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25 For the **foolishness of God is wiser than men**, and the **weakness of God is stronger than men**. 26 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**. 27 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**; 28 God chose what is **low and despised** in the world, even things that are not, **to bring to nothing things that are**, 29 so that **no human being might boast** in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, “**Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.**”

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Psalm 8:1-4 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. **When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?**

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Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were **uneducated, common men**, they were astonished. And they recognized that **they had been with Jesus.**

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1 Sam 16:6-12 When they came, he looked on **Eliab** and thought, “**Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.**” 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “**Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.**” 8 Then Jesse called **Abinadab** and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” 9 Then Jesse made **Shammah** pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”

10 And Jesse made **seven of his sons** pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “**The Lord has not chosen these.**” 11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “**There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.**” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” 12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he was **ruddy** and had **beautiful eyes** and was **handsome**. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.”

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Micah 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are **too little to be among the clans of Judah**, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Isaiah 53:2-3 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had **no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.** He was **despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;** and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and **we esteemed him not.**

Phil 2:5-11 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, **did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,** 7 but **emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,** being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he **humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,** even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the **name that is above every name,** 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Judges 7:2 The Lord said to Gideon, “The **people with you are too many** for me to give the Midianites into their hand, **lest Israel boast over me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’** 3 Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, ‘Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.’” Then **22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained.** 4 And the Lord said to Gideon, “**The people are still too many.** Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall go with you,’ shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall not go with you,’ shall not go.”

5 So he brought the people down to the water. And the Lord said to Gideon, “Every one who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself. Likewise, every one who kneels down to drink.” 6 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was 300 men, but all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water. 7 And the Lord said to Gideon, “**With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand, and let all the others go every man to his home.**”

Luke 17:11-19 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13 and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” 14 When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” **And as they went they were cleansed.** 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now **he was a Samaritan.** 17 Then Jesus answered, **“Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”** 19 And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.