



**“No Cross,
No Crown”**

The Cross and Crown

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Many years ago, with the church at a decision point, I received an unexpected but sage bit of advice from our district superintendent. It came in four words that have stuck with me ever since: Trust the Holy Spirit. If you’ve ever served on a committee with me, or if you’ve sat in enough of my classes, you’ve probably heard me tell the whole story more than once.



Recently, I was brought back to those four words as I read Exodus 33. Following the incident with the golden calf, God told Moses and the people that he would not accompany on their trip to the Promised Land but would send an angel to lead them instead, lest they anger him along the way, and he ended up destroying them.

Moses’ response was amazing. “If your Presence doesn’t go with us,” he told God, “do not send us up from here.” (Exodus 33:15)

Most people would be delighted to receive the news that God was going to dispatch an angel just for them, to go before them and lead them along the way. From Moses’ perspective, though, it would have been better for the people to live out the rest of their lives in the wilderness, never seeing the Promised Land, than to press onward without God’s Presence.

However, what truly amazed me about Moses’ response was what it says about Moses’ understanding of God’s nature. Moses knew that God would not destroy his people. He didn’t even argue that point; – he simply trusted the Holy Spirit. He trusted God’s goodness, his mercy, and his love for his people. However angry they may have made him, he would never destroy his people. On the contrary, he would redeem them and turn their hearts to him

Whatever circumstance you find yourself in, wait on the Lord. Do not settle for any other counsel. Trust the Holy Spirit – have faith in love and his intentions for you, and allow him to guide you.

I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. (Jeremiah 32:40)

Thanks for Praying!

We are constantly praying for God's leading! Thanks for praying with us! When you pray, please remember

- our Thanksgiving turkey box and Christmas gift box community outreaches,
- new believers who have expressed interest in baptism and membership, and
- Academy staffing and enrollment.







Icebreaker at last week's Church Family Day

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.

Thanks so much to those who have kept in touch! It's so encouraging to hear from you!

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Did you know?

Highway Tabernacle retained its original name, The Cross and Crown Association, until 1896, when the members voted to change the name to Union Highway Gospel Mission. When they moved into the schoolhouse on Oxford Street, they called the building Union Highway Mission Tabernacle. In 1899, the church incorporated under the name Union Highway Mission Tabernacle Un-Denominational Church. For the 90th anniversary, in 1984, the name was officially changed to Highway Mission Tabernacle.

For a long time now—to this very day—you have ... carried out the mission the Lord your God gave you. **(Joshua 22:3)**



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