

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Topic: Wisdom Conflicts  
Study: First Corinthians  
Week 1 of 2  
Series 6

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## A Clash of World Views

*Decide to Do it God's Way*

1. **DECIDE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Text for today:**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

And I, brethren,  
when I came to you,  
did not come with  
excellence of speech  
or of wisdom  
declaring to you the  
testimony of God. 2  
For I determined not  
to know anything  
among you except  
Jesus Christ and  
Him crucified. 3 I  
was with you in  
weakness, in fear,  
and in much  
trembling. 4 And my  
speech and my  
preaching were not  
with persuasive  
words of human  
wisdom, but in  
demonstration of the  
Spirit and of power,  
5 that your faith  
should not be in the  
wisdom of men but  
in the power of God.  
NKJV

Other scripture references: Proverbs 26:4-5, 1 Peter 3:15, Romans 12:2, Acts 18:1-11, Exodus 4:10-12,  
Jeremiah 1:6-8, Joshua 1, 1 Thessalonians 1:5, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

## TAKING THE NEXT STEP.....

- 1) Write out and memorize 1 Peter 3:15

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- 2) In some cultures, becoming a Christian is tantamount to being a traitor; one could be excommunicated from family or even murdered for one's faith. As serious as this may be, the Bible still calls us to be bold. In what ways have you tried to water down the message of the cross hoping to make it more palatable?

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What feelings do you experience after having shared the message of Christ with someone who "just does not get it?"

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Do you think that we should preach to our family members, or are we to live our lives in such a way that they see our testimony; and as a result they believe? (1 Pet 2:12, 2 Cor 9:13, Matt 5:16)

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In what other ways have you tried to "help God out" in your attempts to present the gospel?

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- 3) How common do you think it is that Christians unwittingly "make converts" to someone or something other than to Christ? Describe how this may happen.

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- 4) Ponder this week on what it means to be "Spirit Formed" or "Spirit Empowered." Note Jack Hayford's definition: "...*Spirit formed is the result of the Holy Spirit processing an incarnation of Jesus' life and ministry in the believer beyond "getting saved" to becoming a functional member of His body...*"

What does this mean to you?

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- 5) Read 1 Corinthians 2:4-5, this is the Apostle Paul's remedy for excessive "self confidence." Note the results in verse 5. Write out a prayer that expresses your need and desire to be more Holy Spirit empowered.

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