



CALVARY CHAPEL

Spirit Dependent: From Weakness to Power

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- The plan of God to defeat evil, to reveal Himself, and to provide salvation for humanity became a reality in the cross of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.[a] **2** For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. **3** I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. **4** My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, **5** so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

- When we trust God who understands our weaknesses, we get to experience His power working through us in spite of them.

Zechariah 4:6 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

- To the world, prayer may seem like weakness, but to God, it is a spiritual invitation for His power to act on our behalf.
- God alone has the power to remove people's spiritual blinders.

2 Corinthians 4:4-6 (NLT) Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. **5** You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. **6** For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ

- We are responsible for proclaiming the truth of the gospel, but only God has the power to save.

1 Corinthians 2:6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

Romans 16:20 (NLT) The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus[a] be with you.

Ephesians 2:1-5 (NLT) Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. **2** You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world.[a] He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey

God. **3** All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. **4** But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, **5** that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

1 Corinthians 2:7-12 No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"[b]—the things God has prepared for those who love him— **10** these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. **11** For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12** What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Ephesians 1:13 (NLT) And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own[a] by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago

Acts 4:31 After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

1 Corinthians 2:13-16 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.[c] **14** The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. **15** The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, **16** for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"[d] But we have the mind of Christ.

John 16:8 And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

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All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation.