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The Folly of Preaching

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

After the folly of the cross and the folly of believers, attention is now directed to the folly of preaching. Godly proclamation of the Gospel is contrasted with rhetorically grand speeches. Grand presentations demand “lofty speech or wisdom” where the presenter and the stage are the focus. The folly of preaching relies neither on the messenger nor the stage. The folly of preaching relies on the power of God.

**Additional Verses:**

John 1:29

1 Corinthians 15:3

Hebrews 10:12

1 Peter 2:24; 3:15

**Outline:**

1. The folly of preaching is the simplicity of the presentation.

2. The folly of preaching is the singleness of the message.

3. The folly of preaching is the sincerity of the messenger.

4. The folly of preaching is the strength of God.

**Study Questions:**

1. How can “lofty speech and wisdom” distract from the Gospel message? Is this an instruction to not be prepared? Why not?

2. What is the Gospel? How have you seen the simplicity of the Gospel obscured?

3. Why does God use weak people to present the Gospel? How does the person’s weakness demonstrate the power of God in their life? How have you seen this demonstrated in your life?

4. How does God want believers to effectively communicate the Gospel? What does this look like in your context?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?