

INSPIRE MINISTRIES

Empowering Christian Leaders for
Lasting Impact

“Stupidity is a more dangerous enemy of the good than malice. One may protest against evil; it can be exposed and, if need be, prevented by use of force. Evil always carries within itself the germ of its own subversion in that it leaves behind in human beings at least a sense of unease. Against stupidity we are defenseless. Neither protests nor the use of force accomplish anything here; reasons fall on deaf ears; facts that contradict one’s prejudgment simply need not be believed – in such moments the stupid person even becomes critical – and when facts are irrefutable they are just pushed aside as inconsequential, as incidental.

In all this the stupid person, in contrast to the malicious one, is utterly self satisfied and, being easily irritated, becomes dangerous by going on the attack. For that reason, greater caution is called for when dealing with a stupid person than with a malicious one. Never again will we try to persuade the stupid person with reasons, for it is senseless and dangerous.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison

Standing Firm When a Nation Loses Its Mind
A Bonhoeffer-Inspired Reflection for Inspire Ministries

The Gospel That Confounds the World

The Gospel of Jesus Christ has always sounded like nonsense to the world. A holy God sending His Son to die for sinners? A crucified Messiah rising in victory three days later? Salvation offered freely—not earned, not achieved, but received by faith alone?

Paul said it plainly: “The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing” (1 Corinthians 1:18).

And yet, this “foolishness” is the very wisdom of God. It is grace so astonishing that it remakes us from the inside out. In Christ, we are reborn—crafted for good works God prepared long before we ever lived them (Ephesians 2:8–10).

Those works matter. They shine. They point upward. When we walk in them, we become living lanterns in a dark world, reflecting the wisdom from above—pure, peace-loving, gentle, open to reason, merciful, and fruitful (James 3:17).

When a Nation Loses Its Mind

Dietrich Bonhoeffer witnessed firsthand what happens when a society abandons wisdom. He watched Germany fall under the spell of Nazism—an ideology so irrational, so spiritually blind, that reason itself became powerless.

Scripture names this condition bluntly: “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God’” (Psalm 14:1).

When a culture dismisses God, it opens the door to corruption, cruelty, and catastrophic decisions.

Our moment is different from Bonhoeffer’s, but the spiritual dynamics are the same. We, too, live in a world vulnerable to deception, outrage, and ideological fever.

And once again, God calls His people to speak truth in love—to lift blinders, resist the drift toward destruction, and shine as lights in the darkness (Matthew 5:14–16).

Ten Scriptures That Expose the Danger of Folly

1. Proverbs 12:15 – The fool trusts himself; the wise seek counsel.
2. Proverbs 18:2 – The fool prefers opinions over understanding.
3. Proverbs 26:4–5 – Wisdom knows when to answer—and when not to.
4. Proverbs 17:10 – A gentle rebuke shapes the wise; the fool remains unmoved.
5. Proverbs 29:9 – Arguments with fools produce noise, not peace.
6. Proverbs 14:7 – Sometimes wisdom means walking away.
7. Psalm 14:1 – Denying God leads to moral decay.
8. Ecclesiastes 10:2 – Wisdom and folly pull the heart in opposite directions.
9. Romans 1:22 – Pride masquerades as wisdom but collapses into foolishness.
10. James 3:17 – True wisdom is recognizable by its character.

The Spiritual Blindness Behind Folly

Folly is not merely intellectual; it is spiritual. Paul explains that “the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers” (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Bonhoeffer described this same blindness: a stubbornness where facts bounce off hardened hearts, where persuasion fails because pride has sealed the ears.

Only the Gospel breaks through.

Not force.

Not argument.

Not cleverness.

Only the power of God can turn a fool into a worshiper.

A Shift in Evangelism Strategy

Proverbs teaches us not to waste energy on endless debates (Proverbs 26:4). Instead, we model Christlike humility, patience, and integrity—allowing the emptiness of folly to reveal itself over time.

Reaching the spiritually blind requires:

- Persistent prayer
 - Loving witness
 - Bold proclamation of the “foolish” cross that saves (1 Corinthians 1:21)
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Transformation begins when pride cracks and the heart bows low. That is the soil where the Gospel takes root.

A Final Word of Encouragement

The world may call the Gospel foolish, but heaven calls it power. The world may drift toward blindness, but Christ still opens eyes. The world may rage in confusion, but God still raises up people of wisdom.

So let's walk boldly, shine brightly, and speak truthfully— not as critics of the age, but as ambassadors of a Kingdom that cannot be shaken.

Inspire Ministries Update
Recent Events & Upcoming Preaching
Recent Ministry Highlight

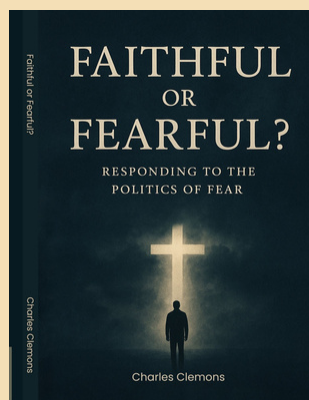
Saturday, March 21st – Community Bible Church

We experienced a powerful and energizing gathering at Community Bible Church as we explored themes from *Faithful or Fearful: Responding to the Politics of Fear*. The discussion was rich, heartfelt, and deeply relevant as we reflected on how Christians throughout history have responded to crises with courage, clarity, and Christ-centered conviction. The morning concluded with a book signing and meaningful conversations about living faithfully in uncertain times. Link to the video → [Click Here](#)

A special word of gratitude to the entire CBC family for the warm welcome and the privilege of sharing this work—beautifully shaped in collaboration with editor Daphne Williams.

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Upcoming Preaching & Teaching Invitations

God continues to open doors for the Gospel to be preached and for the message of hope, courage, and discipleship to be shared across Southern California. Please keep these upcoming dates in prayer:

Journey Church – Ventura

Sunday, April 12th

A morning of worship, encouragement, and Gospel proclamation with the Journey Church family.

St. John Baptist Church – Los Angeles

Sunday, April 19th

Preaching and teaching on walking faithfully in a culture shaped by fear and division.

Deliverance Church – Los Angeles (Youth Day)

Sunday, April 26th

A special Youth Day message calling the next generation to bold faith, spiritual resilience, and Christ-centered identity.



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