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The background of the slide features a large, dark wooden cross on the left side, set against a dramatic sky with soft, golden light filtering through the clouds. At the bottom of the image, an open Bible is visible, with its pages spread wide, resting on a dark surface. The overall composition is serene and spiritual.

God's Wisdom and Power (II)

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

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Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation	Romans 11:33-36 (CSB)
Welcome	Candy Chin
Adoration	O Worship The King How Great Is Our God Overcome
Prayer	Roberta Leo
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (CSB) Sherman Yeang
Proclamation	God's Wisdom and Power (II) Pastor Oleg Xu
Response Music	Cornerstone
Offertory Prayer	Sherman Yeang
Announcements	Dorothy Liu
Benediction	Pastor Oleg Xu



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1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (CSB)

26 Brothers and sisters, consider your calling: Not many were wise from a human perspective, not many powerful, not many of noble birth. **27** Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong. **28** God has chosen what is insignificant and despised in the world—what is viewed as nothing—to bring to nothing what is viewed as something, **29** so that no one may boast in his presence. **30** It is from him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom from God for us—our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption— **31** in order that, as it is written: Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

Notes:

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Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

"Character Led Jesus to the Cross"

The average man would not easily have chosen to live a life dedicated to helping others, speaking truth at all costs, and ultimately find himself sacrificing his life for others. Then again, Jesus is my mentor and hero because He is not an "average man!"

Life is full of successes and failures for each of us. Many of us evaluate our value based on the secular accomplishments that our education and careers have brought our way. Appreciation of opportunities that have manifested themselves throughout our lives is not wrong. But to find ourselves completely wrapped up in the obtaining of more and more worldly accomplishments is fleeting. The slang term of our day communicates things clearly, "you can't take it with you!" Colossians 3:1-2 says, *"Therefore, since you have been raised with Christ, strive for the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."*

We Christians are a strange breed. If we have learned our lessons well as Christ's disciples, we probably don't reflect our world's goals, values, or society well. As our brave mentor, Jesus, modeled a life of dedication and purpose. He never allowed the distractions of this world to corrupt his direction or His ultimate purpose. Indeed, even Satan could not misdirect the path of Jesus. We know the ultimate price that Christ faced on our behalf as he courageously entered Jerusalem. He revealed that being a strong leader can certainly face down the evil that is found in this world.

Announcements

- **The 2024 contribution statement is ready to pick up at the welcome desk (foyer) in front of the Sanctuary on Sun, Jan 26, 2025, from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.** We will mail them out after that. If you have any questions about your statement, please email to financials@cbchouston.org.
- **The Senior Rainbow Chinese New Year celebration has been rescheduled due to the last winter storm. The new date will be on Thursday, Jan 30, 2025 from 10 am to noon in the FLC, Cost is \$7/ person.** Please RSVP to Dorothy Chow (281-222-9180) or Josephine Jue (713-774-4321).
- **Boomers and Bereans Fellowship on Saturday, Feb 1, 2025 is cancelled.**
- **The Mandarin Ministry cordially invites everyone to attend and celebrate their Spring Festival held on Saturday, Feb 1, 2025 from 3:30 pm to 7 pm in the FLC.** Please bring your favorite dish to share and join in the fellowship together.
- **Please join a 2 part session on Faith Milestones—A Child's Salvation, Baptism, and Communion—offered on 2 Sundays, Feb 2 and Feb 9, 2025. All are welcome to attend from 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM in Room 134 hosted by the Married I & II English SS class and presented by Geraldine Cheng-Lee.**
- **Senior Rainbow Field Trip will be on Wednesday, Feb 12, 2025** to visit the Sam Houston Statue and beyond in Huntsville, TX. The tour of museum grounds include the Steamboat House & Woodland Home; a movie, and the main museum of President Sam Houston. The cost is \$10/ person for the guided tour. The bus will depart from CBC parking lot at 8 am. Please RSVP to Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180 or Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321.
- **The Grandparents Summit will be held on Saturday, Feb 22, 2025 from 9 am to 4:30 pm at Houston Chinese Church.** It's a wonderful opportunity for grandparents to connect and be reminded of the important influence on their grandchildren, (whether by visiting, babysitting, or a long distance relationship) to pass on a legacy of faith! Please scan the QR code below for details.

