**Living Your Best Life**

**1 Corinthians 2:6 -13**

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Lesson 6

1. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. What kind of a picture does this give you of the Apostle Paul?
2. What are the disclaimers Paul gives about his preaching abilities in these five verses?
3. Have you ever experienced being impressed by a sermon, and later wondered what it was the speaker said?
4. In what other areas besides preaching might the method of communication tend to overshadow the message?
5. How can we make sure that what is communicated is more important than the method of communication?
6. What are some of the things you used to do before you were Christian that you no longer do?
7. Do you remember if you were told not to do these things, or if you simply felt uncomfortable doing them anymore? (Perhaps you were brought up to be very moral and you never rebelled. In that case, are there some things you do not do now only because you understand spiritually why you should not do them?)
8. What has your faith compelled you to do?
9. Read 1 Corinthians 2:2 and Galatians 6:14. Skim the events surrounding Jesus’ crucifixion in the four Gospels:

Matthew 26:47 – 27:66

Mark 14:43 - 15:47

Luke 22:47 – 23:56

John 18:1 – 19:42

1. Why do you think Christ crucified is the most important message the Paul and the Gospel writers wanted us to hear?
2. Read the following verses:

Acts 20:18 – 19

2 Corinthians 2:4

Philippians 3:18

1. What sorts of things seem to make Paul weep?
2. What kinds of things, if any, make you cry?
3. The Lord was so sensitive to the frailty of Paul that He ministered to him on three separate occasions. Read the following passages:

Acts 18:9 -10

Acts 23:11

Acts 27:23 -24

1. Does it seem odd to you that Paul needed this kind of special encouragement? Why or why not?
2. Do you think you have lost the fear of sharing the faith? Why or why not?
3. Do you remember a time when you seemed to lack skill, but the Spirit made your attempt successful?
4. Consider a messenger who successfully focused all of your attention on God. In what ways were you affected?