



# THE CROSS *and* CROWN

“No Cross, No Crown”

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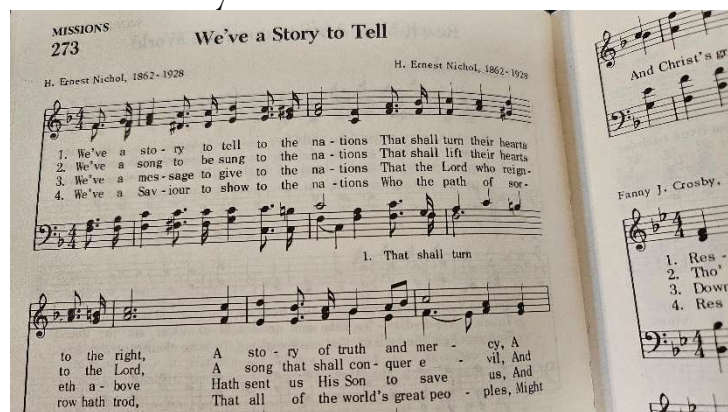
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My great-uncle wrote a book of our family’s history, *For Heaven’s Sake, Don’t Drop the Baton!* Over the last of decades of his life, he painstakingly researched and documented our family’s stories, frustrated that they hadn’t been passed down from generation to generation. Perhaps my forebears thought their lives were unremarkable, or maybe they were too busy to think about telling their stories. Whatever the reason, the result was laborious digging, trying to recreate a history that no one was still around to tell.

Ruth was, by most measures, an unremarkable woman. She married an immigrant and, after her husband died, ended up migrating to a foreign land with her mother-in-law, who was also a widow. They were poor, having to sustain themselves on the gleanings left over by the local harvesters. Ruth’s family passed down her “unremarkable” story across generations, well before anyone could have imagined that her great-grandson, David, would become one of Israel’s most famous kings.

During my first ten years at Highway, I spent many hours working in the church office with Mrs. Bogdan. In those times, through our casual conversations, I learned a lot about the church and the men and women who had invested their lives in it. It was never formal teaching; she would come across a photograph or a newspaper clipping and launch into a story. I’m amazed at how many of those stories have stayed with me through the years. Still, wish I’d had the presence of mind to have written those stories down – or to have sat her in front of a tape recorder;— but I was at that young age that never considered that her generation wouldn’t always be there to tell their stories.

Are you sharing your story – God’s story – with the people all around you? You don’t have to be a skilled evangelist;— just a sincere storyteller. The next generation needs to know the wonderful works of God in your life, in your family’s life, and in your church’s history. For Heaven’s sake, don’t drop the baton!



*How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*

*(Romans 10:14)*

# Thanks for Praying!

We can only go as far as your prayers carry us!  
Please remember to pray for:

- our summer ministries, including Alpha and outreach programs to our neighbors' children and youth,
- our recent graduates to continue to honor God as they move on to their next steps,
- laborers and leaders with a passion for Tioga, and
- multiplication!







Our "Acts and a Meal" crew with their Bible notebooks

## 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 with you in praying for, please let us know. (We will only publish your requests in this newsletter with your permission.)

We really do love hearing from you! Every message and phone call helps us keep going!

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## Did you know?

We have an archivist working with us this summer! Funded by a grant from Princeton University, she is cataloging and preserving photographs, flyers and other historical items, to ensure that they're preserved for the next generation. From time to time, we may share a photograph, to see whether or not anyone can provide more information about it.

Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you. (Deuteronomy 32:7)

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