



THE CROSS *and* CROWN

“No Cross, No Crown”

a publication of Highway Mission Tabernacle and Resurrection Life Church, Philadelphia, PA

Edition LXXXVII | October 20, 2024 copyright ©2024, Highway Mission Tabernacle



These days, the GPS navigation systems in cars can look ahead, to see congestion, accidents or detours on the way to a destination, and adjust the route to compensate for those occurrences. What they can't do, though, is compel the driver to follow the course that they map out. If a driver decides that to take a shortcut, the navigation system simply adjusts its route, trying to find the best way forward.

In the first two parts of our series on walking faithfully with God, we considered that walking together means agreeing to go to the same place and agreeing to go at the same pace. We'll conclude the series by considering the need to agree to go on the same path.

There are times when God doesn't lead down the most direct path. Sometimes, he chooses a longer but less dangerous path, as in Exodus, when God took Israel the long way to avoid war with the Philistines (Exodus 13:17,18). Sometimes, he takes us down a longer path as a way to strengthen and equip us, as when God promised to drive out the nations little by little, lest the wild animals overwhelm them (Deuteronomy 7:22).

When God lays out a course, we can choose to deviate from it, but at our own peril. Consider David, who waited seven years to take the throne after God had him anointed king. Twice during that period, he had an opportunity to kill King Saul, but he refused, committing himself to God's path instead. Jacob, by contrast, having been promised that he would rule over his brother, took matters into his own hands, swindled Esau out of his birthright, and, later, cheated him out of his blessing. As a result of these "shortcuts," Jacob spent 20 years in hard labor (as he described it to his father-in-law), far from his home and his inheritance.

God doesn't abandon us when we deviate from his path, but it's always best to go his way. Walking faithfully requires walking in faith, trusting in where and how he's leading.

In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:6)

Thanks for Praying!

We appreciate your prayers as we continue to follow the path God has set before us. Please continue to agree with us for:

- God to prepare the soil as we get ready for fall and early winter outreach events,
- more of his Spirit, wisdom and direction,
- the next generation of leaders and team members,
- provision for the many challenges around us and ahead of us.

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.)

Our 130th anniversary celebration is less than a month away! Please contact us if you'd like to attend, and if you have memories to share with us about Highway!

✉	PO Box 15191 Philadelphia, PA 19130
🌐	17 th & Tioga Streets (3501 N 17 th Street) Philadelphia, PA 19140
📞	Church/Academy Office: (215) 226-1000
💻	Welcome@ResLife.AG

* **Important:** If you'd rather not be on our mailing list, we won't be offended! Just call or write us, and we'll remove you. (We'll still keep you on our prayer list!)

If you'd rather receive this letter via e-mail, please let us know, or subscribe to it at crossandcrown.online/subscribe !

Did you know?

GPS was created as a navigation system for the US military and was originally available to them. After an incident in 1983 when a South Korean airplane strayed into Soviet airspace because of a navigation error and was shot down, Ronald Reagan made the decision to make GPS available to everyone, worldwide.

Our hearts had not turned back; our feet had not strayed from your path. (Psalm 44:18)



Highway Mission Tabernacle ♦ Resurrection Life Church ♦ PO Box 15191 Philadelphia, PA 19130
Welcome@ResLife.AG ♦ Church: (215) 226-1000 ♦ Otis: (215) 266-5976
HighwayTabernacle.org ♦ ResLife.AG ♦ Sunday services at Noon: ResLife.stream

Archived Issues: <https://CrossAndCrown.online>