Fools for God

Fool in a royal court, or in Shakespeare, was there not to joke just around, but to tell uncomfortable truths.

Given today’s readings, it looks like our role for God is to look like fools.

Eg Jonah prophesying doom that God revokes (tell brief whole Jonah story); this makes his prophecy fail!

Eg Paul - the world will not last much longer, yet 2000 years later. Does Andrae Crouch look foolish writing our song? If we did what Paul suggests in our reading (1 Corinthians 7.29-31) we too would look foolish.

God’s call might make us look foolish – are we ready for this? Should we be surprised?

Eg Gordon is rebuked when trying to help someone;   
Eg going back to a shop when undercharged, or given too much change;

Eg Cascade and free carol singing.

Eg refusing to have a church raffle, which would make lots of money.

In each case there is some principle at stake, some truth to tell - explain.

Portable Faith & Lent Course. One real fear is that if we go out into our community will we look foolish?

Ever seen Godspell? Jesus is portrayed as a clown – some Christians found this offensive. But Jesus looked foolish on the cross. If we end up looking foolish for God, along with Jonah, Paul and Jesus we are in good company!