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SERMON SERIES: The Best is Yet to Come

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## TEXT

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1Corinthians 2:1-9

And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup>For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup>I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; <sup>7</sup>but we speak **God's** wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory; <sup>8</sup>*the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; <sup>9</sup>but just as it is written,

“THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD,  
AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN,  
ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”

## SUMMARY STATEMENT

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Only when the cross becomes not just a relic of the past, but a reality of the present can you know that the best is yet to come.

## INTRODUCTION

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Paul wants us to know that no eye has seen nor has any ear heard not has any heart conceived of what God has in store for those who love Him.

## POINT 1

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When the cross becomes the central focus of our preaching, we know that the best is yet to come.

(1 Corinthians 2:1-3)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

Sub-Point 1: Eloquence in preaching at the expense of clarity is all smoke and no fire.

Sub-Point 2: Christians are living defeated lives because eloquence in preaching is more important than clarity.

Sub-Point 3: In our efforts to be engaging or likeable or relevant, we must not water down the gospel.

## POINT 2

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When the cross becomes the central focus of our living, we know that the best is yet to come.

(1 Corinthians 2:2-5)

<sup>2</sup>For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup>I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

Sub-Point 1: The gospel changes lives. If there is no life change, you may have believed something else other the gospel.

Sub-Point 2: The power to break the chains in our lives when His life becomes our life.

POINT 3

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When the cross becomes the central focus of our thinking, we know that the best is yet to come.

(1 Corinthians 2:6-9)

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Sub-Point 1: You cannot have all that God has in store for you if all you have is an intellectual understanding of the gospel.

Sub-Point 2: You cannot have all that God has in store for you until the cross becomes more than a relic of the past. It must become a reality of the present.