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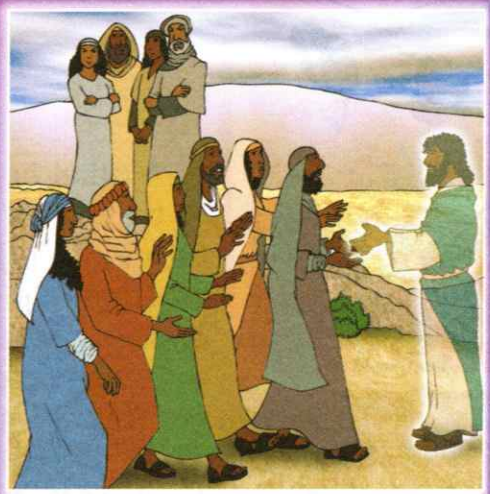
LESSON 10

Called into a Special Relationship



Lesson Scripture:
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

By teaching about the Cross, we learn the power of God. The Scriptures teach this: "God will cause a wise man not to understand."

God made the world's wisdom foolish. The world is not wise enough to know God. God's message may sound foolish to Jews who want miracles and Greeks who want wisdom—but Christ is God's power and wisdom to everyone whom God calls. God's foolishness is wiser, and even His weaknesses are stronger than men.

Key Verse

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 Corinthians 1:27)

Where were you when God called you? Few were wise by the world's standards. Few had very much influence or important families. God chose foolish and weak things to shame the wise and the strong. God chose things hated by the world, so He could destroy what the world thinks is important. No one can brag. We are part of Christ Jesus because of God. Christ is our gift of wisdom from God and why we are right with God. Through Him, we are free from sin and we are holy. So, people who must brag should only brag about the Lord.

A Wise Decision

Markel had a decision to make. He had to decide whether to try out for the basketball team at school or participate in a tutoring program in his worst subject—math! What a decision: whether to join the team and have fun playing his favorite sport, or spend lots of time working on math. That they happened at the same time each day was terrible.

"That's just not fair!" complained Markel to his mom.

"What's not fair?" asked his mom.

"That basketball practice and math tutoring are at the same time!" exclaimed Markel. "Why couldn't it just work out so that I could do both?"

"Well, your dad and I aren't pushing you either way," said his mom. "It's your decision, and we know that you'll make the best decision."

"Yeah, I know," said Markel. "You trust me to make a wise decision, and I don't think it's fair that I have to choose!"

"Maybe you'll be able to talk to the math teacher and the basketball coach and work something out," said his mom.

"I don't know," said Markel. "But I'll try."

Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab

Hello! Ruby here! Today's lesson is an important one for all of us to learn. How many times have you been in Markel's position? What would you choose to do? Would you take the opportunity to improve your math grades, or would you go out for the basketball team? Why did Markel's mom tell him that it was his decision to make?

It seems that Markel is in a difficult position. What would the wise decision be for Markel? What would your solution be? We all face these types of decisions. Think about how you can make wise decisions.