



CrossWay Church – Macky Shedd – April 13th, 2025

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If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. **1 Peter 4:11 (NIV)**

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