



**"No Cross,
No Crown"**

The Cross and Crown

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Life isn't fair. Over and over again, we see examples in our experience, in the news, and even in the Bible of people who don't get what they deserve.

One of the hard lessons that I had to learn when I was a young man was that, although we cannot control how others treat us, we are most definitely responsible for how we respond to their treatment. More important, as Christians, we will be held accountable for how we respond. This is a point that Highway's pastor emeritus, Otto Wegner, hammered home brilliantly this past Sunday, in a message from Philippians. His first point, *Consistency*, expanded on Paul's charge to the church, "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." (Philippians 1:27)

What does it mean to conduct ourselves in such a manner?

We find a great example in the book of Genesis, in the life of Joseph. When Joseph was unfairly sold into slavery, it would have been easy for him to give up on his morals and given in to Potiphar's wife. Instead, he refused to betray his master and – as he pointed out – sin against God. As a result, he was (unfairly) thrown into prison, where he occupied himself cheering up his fellow inmates and, as you recall, using their dreams as an opportunity to testify about God's wisdom and sovereignty. When he was summoned to stand before Pharaoh, who brought up his ability to interpret dreams, Joseph made it very clear: "I cannot, but God will!" (Genesis 41:16) Joseph's decisions, his attitude and his confession exemplify the standard for our conduct as Christians.

We can either focus on our circumstances or focus on our calling. The difference is as simple as walking by sight versus walking by faith. The secret to remaining faithful even when we're wronged is fixing our eyes on the Gospel of Christ!

*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen,
since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

(II Corinthians 4:18)



Thanks for Praying!

You're praying and God's moving! Thank you so much! Please keep up the pressure and join us as we pray for:

- our Sunday morning Connection Circles (small group discipleship classes for all ages),
- our remaining summer outreach ministries, and
- our preparation for fall ministries, in both the church and the academy.







SGA was out in the community, at the Allegheny Arts Festival, this week!

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! Drop us a note and let us know you're out there!

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

Did you know?

The average sitcom runs for 22 minutes, not including commercials. If you watched one sitcom a night, you'd have given around 8,030 hours of your life to sitcoms in a year.

(Those of you who devote 20 minutes a day to praying for Highway and Resurrection Life are blessing us with a total of 7,300 hours of intercession per year – a savings of 730 hours of your precious time! 😊)

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” (Romans 12:12)



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