



The Proof Story



William Camden 1551 - 1623



Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra
1547 - 1616



Culinary Philosophy

- "It is ywrite that euery thing Hymself sheweth in the tastyng", Britain, 14th c
- "All the proofe of a pudding, is in the eating", Camden, in *Remaines of a Greater Worke, Concerning Britaine* - 1605
- "you will see it when you fry the eggs", Cervantes in *Don Quixote*, 1615



Most Outrageous Bible Verse

- ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and [a]the *life* **which I now live in the flesh** *I live by faith in the Son of God,* who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
Galatians 2:20

- **but Christ lives in me;**

- What other world religion makes that claim?



The Promise

- **8 but you will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;**
- **and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”**



Power Encounters

The Holy Spirit will give
you the ability to tell
what *you have*
experienced - with
miraculous results!!!!



Paul's Simple Strategy

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



Main Ingredient – Acts 4:8ff

⁸ **Then Peter, [c]filled with the Holy Spirit,** said to them, “[d]Rulers and elders of the people, ⁹ if we are [e]on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, [f]as to how this man has been made well, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that [g]by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—[h]by [i]this *name* this man stands here before you in good health. ¹¹ [j]He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, *but* WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*. ¹² **And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved!!!!!!!!!!”**



Acts 4:13-14 – The Pudding

¹³ Now as they observed the **confidence of Peter and John** and **understood that they were uneducated and untrained men,** they were amazed, and *began* to recognize them as having been with Jesus. ¹⁴ **And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.**



A Proof Story

- Problem: In Sales, present a situation: a lot of our customers are facing challenges with their websites related to bandwidth issues, and they are losing customers because of slow response times. Are you experiencing those issues, too.
- Solution: For the past few months, we have been working with Acme Anvils, and they have reported a 15% increase in converted leads on their site as a result.
- Would you like to hear more about how it works?



Your Proof Story

- Remember, you will tell what you have experienced, with miraculous results
- It has to be about you, and something Jesus did for you
- It has to connect with a need the other person can identify with
- It has to be offered with humility – not how can I preach to this person, but how can I share hope and love with this person
- What is your story?



Outrageously Amazing Message!!

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY