



THE CROSS *and* CROWN

"No Cross, No Crown"

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At Highway, we're three Sundays into a series, "Faith in Action," exploring the lives of the heroes whose faith-journeys are summarized in Hebrews 11. One early theme that has arisen from this series is that of walking faithfully with God.

Amos 3:3 points out that two people can't walk together unless they choose to do so. As we discussed during the message on Enoch, this means choosing to walk to the same place, choosing to walk at the same pace, and choosing to walk along the same path. Let's consider the implications of choosing the same place.



If we are to walk with God, Heaven must be our destination. I'm sure that no one reading this letter would challenge that as our goal. It gets complicated, though, because, although Heaven is our ultimate destination, it is not our only destination. This becomes a problem when one of those other destinations goes from being a side-journey and takes over Heaven's spot as our main goal.

I'll follow you, but first! In Scripture, it was "let me bury my father," and "let me say good-bye to my family." (Luke 9:59-62) In our lives, it might be, "let me get married," or "let me establish my career."

When something other than Heaven is our first goal, there will always be some other destination to focus on, pushing Heaven further down the list. First, I want to get married; then, I want to start a family; then, I want to get my children through school, then, I have to navigate retirement – and, before I know it, I've lived all my life for this world, which is passing away, instead of for eternity. The sad irony is that, had we prioritized walking with God, he would have enhanced our marriage, our families, our employment – and whatever else we pursued. God created these things for us, but, first and foremost, we are created for Heaven. Let's set our hearts, minds and affections on things above (see Colossians 3:1,2) and our compasses on Heaven.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
(Matthew 6:33)

Thanks for Praying!





Your prayers are powerful and effective! The Bible says so. Please continue to agree with us for:

- more faith in the face of fresh challenges,
- a season of rest and recovery,
- more of God's Spirit, wisdom and direction, and
- laborers and leaders in this mission field.

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.)

Thanks so much to those who have taken the time to keep in touch! It helps to know that you're out there with us!

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Did you know?

On Sunday, November 10th, we will have a special service celebrating 130 years of ministry to Philadelphia! We would love for as many alumni as possible to join us! If you're in the Philadelphia area and need a ride, please let us know!



**One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts. (Psalm 145:4)**



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