

Nothing but Christ
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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BIG IDEA: "Faith is only as strong as the power it's resting on."

1. Paul does not come to impress...

Because the gospel is not something to be dressed up, nor can it be — it is something to be revealed.

"Preaching the gospel is not delivering edifying discourses, beautifully put together. It is bearing witness to what God has done in Christ for our salvation."

2. For I determined to know nothing among you except Christ and Him crucified.

You cannot separate salvation from the cross, nor discipleship from dying.

3. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

The more we know Christ, more we understand our own depravity, the more we feel our insufficiency — not as despair, but as dependence.

i. *"The way we dress, the way we walk and talk... It's all protection, layers or armor so the world doesn't see us... Take that away, what are we? Weak, afraid, and trembling. Wholly dependent on God."*

4. Revelation over Persuasion Only God can save.

“Paul is not anti-words — he is anti-words pretending to have saving power.”

Greg Babst: Praise God for Calvary! We glorify You Lord as we celebrate the birth of your son Jesus this week!

Anna Brazer: In Yuma for the winter & am having breakthrough heart issues. Pray for peace & healing of my medical issues. Also, for decisions concerning possibly coming back home early to be treated.

Khristina Hindmond: I have teenagers, please pray for them.

Sondra Hull: Please pray for salvation for Andy.

Pam Krolkowski: Pray God leads me to making the right decision on getting money for mom's care. Amber & Kristin at work. A car for Jaden. Sarah, Brian & Dan-cancer. Dan's wife Angie & their kids. Mary, Emily-turn from their lifestyle.

Linda Leyden: Thank you for continued prayer for Gary.

Alex Lienau: Pray for my sister Mady & mom's cousin Michelle both recovering from surgery. For an old friend Rebekkah & her kids, help them heal & keep them protected from an abusive relationship with her ex-husband.

Alicea McCann: Mickey-spiritual healing. Trenah & Jeff-do not know Him. Merry Christmas!

Karen McCluskey: Please pray for Tammy & Randy Tonkinson, for health & recovery from surgery.

Carol Oliver: Pray for Lynette Berry-healing & comfort after her shoulder surgery.

Asia Pembleton: Pray my great grandma Darlene would stay healthy & always remember that everyone in her family including God & Jesus love her very much.

Carolyn Potts: Prayers for me as I move.

Joann Rosenthal: Prayers for my son in law Bobby Dasher, kidney failure. He is only in his 50's.

Gini Russell: Continued healing for Luke, mom, Kevin, Dave, Alica, Lennie & Oliver. Robey-needs a bone marrow transplant donor who is a match.

Doug Shockley: Norma Shockley-health, dementia. Ryan, Joel, Tony & Shane-salvation.

Yuri Sutton: Prayers for our son Tim Sutton, for his spiritual & mental health.

Jeanne Weisser: Continued prayers for Emily as she is progressing in treatment. Pray she returns to Christ & that God's truths will be clear to her. Ken, Cindy, Ryan-healing & salvation. Naomi-salvation. Revival across our nation & wisdom for our leaders as well as their hearts won for Christ.