

Acts of Jesus, Lesson 32: Turning the World Right-Side Up

We live in a world where sin has turned it upside down and now down is up and up is down and the majority are making the wrong decisions about what can save their lives.

Mt. 18:3, I Cor. 1:27 → What's He saying to us? Our world is upside down.

- What we call wise is foolish; what we call smart is dumb; what we call good is bad; what we call bad is good; what we call up is down and what we call down is up.
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1. Acts 17:1-6 Do you think these believers chuckled to themselves when they heard this.?

- They lived in a world that was completely upside down.
 - Into all that mix Christians brought holiness, purity, love.
 - A letter written to a Greek teacher in the middle of the 2nd century, the writer marveled at how the Christians, **"have their meals in common but not their wives. That they find themselves in the flesh but do not live after the flesh."**
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2. We live in the same world and have the same obligation to help turn right side up.

- Helping our world starts with helping ourselves turn right side up.
 - Starts with a reference point: The worst thing you can do when you are following a compass is to interject your feelings.
 - North is north and doesn't matter how you feel.
 - There are times when you would swear that the compass is broken because it just doesn't feel right.
 - Your feelings will get you killed!!
 - The same is true in this upside-down world we live in...your feelings will get you in a lot of trouble.
 - They have been trained by our fallen nature to desire the very opposite of what we truly need.
 - The reference point, like the needle on a compass, is Jesus and His Word.
 - Once we are on a way to righting ourselves, Jesus has given us pointers along the way.
 - It's not just that we find life by going in the opposite direction, but we need to keep going in the opposite direction to please God.
 - The way up is the way down.
 - The way to spiritual wealth is to acknowledge your spiritual poverty.
 - The way to live is to die.
 - The way to rule is to serve.
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