

40 Days of Prayer & Devotion to Easter

Day 10

Many years ago when I was the Children's Pastor at Lenexa Baptist Church, one of my seminary professors wanted to get involved at serving at the church. He was my New Testament professor who was considered a New Testament and Greek language scholar. His teaching still has great impact on my ministry today.

The interesting thing was he wanted to teach in the children's ministry, and I believe he ended up teaching the 4th grade boys class. He would have been the most amazing adult teacher with his incredible knowledge of backgrounds, languages and understanding of God's word. He only had one goal, which was to share the Gospel message in the most simple way that even a child could understand, where the Gospel would be front and center and not his own personal abilities.

In 1 Cor. 2:1-2, this is exactly what Paul is talking about when he says: "When I came to you, brothers, announcing the testimony of God to you, I did not come with brilliance of speech or wisdom. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

As we are called to "Live Outward" on mission for God, our simple mission is to share "Christ Crucified" as Paul challenges us here in this passage. Will you make this the priority of your life?

- 1. Is your concern for knowledge and perfect words keeping you from sharing your faith?*
- 2. Will you let the Gospel message do the work of evangelism and not your brilliance of speech or personal wisdom?*

– Pastor Kent Hackathorn

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