



**Introduction**

? What is the greatest demonstration of power you have ever witnessed? Was it physical strength or some other demonstration of power? What made it so powerful?

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? What is the most spiritually powerful experience you have had? What made it powerful?

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**1. Only Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-2)**

? Why do you think Paul emphasized the manner in which he came and preached to the Corinthians?

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? What would have been the danger in speaking as the other teachers of the day did?

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? Have you seen this kind of teaching in the church before? How does it affect how we hear and respond to the gospel?

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? Why do you think Paul emphasized the crucifixion of Christ specifically? Why not the resurrection?

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? What does it look like to die to yourself daily? to crucify your old habits and sins so that you can better follow Jesus each day?

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**2. His Power Perfected in Weakness (1 Corinthians 2:3-4)**

? Have you ever felt unqualified for something to which the Lord has called you? How did you respond? Did you approach the task with humility or try to lean on other strengths you have?

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Can you think of other biblical accounts in which God used unlikely people to lead and serve in His kingdom? What does this tell us about God's nature?

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### 3. God's Power, Not Human Wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:5)



What are some ways that we place our faith in the wisdom of men?

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Does your faith rest on the wisdom of the people around you? Does it rest on your pastor/mentor? Why will this ultimately fail you, even if you are depending on a trustworthy person who loves you and desires the best for you?

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Where are you most prone to rely on your own strength and wisdom?

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How have you seen God's power mightily demonstrated through your life? Through the lives of people around you? How did those experiences lift your eyes away from yourself and your abilities toward God who is fully able?

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### Conclusion



What does it look like to keep the cross of Christ at the center of our lives? Do you come to the cross daily, or is it something that remains in the distant past for you?

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How have you seen your faith strengthened through weakness? How has God demonstrated His power in an area of your life where you are not naturally gifted?

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How are you challenged to rely more heavily on the power of God instead of your own wisdom or the wisdom of people around you?

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### Daily Readings

- Monday - 1 Peter 1:3-5      - Wednesday - John 5:28-29      - Friday - Romans 6:5
- Tuesday - 1 Thess. 4:13-14      - Thursday - Hebrews 6:17-20      - Saturday - John 11:25-26