

## Weakness and Wisdom

I Corinthians 2:1-16

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- Happy Mother's Day
- Progress report on my mom.
- Mother's are often the first to teach us about the character of God. They live it!!

### Intro

The Apostle Paul had written to the church at Corinth because there were problems there.

The first problem he addressed was that the church became focused on which man they should follow.

Paul brings their focus back onto God – vs. 30 – but by ***His doing*** you are in Christ. And then, “If any man boasts, let him boast in the Lord.”

He then gives them some insight into the ways of God. When we see how God chooses to operate, we can learn so much about how we should also choose to operate.

God uses our weakness and His wisdom.

### **I. God Operates through the Weakness of Men.**

Vs 1 Paul did not come to them with clever and powerful speeches.

#### A. Power vs love.

Vs 2 - Christ crucified is a great example.

- He could have called 12 legions of angels.

II Cor 12:9

B. “My power is perfected in weakness.”

- When I am weak, then I am strong.

***Illus*** – Martin Luther King and the march from Selma to Birmingham, Alabama.

C. Faith should rest on the power of God.

- Not on the wisdom of men.

***Illus-*** My goal and my desire is that people will see the power of God in answered prayer and changed lives, and then put their faith in God.

### **II. And God Operates Through His Wisdom.**

Vs 6-13

Zech 4:6

A. Given by the Holy Spirit.

- “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord.
- Formerly hidden, but now revealed.
- For those who love Him.

Col 2:2-4

B. That wisdom is Jesus.

- All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge reside in Christ.

**A cartoon in the Saturday Evening Post showed a young boy about five or six years old talking on the telephone, saying, "Mom is in the hospital, the twins and Roxie and Billie and Sally and the dog and me and Dad are all home alone."**

**III. And we have the mind of Christ.**

A. Spiritual thoughts through spiritual words.

- Sometimes we want to speak godly thoughts, but use worldly words.

B. But we have the mind of Christ.

Phil 2:5

- We should therefore commit to having the same mind in us.

Conclusion

**James and John came to the Lord and asked him who was going to sit on His right and on His life. They wanted to know if they could share in His POWER in the new Kingdom.**

**But the mind of Christ is revealed when he said that the first shall be last and the last shall be first.**

**God chooses to operate in His love toward us. And so should we if we want to operate His way.**