



Many churchgoers secretly (or not-so-secretly) have a “church crush”—a church they admire from afar, thinking that church must be better than theirs. This series explores Paul’s words to the Corinthians, showing that every church has struggles, but the real joy comes from rooted commitment, reconciliation, belief, and mission.

Faith Beyond Feelings – May 25, 2025

1. **Foundation – Receiving and Standing in the Gospel:** In verses 1–2, Paul says the gospel is something we received, stand in, and are being saved by—what does it mean for the gospel to shape your past, present, and future, and how do you see that happening (or needing to happen) in your own life?
2. **Foundation – Holding Fast When It’s Hard:** The sermon reminded us that “this isn’t a gospel you move past—it’s the gospel you plant your feet in”—what are some ways Christians today tend to move on from the gospel, and how can you practically stand firm in it this week?
3. **Truth – What Matters Most:** In verses 3–5, Paul summarizes the gospel as being “of first importance”—why is it essential that Christ died, was buried, rose, and appeared, and what happens when churches lose focus on that core?
4. **Truth – Trusting Jesus Because of the Resurrection:** Tim Keller said, “If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said”—how does the resurrection challenge or reinforce the way you view Jesus’ authority in your beliefs, relationships, or priorities?
5. **Truth – Clarity in a Compromising Culture:** The Barmen Declaration claimed that Jesus is the one Word of God we must hear, trust, and obey—in what ways do you see pressure to compromise that truth in the church today, and how can we hold on to gospel clarity without becoming combative?
6. **Power – When Grace Becomes Personal:** In verses 8–10, Paul reflects on how grace transformed him from persecutor to preacher—how has the resurrection power of Jesus changed your life, and where do you still need to see that grace at work?
7. **Power – Depending on the Gospel, Not Yourself:** The sermon said we’re not saved by our clarity, status, or grip, but by the strength of the gospel—of those three (clarity, status, grip), which one are you most tempted to rely on, and what would it look like to rely more fully on grace?