



## SERMON NOTES

# SURGE

## It's All In The Brand

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### **1 Corinthians 2:2 (KJV)**

*For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*

### **1. ATTENTIVE TO CHRIST**

#### **1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (NKJV)**

*<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.*

#### HOW DO WE KNOW THINGS TO BE TRUE?

First, it requires FAITH. Without faith, you can't know anything or should I say not believe anything.

Second, OBSERVATION. Which is a personal experience.

Thirdly, REVELATION. Which is a communicated experience.

#### **Matthew 16:16-17 (TLB)**

*<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "The Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> "God has blessed you, Simon, son of Jonah," Jesus said, "for my Father in heaven has personally revealed this to you—this is not from any human source."*

Fourthly, REASON. Reason synthesizes: Which is the combination of faith, observation, and revelation.

### **2. ANXIOUS FOR THE CAUSE**

#### **1 Corinthians 2:2-3 (GW)**

*<sup>2</sup> While I was with you, I decided to deal with only one subject—Jesus Christ, who was crucified. <sup>3</sup> When I came to you, I was weak. I was afraid and very nervous.*

#### **Galatians 6:14 (NKJV)**

*But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

#### **Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)**

*Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*

### **3. ASSISTED BY THE COMFORTER**

#### **1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (NKJV)**

*<sup>4</sup> And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*