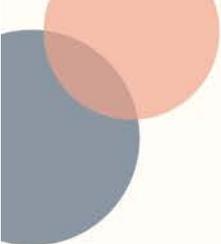


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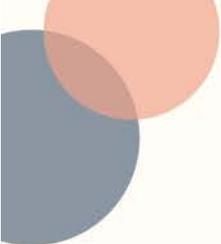
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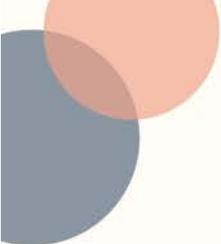
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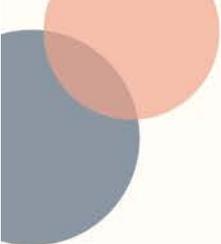




1 Corinthians 1:30-31 ^{NIV}

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us **wisdom from God**—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”





1 Corinthians 2:1-5 ^{NIV}

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, **I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom** as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ **I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.** ⁴ **My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words,** but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.



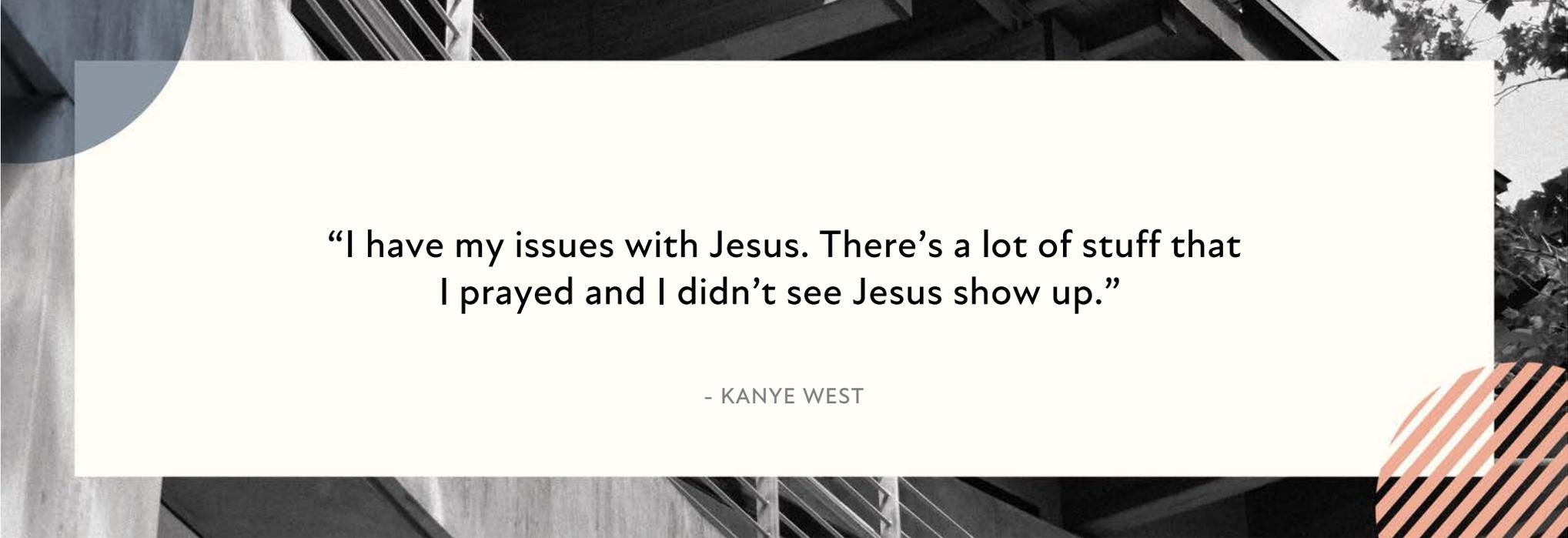


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“I have my issues with Jesus. There’s a lot of stuff that I prayed and I didn’t see Jesus show up.”

- KANYE WEST



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ETERNAL & GLORIOUS

1 Corinthians 2:6-7 ^{NIV}

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.





