

# Faith in the Power of God

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

(series #8)

Intro: Paul's humanness as seen in his fears - Acts 18:1-11

- I. Paul Avoided a Worldly Message vv. 1-2
  - A. The cross is foolishness to the lost - 1 Cor. 1:18, 23
    - 1. Some attack the message - scoffers & religious liberals
    - 2. Some ignore the message - busy, disinterested people
  - B. Paul would not change his message
    - 1. He did not mix it with human wisdom or philosophy
    - 2. We should not mix it psychology, self-help, etc.
- II. Paul Avoided a Worldly Method vv. 3-4
  - A. Paul presented the truth as the persuader of men
  - B. Paul would not resort to manipulation in any form
- III. Paul Avoided a Worldly Motive v. 5
  - A. So our faith will not rest in the wisdom of men
  - B. So our faith will rest in the power of God

Conclusion: Don't corrupt the message by changing its content  
or by resorting to worldly and fleshly methodology!