



CHRIST CHURCH

UNITED METHODIST

LIFE APPLICATION MESSAGE
SERIES: THE PRODIGAL CHURCH
TEACHING: PART 4, HUMAN WISDOM OR DIVINE POWER?
SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

**Some of today's teaching is sourced out of the writings of John Piper*

"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV)

WHERE SHOULD WE BASE OUR FAITH?

Based on 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1. NOT ON HUMAN _____

"so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

1 Corinthians 2:5 (ESV)

"I was given the grace of apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations"

Romans 1:5

"And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (ESV)

"Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

Galatians 6:14

2. UPON THE _____ OF GOD

"The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing but **to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**"

1 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV)

"so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men **but in the power of God.**"

1 Corinthians 2:5 (ESV)

"We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**"

1 Corinthians 1:23 (ESV)

"Do not neglect the revival dimension in your ministry." --J. I. Packer

3. IN OUR AWARENESS OF OUR HUMAN _____

"**And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,** and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

1 Corinthians 2:3-4 (ESV)

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for **my power is made perfect in weakness.**' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (NIV)

"We have this treasure (of the gospel) in earthen vessels (our weak bodies) *to show that the transcendent power belongs to God* and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed, always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh."

2 Corinthians 4:7-11