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## The Apostle Paul

Man of God who preached the Gospel  
for the glory of God

## Balaam the witchdoctor

Wicked man who relied on own wisdom for selfish gains

# Christians in Corinth in deep trouble!

- Power mongering
- Arrogance towards sinful behaviour
- Follow different leaders based on human wisdom
- Blinded to their own spiritual immaturity

# **“Wisdom of men”?**

- **“wisdom” – translated from “*sophia*”**
- **Human intellect**
- **Human eloquence / style**
- **Human discovery**
- **All these which seek to overshadow the hearing and living out of the Gospel**

# **“Power of God”?**

- **“power” – translated from “dunamis”**
- **“Jesus and Him crucified”**
- **Power of God = Gospel**
- **Ability to bring about: Repentance, Forgiveness, Salvation, Transformation, Glorification**



Living Out God's Word  
in the Real World



# Application:

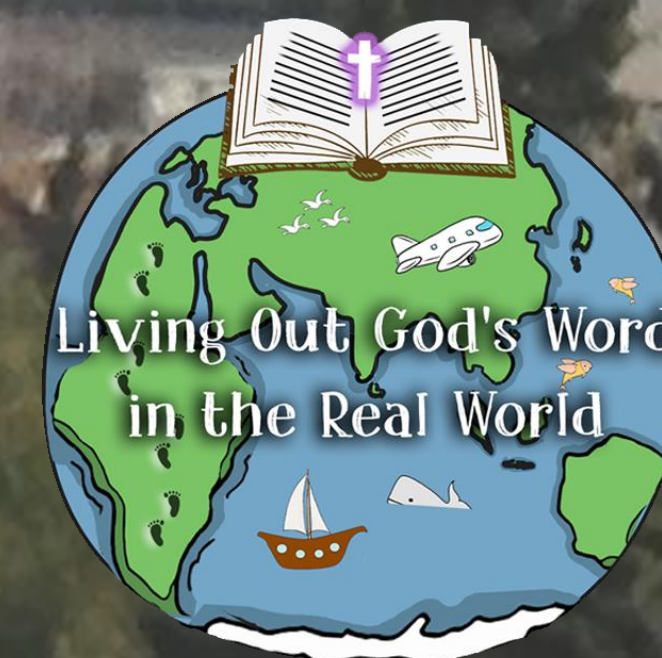
- 1. As a church, we need to learn to discern the difference between human wisdom and godly wisdom.**

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***“Love the strictest preaching best; That which most searches the heart, and shows you wherein you are unlike Christ; and that which press you most to love him with all your heart, and serve him with all your strength.” – John Wesley***

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***“If you can be persuaded into the kingdom by human wisdom; then u also can be persuaded out of the kingdom by human wisdom or your own wisdom.” – Craig Bloomberg***

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# Application:

**2. As a church, we need to allow our faith to REST in the power of God, and not the wisdom of men.**

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Allow our faith to rest in:

1. Power of grace and repentance;
2. Power of love;
3. Power of forgiveness and reconciliation
4. Power of hope
5. Power of salvation

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Christ had redefined “power”

Will you therefore allow your faith  
To rest in such a power?