Biblical Drama based on 1 Corinthians 1:1-25
Character Parts: Narrators 1-3, Paul, Crispus, Chloe

Narrator 1: As the Apostle Paul traveled from town to town telling people about Jesus, he helped to start many congregations. One of these congregations was in the Greek city of Corinth.

Narrator 2: Paul had stayed for a while and taught them all about Jesus. He raised up leaders among the Christians of that city. But eventually, when it was time to move on, he had to say goodbye.

Paul: *(getting ready to leave)* My dear friends, I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus. In every way you have been enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — even as the truth about Christ was confirmed among you.

Crispus: But what will happen when you leave? Can we really do this on our own?

Paul: You have no need to worry. You are not lacking in any gift. As you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, he will sustain you to the end, so that you will be guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Remember, God is faithful. He is the one who called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He is in charge.

Crispus: We will miss you.

Paul: I will miss you too. May God be with you!

(Paul leaves Corinth.)

Narrator 3: In his travels, Paul would keep in contact with the congregations he visited. Often, he would receive updates on how they were doing. Sometimes the news was good, sometimes it was not.

Paul: Chloe! How good it is to see you! I'm glad that you and your friends could come. How are things back in Corinth?

Chloe: Well, Paul, to be honest, not everything is going well. There is a lot of quarreling going on in the church.

Paul: I'm sad to hear that. I wish there were no divisions among you. I want you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

Chloe: Unfortunately, everyone has their favorite teacher. They have started to break up into different groups. Some say, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas." Some even claim that they are the only *real* followers of Christ.

Paul: How can they say that? Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that they were baptized in my name.

Chloe: Well, you did also baptize the household of Stephanas. But beyond that, I do not know whether you baptized anyone else.

Paul: The point is, Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel. I did not use words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. The word of the cross may seem foolish to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Chloe: But shouldn't we listen to those who are wise?

Paul: Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? God made foolish the wisdom of the world. The world cannot come to know God through human wisdom.

Chloe: But some say that believing in the message of Jesus is not enough. How can God save us by a simple promise?

Paul: It pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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