

Believing Beyond Series

Believing Beyond the Natural

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

- Today the title of the sermon is... **Believing Beyond the Natural.**
 - In essence believing beyond our own capabilities.
 - Paul learned how to do this in his ministry life and reveals it in. 1 Corinthians 2.

1 Corinthians 2:1 (ESV)

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.

Acts 18:1 (ESV)

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.

Acts 17:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

Acts 17:22-23 (ESV)

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

Acts 17:32-34 (ESV)

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again

about this.” ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

1 Corinthians 2:1 (ESV)

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.

1. Those That Humble Themselves Can Be Useful To Him

1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV)

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

2. Let’s Help As Many People As Possible Come To Know Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 2:2 (NLT)

² For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:3-4 (NLT)

3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power...

Acts 18:8 (ESV)

⁸ Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.

1 Corinthians 2:3-4 (ESV)

3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

3. Let's Embrace Our Need For The Holy Spirit's Help

Practical approach to cultivating your relationship with the Holy Spirit:

- **Acknowledge**
- **Ask**
- **Act**

1 Corinthians 2:5 (ESV)

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

4. The Only Kind Of Ministry That Matters, Is The Kind That Only God Can Be Glorified

***Believing Beyond
Believing Beyond the Natural
1 Corinthians 2:1-5***

1. ***Those that _____
can be useful to him***

2. ***Let's help as many people as possible come to
_____***

3. ***Let's _____ our need for the Holy Spirit's
_____***

Practical approach to cultivating your relationship with the Holy Spirit:

- _____
- _____
- _____

4. ***The only kind of ministry that _____,
is the kind that only God can be _____***