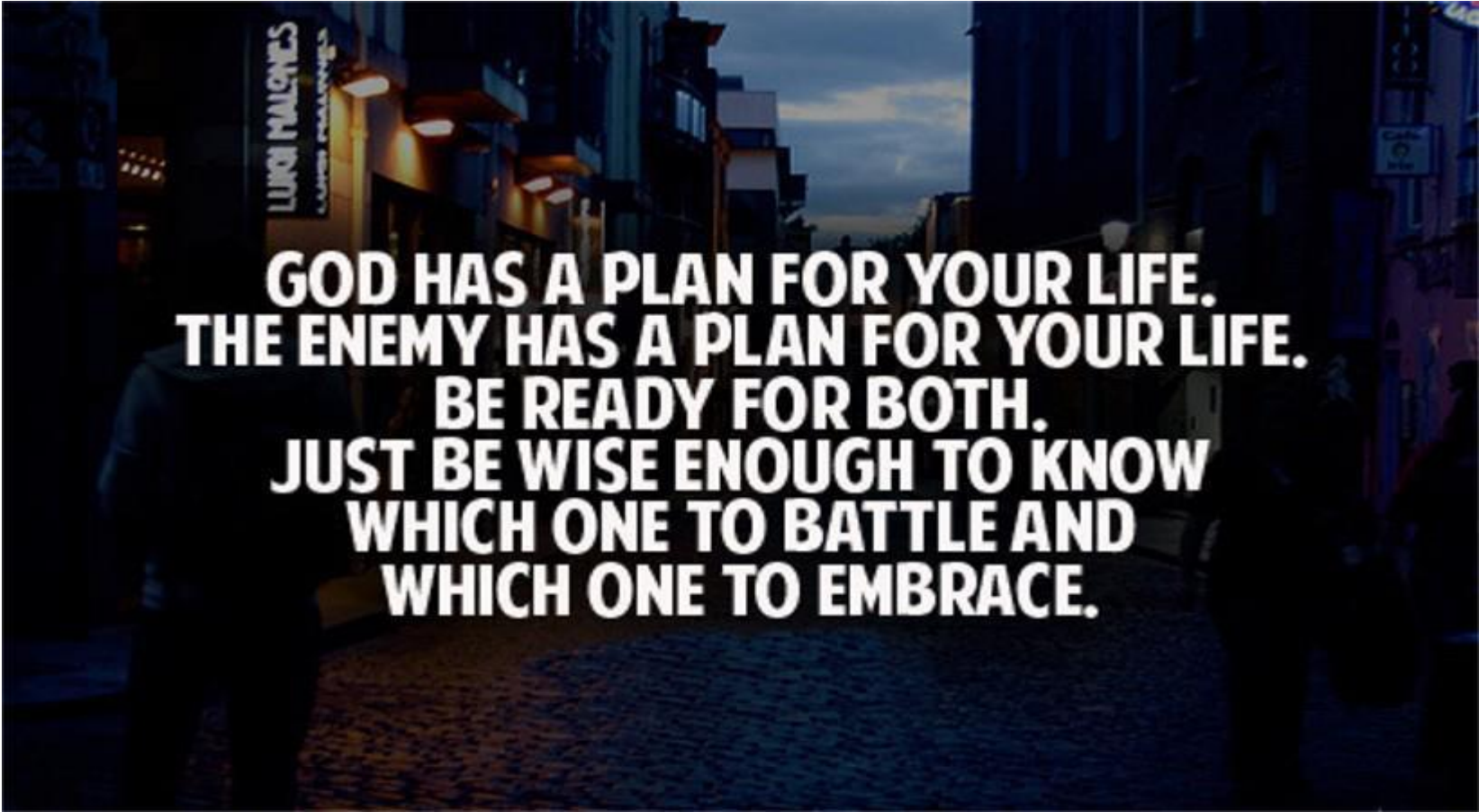


The World's Wisdom or God's Wisdom?



**GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.
THE ENEMY HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.
BE READY FOR BOTH.
JUST BE WISE ENOUGH TO KNOW
WHICH ONE TO BATTLE AND
WHICH ONE TO EMBRACE.**

1 Corinthians 1:18-20

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will
frustrate.”^[a]

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

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How does a man in his wisdom view God's wisdom?

How does God view man's wisdom?

Can we have it both ways?

If you think I'm a fool and I think you are a fool, what will our relationship be like?

1 Corinthians 3:18-20

¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight. As it is written: “He catches the wise in their craftiness”^[a]; ²⁰ and again, “The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.”

Why does Paul say, "Don't deceive yourselves"?

It is easy to convince yourself that what we want to believe, what is comfortable, what is familiar, is right.

Matthew 16:13-17

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

What kind of man was Peter?

Was he religious?

