

# **AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS**

## **A Study of First Corinthians**

### **SPIRIT POWER**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5      Jeff Schreve

*And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, **but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power**, that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. 1 Corinthians 2:4-5*

**Are you finding the Christian life to be hard and complicated?**

#### **1. We have a simple message to share.**

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

##### **A. You don't need to be super smart.**

*And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God.  
1 Corinthians 2:1*

##### **B. You don't need to be super slick.**

*For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2*

##### **C. You do need to be faithful.**

*Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.  
1 Corinthians 4:2 NKJV*

#### **2. We have some real fears to face.**

*And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.  
1 Corinthians 2:3*

##### **A. You don't need to be ashamed of your fears.**

*When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. Psalm 56:3*

B. You just need your faith to be greater than your fears.

*Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands." 1 Samuel 17:45-47*

**3. We have a real power to fill us.**

*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:11*

A. The Holy Spirit wants to demonstrate His power in you.

*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me. Galatians 2:20*

B. God wants your faith to rest on His power and wisdom.

*Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 1 Corinthians 1:25*

**Are you living in the Spirit's power?**