



CrossWay Church – Macky Shedd – July 12th, 2026

Let us look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and your hearts give up. **Hebrews 12:2-3 (MEV)**

He came into his own creation, and his own people would not accept him. **John 1:11 (PHILLIPS)**

Even Jesus' own brothers did not believe in him. **John 7:5 (NIRV)**

Luke 4:22-30 (NIV)

I CAN BE FAITHFUL WHEN FACING REJECTION IF, LIKE CHRIST, I...

1. Remember My _____ & My _____.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. **John 13:2-5 (NIV)**

At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³ But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." ⁴⁴ And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea. **Luke 4:42-44 (NIV)**

2. Understand It's The _____ Of The _____.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." **Mark 8:31-33 (NIV)**

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." **Luke 22:31-32 (NIV)**

But, brothers and sisters, when we were orphaned by being separated from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you. ