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"No Cross, No Crown"

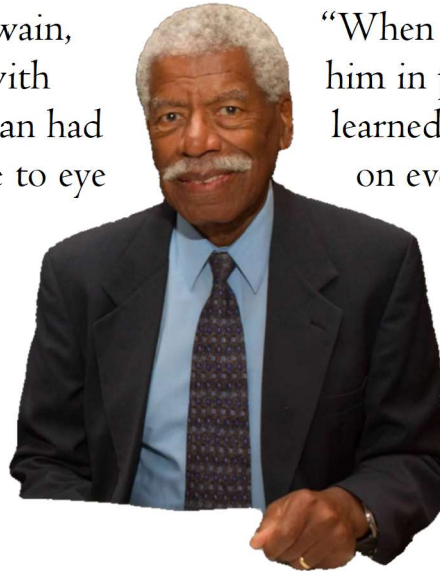
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"Brothers and sisters, pray for us." 1 Thessalonians 5:25

I don't remember the first time that I heard my father quote Isaiah 30:15 (from the King James Version), "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength," but I do know that it is the verse that my siblings and I most strongly associated with him, not only because he quoted it often, but because he lived it every day of his life.

There's a famous quote by Mark Twain, so stupid, I didn't want to be seen with was amazed at how much the old man had father and I might not have seen eye to eye teenager, but there was no way that for stupid. He had the kind of have to announce or assert itself. It easily seen by those who truly a confidence in who he was that those who failed to see it and to offer.



"When I was 17, my father was him in public. When I was 24, I learned in just seven years." My on everything when I was a I could have mistaken intelligence that didn't was a quiet wisdom, knew him, paired with didn't get rattled by everything else he had

My father wasn't the kind of leader who had to be the loudest person in the room or to draw attention to himself in order to be effective. His was that quiet confidence that let everyone know that, when it mattered, he was the one to go to; the one who could be relied on. It was his steady hand on the controls that kept the vessel so steadily on course that those on board – those in his family, his workplace and his ministry – might be forgiven for failing to notice the wisdom and foresight behind the steering of the ship.

My father went to his eternal home this past week, and I thank you for indulging me in my homage to him. However, I also hope you recognize that these musings are not just honoring my father; – they're honoring *our Father*, because, of course, my father wasn't just born into the man that he became. Every day, he applied himself to living for God and allowing God to shape him into the man that he was created to be. As Jesus put it, "anyone who has seen me has seen the Father," and anyone who saw my dad, whether they realized it or not, saw something of the Father. Let's devote ourselves to living in such a way that the same can be said of us.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Matthew 13:43)

Brothers and Sisters, Pray for Us!

Thank you walking with us along this challenging road! As we go, let's continue to pray for:





- a new, Spirit-given urgency to reach the lost,
- the new additions to our team and our preparation for ministry this summer and beyond,
- maintaining our historic building and finding a facilities manager,
- God's wisdom, direction and provision for the church and the Academy.

Please continue to lift up the dear sister mentioned for prayer in the last newsletter, as she was taken to the hospital this past 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 with you in praying for, please let us know. (We will only publish your requests in this newsletter with your permission.)

Please do keep in touch! We're always delighted to hear from you and to pray with you!

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Did You Know?

Fox fathers play with their children for hours on end. It's not all fun and games, though. The games they play include hiding food near the den, burying it under rocks and leaves, to teach their pups how to sniff out their own food when they grow up and have to fend for themselves.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.
(Psalm 103:13)



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