

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (NIV)

Your Power

I no longer want to operate under my own power. I know what that looks like. I know what that feels like. I know what that accomplishes. **Tell me.** My power is weak. My power is feeble. My power accomplishes nothing. **So what?** I have had enough of disappointing results. I am tired with accomplishing very little. **What do you want?** I want to be able to both know and do your will. I want to be able to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. I want to be powerfully used by you. I want to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **That's good.** I want people to be drawn to you by the demonstration of the power of your Holy Spirit working in and through my life. I don't desire this for myself. I am not desiring to make a name for myself. I am desiring to be used by you. I want to be an instrument in your hands. **You have good desires that in your heart and on your mind. I can see that you want to serve me.** Yes, I do.

If you want to be used by me what must you be willing to do? I must be willing to do whatever you ask of me. It would be silly for me to ask you to use me and then be unwilling to go and do what you ask of me. **That's true.** It would also be foolish to ask for your power to work in and through me to do what you have not asked me to do for you. **That is also correct. Have you ever worked long and hard hours and fruitless hours on an assignment that I had not given to you?** Yes, I have done that many times. **What does that tell you?** I must ask you to show me what you want me to do for you. I must not rush into tasks that you have not asked me to do for you. So, I must wait for your guidance and direction. I must know what you are calling me to do for you. **What else?** Once I have received an assignment, I must be willing to go and do it for you. I should not hold back. I should not be half-hearted. You want me to be fully engaged in the work you have given me to do for you. **Yes, I do.**

But, you are still missing something. What's that? **You tell me.** After I have received your assignment. I must come to rely on you to help me accomplish it. I must ask for the power of your Holy Spirit to work in and through me Even if I know my assignment and am willing to go and do it, that is not enough. I must rely on you at all times to accomplish your work in and through me. **Will you rely on my Holy Spirit to work in and through you, as you do my work?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Heavenly Father, I know when I have operated under my own power. My efforts have been feeble. I have not been able to do the work you have given me to do for you. Help me to rely on you to do your work in and through me by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen

Faith *On God's Power*

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

NIV 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Faith *In The Power Of God*

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.

ESV 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Faith *In The Power Of God*

And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.

NLT 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Faith *In The Power Of God*

And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

NKJV 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Faith *On The Power Of God*

My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

NRSV 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Faith *To God's Power*

and so nothing I said could have impressed you or anyone else. But the Message came through anyway. God's Spirit and God's power did it, which made it clear that your life of faith is a response to God's power, not to some fancy mental or emotional footwork by me or anyone else.

MSG 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Faith *In The Power Of God*

And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the [Holy] Spirit and power [a proof by the Spirit and power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them], So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God.

AMP 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Faith *Upon God*

And my preaching was very plain, not with a lot of oratory and human wisdom, but the Holy Spirit's power was in my words, proving to those who heard them that the message was from God. I did this because I wanted your faith to stand firmly upon God, not on man's great ideas.

TLB 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Faith *On The Power Of God*

and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

NASB 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Faith *In God's Power*

My teaching and preaching were not with words of human wisdom that persuade people but with proof of the power that the Spirit gives. This was so that your faith would be in God's power and not in human wisdom.

NCV 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to work in and through you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Holy Spirit, I will rely on your power to work in and through me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Holy Spirit, how do you want to use your power to work in and through me today?
