

Pastor Randy's short devotion for Wednesday, February 1st

“Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.” (1 Corinthians 2:6-7)

When I was young, decades ago, we did have some voices of wisdom, people like Martin Luther King Jr., Billy Graham, and before my time Mahatma Gandhi. Later on there were people like Bishop Desmond Tutu, Mandela Nelson, Mother Theresa, Pope John Paul II. These voices spoke wisdom of God's desire for us to live in peace with justice as to following the ways of the world. Today, I can't really identify such prominent voices. The wisdom of the world seems to be do what you can to get attention, get more social media followers, or do everything you can to win, get more money or what can you do to get more power or maintain power. Paul points us to the wisdom of God, which he identifies earlier as Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. Paul speaks of our God as one who sees us and knows us. God knows that we will eventually fall short of his desire for us and sin against God and one another. God reveals the wisdom of the cross of Christ, revealing the depth of God's love to defeat sin and death with Jesus facing the cross. The mystery of God's love that seeks us out in our brokenness and lift us up with his love, to forgive, to reconcile and to make new. The wisdom of God is the mystery of his love that continues to seek us out.