



Heartbeats along the way: The Foolish Heart

"The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good." Psalm 14:1

"We are fools for the sake of Christ." 1 Corinthians 4:10a

What are we talking about, you're asking? These letters are about hearts. But, all varieties of adjectives are attached to hearts. It's important to understand hearts that are not God-believers. If you look at the first verse carefully you will understand that the Psalmist immediately dismisses the unbelieving fool stating they are corrupt, are doing horrible deeds, and not working for good.

The foolish heart disdains God. We all know how hard it is to deal with fools. (Look at ourselves some days.) But that is what God calls us to do. Fools are enemies of God and God's people. Fools are precisely the group of people Jesus, when he hung on the cross, asked His Heavenly Father to forgive.

So, fools are the fish we are to fish for. Fools are one reason we're building Spring Garden Campus; it's the foolish fish we're called to lead to the love of Christ. We must offer Christ to the thirsty, the suffering, the despairing, the scoffer, the doubter, and even the unbelieving fool.

We are Christians: we confess and believe in God and God's amazing love. Our simple tag line is "Follow God, Build Community." And yes, we're sometimes even labeled fools, but we are fools for Christ.

We're not building the Spring Garden Campus to be simply a 'Come to" place. That is just half of the reason. We're building it as a GAS station: God's Amazing Salvation station, where we fill up with worship and grow and drive away to connect and serve.

We must not ignore the foolish heart. And we must also guard ourselves from the foolishness of denying God.

"Lord of my life, may my heart always be a fool for you, and never a fool that denies You. Amen."

~ cl reynolds