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TRACTION THROUGH AN UNLIKELY SOURCE

Oklahoma City motorists were seeing red late last month as they made their way across frozen bridges and overpasses. The city's public works department was experimenting with a mixture of rock salt brine and beet juice to increase the effectiveness of their ice-melting efforts. The brine alone needs a temperature of at least fifteen degrees to melt ice, but adding a percentage of beet juice to the mixture drops its operating temperature to negative twenty degrees. If the experiment is successful, the program may expand—and if it gives drivers better traction, perhaps they won't mind the red tint on the roads.

WISDOM THROUGH AN UNLIKELY GROUP

In Paul's first letter to the Christians in Corinth, he developed one of his favorite themes: that the weakness of humans is the perfect stage for the demonstration of the power of God. Though the Corinthian church did not have many impressive people in it—few government officials, notables, or celebrities of any sort—nevertheless, they were the ones whom God had chosen to use to show the foolishness of the world's wisdom.

1. What's the strangest solution you've ever seen to a problem?
2. What do you think of Christians' fascination with celebrities who come to faith in Christ?
3. Where have you seen the wisdom of humans nullified by the wisdom of God?

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