WISDOM OF GOD
...ON CHRIST
...OF SPIRIT
ETERNAL & GLORIOUS

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 ^{NIV}

However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived”-
the things God has prepared for those who love him-

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.





SALVATION IS THE WISDOM OF GOD

Planned by the Father (v.7)
Accomplished by the Son (v.8)
Revealed by the Spirit (v.10)

1 Corinthians 2:7-10 ^{NIV}

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Wisdom of God comes
through the spirit so we
can know & share it.

1 Corinthians 2:11-13 ^{NIV}

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, **so that we may understand what God has freely given us.** ¹³ This is what **we speak**, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, **explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.**





Wisdom of God is
received differently by
two kinds of people.

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 ^{NIV}

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for,

“Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

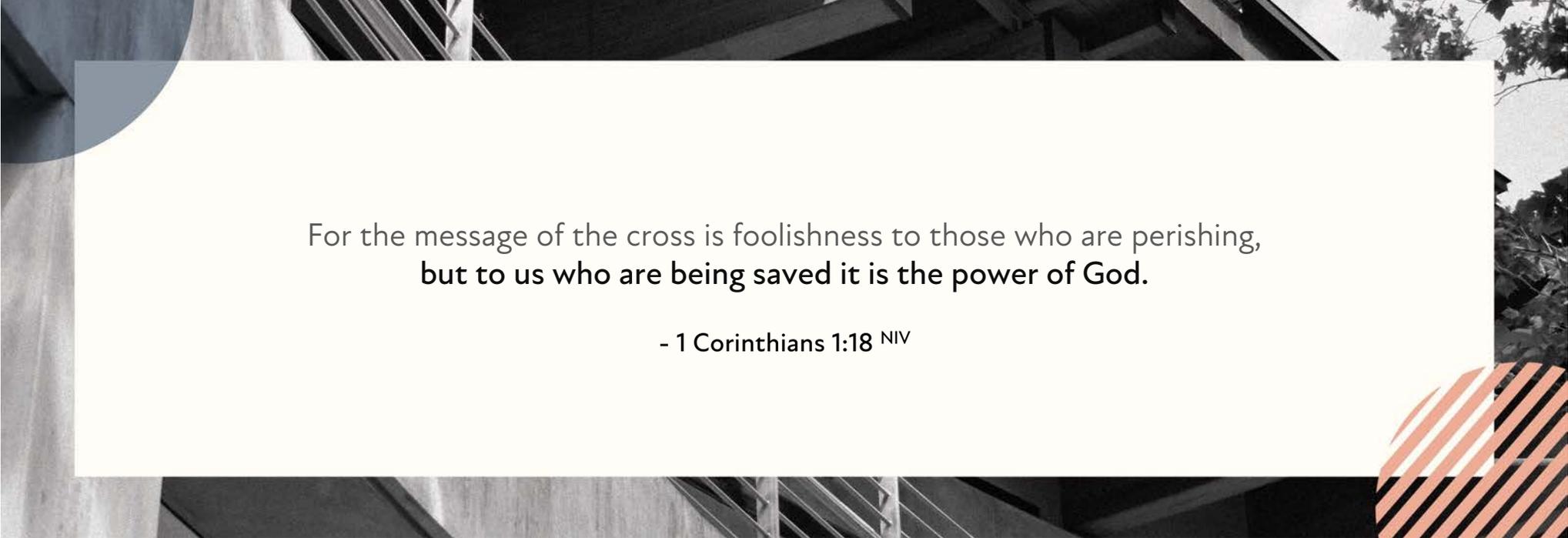


WISDOM OF THE
WORLD

Temporary, leads to emptiness (v.6)
Based on superior thought/persuasion (v.1)
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WISDOM OF
GOD

Eternal, leads to His & our glory (v.7)
Based on Christ's work & Spirit's power (v.2-4)
Sees Cross & Gospel as power of God (v.5)



For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- 1 Corinthians 1:18 ^{NIV}