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Today's Scripture Passage:

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 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. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

Questions:

- 1. Are you often or occasionally plagued with doubts about your abilities? Cite an instance.
- 2. What do our abilities have to do with our intrinsic worth to God?
- 3. Look at Luke 9:10-17. What do you conclude about Jesus "putting" the disciples in a situation that called for action exceeding their capabilities?
- 4. Read Exodus 3. What do you conclude about God "putting" Moses in a situation that called for action exceeding his capabilities?
- 5. What does this passage in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 teach us about our inadequacies and God's choice of us?

Prayer:

- 1. Our search for a pastor. Specifically, for elder conversations with the man the search team and elders believe may be the person God wants as our pastor.
- 2. Our church moving forward in step with the Spirit of God in this new year.
- 3. Spiritual, Relational, Numerical, and Financial Growth of our church.