



# CROSS & CROWN

**"Resurrection  
means the worst  
thing is never the  
last thing."**

- Frederick Buechner

## **Philippians 2:6-11 [NLT]**

- <sup>6</sup> Though he was God,  
he did not think of equality with God  
as something to cling to.  
<sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;  
he took the humble position of a slave  
and was born as a human being.  
When he appeared in human form,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God  
and died a criminal's death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor  
and gave him the name above all other names,  
<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **Mark 8:34b-35 [NIV]**

<sup>34b</sup> "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

## **Philippians 2:5 [NLT]**

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

## **John 1:12 [NIV]**

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

## **Galatians 2:20 [ESV]**

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## How to start a relationship with Jesus:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

### **You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness.  
I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “LIFE” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.**

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### **For Further Reflection:**

:: Identify something you regret, wish you could do over, or just take back.

:: What did you do in that particular situation?

:: What happened as a result?

:: What would you want to do differently, or the same, if you could? Why?

:: Read/Re-read *Philippians 2:5-11*.

:: What stands out to you as you reflect on what Jesus did/didn't do?

:: What are some tangible ways we can “have the same attitude” as Jesus in how we live our lives?

:: Pastor Shawn highlighted that the resurrection of Jesus means the worst thing that happens in our lives doesn't have to be the last thing that happens.

:: How have you seen/experienced that in your life?

:: How is that possible? (ref. 2 Corinthians 5:17, Psalm 103:12, 1John 1:8-9, Galatians 2:20)

:: Read/Re-read *Galatians 2:20*.

:: What do you find most challenging about Paul's words?

:: What do you find most comforting/helpful in the dynamic he describes?

:: What have you found to be the most difficult part of living as Paul says?

:: What might God want you to do next in order to live as Paul declares?

:: What decision do you need to make to take on new identity & authority in Jesus?

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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