kiss my father and mother good-bye, and then I will go with you!"*

*Elijah replied, "Go on back, but think about what I have done to you."*

*<sup>21</sup> So Elisha returned to his oxen and slaughtered them. He used the wood from the plow to build a fire to roast their flesh. He passed around the meat to the townspeople, and they all ate. Then he went with Elijah as his assistant.*

*Luke 9:61-62*

*<sup>61</sup> Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family."*

*<sup>62</sup> But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."*

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Predictable, Consistent Formula

God's Wisdom

Unique and Personal

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God's Wisdom

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Comfort / Ease  
Have a backup plan.

Growth / Movement  
Trust Him.

**Disturb us, Lord, when  
We are too pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true  
Because we dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely  
Because we sailed too close to the shore.**

**Disturb us, Lord, when  
with the abundance of things we possess  
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,  
We have ceased to dream of eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.**

**Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wilder seas  
Where storms will show Your mastery;  
Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.**

**We ask you to push back  
The horizons of our hopes;  
And to push back the future  
In strength, courage, hope, and love.**

**This we ask in the name of our Captain,  
Who is Jesus Christ. Amen**

*Sir Francis Drake*