

Seeing a Victory

I Corinthians 2:1-5 ¹When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith would not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. (NIV)

I. What are the details of this passage?

A. Paul was not known as a great public **speaker**. V.1

II Corinthians 10:10 For some say, "His letters are weighty and forceful, but in person he is unimpressive and his speaking amounts to nothing." NIV

B. His simple message centered around **Jesus** and what He had done in and through Paul. V. 2

C. The power of the **Holy Spirit** was the main weapon that Paul had. V. 4

D. This kept the emphasis on **God** and not on the messenger's wisdom. V.5

II. How do we apply this to our lives and to our church?

A. Begin to formulate your **story**.

B. If you have no story you probably **do not** have the Holy Spirit.

C. Only the Holy Spirit can bring real **change** to our lives and to our church.

D. Only God should be getting the **glory**.