According to Jesus, Where does Peter's answer
come from?

Matthew 16:21-23

- ²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.
- ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”
- ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

What was Jesus' response to Peter's rebuke?

Where does the world's wisdom really come from?

What is the “world’s wisdom”?

What is at the center of man’s wisdom?

2 Timothy 3:2

² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

Matthew 16:24-26

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

What is Jesus' message?

How is it the opposite of the world's wisdom?

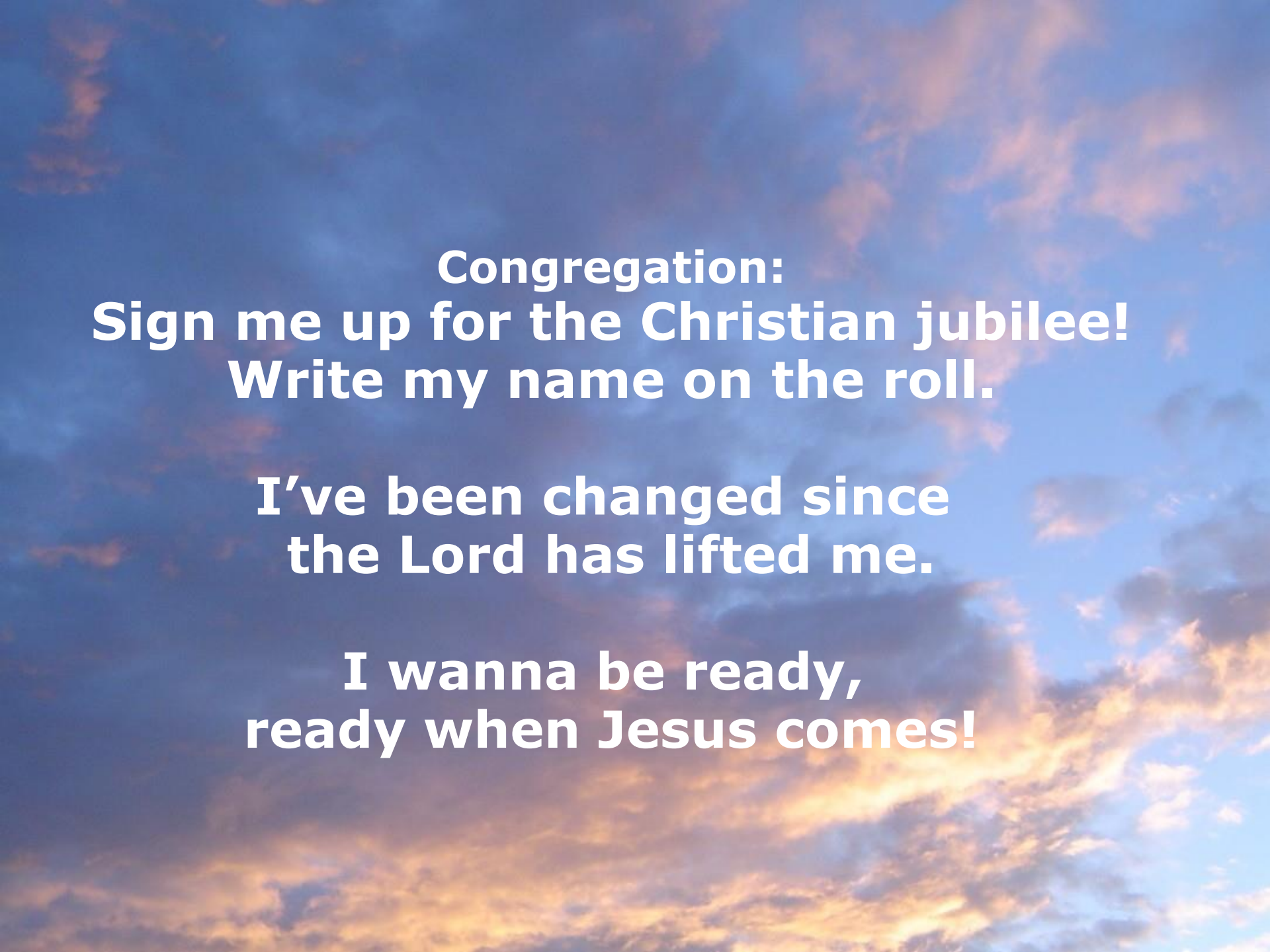
- Deny self
- Take up the cross. Die to ourselves.
- Follow Jesus. Make his life our model.

- What is everything on the left side?
- What is everything on the right side?

In what ways are you following the world's wisdom?

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**Congregation:
Sign me up for the Christian jubilee!
Write my name on the roll.**

**I've been changed since
the Lord has lifted me.**

**I wanna be ready,
ready when Jesus comes!**