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What's something our culture tells people they need in order to be "successful" or "significant"? Have you ever personally felt pressure from that?

Paul says the cross looks "foolish" to many people. Why do you think the message of a crucified Savior still feels strange, weak, or offensive in today's culture?

In what ways do you think Christians today can slowly begin "thinking more like Corinthians than Christians"? Where do you see cultural values pressuring believers the most right now?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:30 again. Which word stands out to you most right now—wisdom, righteousness, holiness, or redemption—and why?

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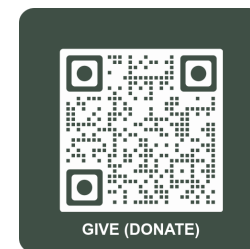
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