

## “Nonsense, Part 1 (The Response to the Cross)”

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Sunday, February 4, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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*1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

**BIG IDEA:** What difference does the Cross make?

*“I decided to know nothing among you  
except Jesus Christ and him crucified.”*

*1 Corinthians 2:2 (CSB)*



**I can trip over the Cross.** (v18-23a)



**I can laugh at the Cross.** (v23b)



**I can embrace the Cross.** (v24-25)

**BIG IDEA:** What difference does the Cross make?

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**THINK:** Reflect on Paul’s message about the Cross of Jesus Christ, then ask yourself these questions: *When, in your estimation, did your parents suddenly become wiser? What was the least useful course you had to take in high school or college? What was the “wisdom and power” that was so attractive to the Corinthians (v20-21, 26; see also 2:1, 4-5)? In contrast, what was the “wisdom and power” of God (v18, 21, 24-25; see also 27-30 & 2:4-5)? Is Paul rejecting education itself, or something else? Why do some take offense at the Cross? Why do others mock the Cross? What does it mean to embrace the Cross?*

**DO:** How would others describe your response to the Cross?