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**Ni katika dna yetu**

*Nilipofika kwako, ndugu na dada, sikuja kuhubiri siri za Mungu kwako kama nilikuwa mtaalamu wa maneno au hekima. Nilifanya mawazo yangu ya kufikiri juu ya chochote wakati mimi nilikuwa nanyi isipokuwa Yesu Kristo, na kumhubiri Yeye kama alisulubiwa. Nilisimama mbele yenu na udhaifu, hofu, na kutetereka sana. Ujumbe wangu na mahubiri yangu haukuwasilishwa kwa maneno yenye busara lakini kwa maonyesho ya Roho na nguvu. Nilifanya hivyo ili imani yako isiwe na hekima ya watu bali kwa nguvu za Mungu.*

**1 Korintho 2:1-5**

Michael Frost, mwandishi wa "Mshangao wa Dunia", huwahimiza wasomaji wake kuchukua tabia mpya tano za watu wa utume-Baraka, Kula, Kusikiliza, Kujifunza na Kutumwa-hatua muhimu zaidi. Kuwa sehemu ya kundi la wafuasi wa Kristo ambao wanajitahidi kufundisha na kukuzaana kama wanavyojibika kwa maisha ya Kikristo.

*Kwa kuweka msisitizo mzuri juu ya Msalaba na kusulubiwa, Paulo alihakikisha kuwa hakuna mtu anayeweza kukipoteza ujumbe huu kwa aina ya kupendeza kwa kupendeza kwa umati wa watu, kwa kushawishi wakati huo lakini bila kutoa hisia ya kudumu. Kusulubiwa kulionekana katika ulimwengu wa kale kama hivyo kutisha, hivyo kupinga, hivyo kudhalilisha, kwamba wewe si kutaja katika jamii ya heshima. Hakuna mtaalamu wa kujitegemea mtu binafsi au mchungaji angeweza kufanya hivyo. Lakini Paulo aliamini, na imani mpya na maisha ya Wakristo wa Korintho yalitoa jambo hili nje, kwamba hii ilikuwa ni kidokezo kwa siri ya maisha (Wright, 2004).*

**Wiki ijayo:** Mfululizo kwenye Kitabu cha Warumi. Warumi 8: 1-11

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**It's In Our D.N.A.**

*When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I didn't come preaching God's secrets to you like I was an expert in speech or wisdom. I made up my mind not to think about anything while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and to preach Him as crucified. I stood in front of you with weakness, fear, and a lot of shaking. My message and my preaching weren't presented with convincing wise words but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power. I did this so your faith might not depend on the wisdom of people but on the power of God. **1 Corinthians 2:1-5***

Michael Frost, author of "Surprise the World", challenges his readers to take the five new habits of missional people—Blessing, Eating, Listening, Learning and Being Sent—a significant step further. Become part of a group of Christ-followers who seek to disciple and nurture one another as they hold each other accountable to the Christian life.

*By placing proper emphasis on the Cross and crucifixion, Paul ensured that nobody could mistake this message for a kind of crowd-pleasing rhetorical stunt, convincing at the time but making no lasting impression. Crucifixion was regarded in the ancient world as so horrible, so revolting, so degrading, that you didn't mention it in polite society. No self-respecting sophist or rhetorician would dream of doing it. But Paul believed, and the new-found faith and life of the Corinthian Christians bore this out, that this was the clue to the mystery of life (Wright, 2004).*

**Next week:** Series on the Book of Romans. Romans 8:1-11

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D. N. A. inaweza kusimama kwa mambo mengi.

**Bila shaka — Inaonekana — Mabadiliko**

**Uamuzi — Mpya — Njia**

**Daring — Alama — Marekebisho**

**Je— si — Woma**

Michael Frost alichagua Mwanafunzi - Kukuza - Uwajibikaji

Je! Uko tayari kufanya kwa tabia 5 ambazo tumejifunza?

Ikiwa ndio, ungependa kufanya vipi Tabia?

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Ikiwa sio, ni tabia gani hutoa sura kwa majibu yako kwa maneno ya Yesu ndani **Matthew 28:19-20**?

*Nenda ukawafanye wanafunzi wa mataifa yote, ukawabatiza kwa jina la Baba, Mwana na Roho Mtakatifu, kuwafundisha kuitii kila kitu nilichowaamuru. Mimi mwenyewe nitakuwa pamoja nanyi kila siku mpaka mwisho wa umri huu wa sasa.*

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*Sikubali kufanya kitu kisichoaminika au kisichofurahi. Watu wa baraka ni kuridhisha binafsi. Kula na wengine ni furaha. Kusikiliza kwa Roho na kujifunza Yesu ni kuimarisha kiroho. Kuandika njia unazowaonya wengine kwa utawala wa Mungu kunahimiza (Frost, 2016).*

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D. N. A. could stand for many things.

**Definitely — Noticeable — Alteration**

**Decidedly — New — Approach**

**Daring — Noble — Adjustment**

**Do — Not — Atrophy**

Michael Frost chose Disciple — Nurture — Accountability

Are you ready to commit to the 5 habits we've studied?

If yes, how do you plan to make them HABITS?

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If not, what habits provide shape to your response to Jesus' words in **Matthew 28:19-20**?

*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I've commanded you. I Myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.*

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*I'm not asking you to do something distrustful or unpleasant. Blessing people is personally satisfying. Eating with others is fun. Listening to the Spirit and learning Jesus is spiritually enriching. Journaling the ways you alert others to the reign of God is encouraging (Frost, 2016).*