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## DAILY DEVOTION THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

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### **1 Corinthians 1:18(NIV)**

“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.”

Could it be that we've become so familiar with the cross that we've lost all its meaning and, in losing its meaning, we've lost its power?

Apostle Paul experienced the power of the cross in his life.

It radically transformed him from a persecutor of Christ followers to a follower himself.

He recognized the difference in how people view the cross.

In 1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV), he wrote, “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.”

To those who are perishing, he said the message of the cross was foolishness! The Greek word he used there means “madness” or “insanity.” When you think about it for a moment, the cross is foolishness to a lost and dying world.

It is a symbol of death and defeat. How could a “victorious” faith ever be identified by such a logo representing death?

The cross is for losers! It's true. The cross is for losers like you and me! It's for people like me who need to lose their guilt and shame. The cross has the power to turn losers into winners! The cross has the power to redeem us and give us victory over the hurts, habits, and hang-ups that keep us defeated and addicted. It turns losers into winners – victorious Christ followers breaking the strongholds of sin and addiction in our lives and setting us free! That's why Paul adds, “... but to us who are being saved it is the power of God!”

We live in a world that has forgotten the meaning of the cross. We've turned it into a trinket of jewelry and lost the power that it truly represents and offers. The word power that Paul uses in this passage is the Greek word “dunamis”, from which we get our English words “dynamite” or “dynamic”! It is explosively transforming! There is a “dynamic” to the cross that is life-changing! It changed Paul's life, and it will change yours!

If you need to lose the regrets of the past and the weight of guilt and shame for mistakes you've made, if you desire to break free from addictive habits that you know are destroying your life and relationships, look to the cross. Experience the power of the cross that turns losers into winners! Cross is not the challenge or trouble you are having or bad situation. The message of the Cross is power to deliver and to set the captives free.

Is the power and the message of Salvation to the whole world.

## **PRAYER**

Oh Lord Jesus, let me know the true meaning of your Cross and deliver me from every captivity by the power of the Cross in Jesus name