



- You have probably heard the expression, “This is really stretching me.”
- It means that we are being taken out of our comfort zone, \_\_\_\_\_ in ways we could have never imagined, and finding strength we didn’t know we had.
- How are you doing spiritually in your walk with Christ? Are you being stretched and are you growing?
- In verse 13, the phrase “*reaching forth*” literally means “to stretch oneself forward.”
- According to God’s Word, we need to be reaching forth and stretching ourselves spiritually in our Christian walk and as a church family.
- How can we (individually and as a church) stretch ourselves spiritually? This text will show us how.

**First, we must refuse to trust in our \_\_\_\_\_  
power. vs. 3**

- Fleshly power and fleshly wisdom cannot bring spiritual growth. When the Bible talks about the flesh, it is speaking of people doing things independent of God through their \_\_\_\_\_ strength.

- *“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”*  
**1 Corinthians 2:4-5**

**Second, our passion must be for a \_\_\_\_\_ –  
Jesus Christ. vs. 10**

- Paul said, *“That I may know him...”*
- You cannot be satisfied with a surface relationship with Christ. You must desire a one-on-one, daily communion with Christ that \_\_\_\_\_ the person you are at home and at work.
- If this is your desire, God will begin to stretch you spiritually in amazing and wonderful ways.
- Here at CrossRoads, our passion must be to \_\_\_\_\_ people to a life-giving and life-changing Person – Jesus Christ.
- You must passionately desire to have a relationship with Him that will affect the \_\_\_\_\_ of your life.