**CHRIST CRUCIFIED**
**THE WISDOM AND POWER OF GOD**

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**1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5 (ESV)**

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

**When Sharing our faith let's:**

**Avoid Lofty Speech - (v 1)**
"And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom."

**~1 Corinthians 1:18,21(ESV)**
For 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.
For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

**Share Christ Crucified. (v 2)**"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

**~1 Corinthians 1:22-23 (ESV)**
For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

**Trust God's Power  (v 3-5)**
"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, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

**~1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (ESV)**
Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.