



“No Cross,
No Crown”

The Cross and Crown

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Did you grow up singing this song in children’s church?

Be careful, little hands, what you do,
Be careful little feet where you go,
For the Father up above
Is looking down in love,
So, be careful little hands what you do.

What a well-intentioned but deeply flawed message to instill in young minds!

Our walk with God should not be one of constantly looking over our shoulder, in fear that God will catch us in some kind of mistake. Parents, is that the kind of relationship you wanted to have with your children?

No, God walks with us because he loves us, and he wants the best for us. Rather than “looking down” on us like a taskmaster waiting to punish us, he watches over us with love, like a shepherd – carrying us close to his heart and gently leading (Isaiah 40:11). If we love him, too, we will live to please him and will keep his commandments (John 14:15). The blessing is that, since we understand that he loves us, we don’t have to live in fear of the fact that he sees all that we do, because we know that his purpose is not to condemn us for straying from the path but to save us from the dangers out there (John 3:17).

There is another, wonderful aspect of the truth that God sees all we do: Jesus tells us that the good things that we do with nobody watching do not escape God’s notice. Every time that we do an act of kindness, choose the right thing over the wrong thing, or labor anonymously for the kingdom, our Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward us. (Matthew 6:4)



There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. (1 John 4:18)

Thanks for Praying!

We are so grateful for all that God is doing among us in response to your prayers! This is going to be a pivotal summer. Please join us in praying

- for the moms and young children who have begun fellowshiping with us,
- for the participants in this month's baptism and membership classes
- for our intern, Jennifer, a Temple student who's joining us for the summer, and
- for financial provision to sustain our ministries.







Sack race and hatchet toss at our outdoor Family Fun Night!

We're praying with you!

If you're on our mailing list*, you're on our prayer list! If there's anything specific that we can join you in praying about, please let us know.

We love hearing from you! Please do keep in touch!

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If you'd rather receive this letter via e-mail, please let us know!

Did you know?

Our video portal is now live! Go to <https://Highway.stream> for links to our upcoming Sunday worship service, the previous week's service, and our video archives, going back to 2021. Check it out!

**"I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them."
(Jeremiah 32:40)**



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