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CORINTHIANS

CHRIST ALONE: TOGETHER



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1:10-17—Elevating servants (like Paul or Apollos) over the Savior is stupid. Quit it! Jesus died for us.

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1:26-31—God chooses to elevate the foolish and powerless in the world’s eye (like the Corinthians) to show how wise and strong He is.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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The Big Idea

Elevate Jesus in every way to experience God's power over everything. Keep the main thing (Jesus) the main thing to gain everything!

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 - Don't forget that only God's power can change people.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

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- Authentically acknowledging our weakness is powerful. God delights in using weak people to show His strength.

James 4:6

⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

1 Corinthians 11:25-26

²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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