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And I, brethren, when I came unto you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. 1 Corinthians 2.1.

Every one of us has natural talent—some with more, others with less. We tend at first to depend on our natural gifts to proclaim the cross which we have experienced. How eagerly we expect our audience to adopt the same view and share in the same experience. Yet somehow they are so cold and unreceptive, falling short of our anticipation. We do not realize that we are rather new in our experience of the cross, and that our natural good talents need also to die with Christ. Not until we discover that the work done by relying on natural ability can only please men for a time but does not impart to their spirit the actual work of the Holy Spirit, do we finally acknowledge how inadequate is our beautiful natural talent and how necessary it is that we seek for greater divine power.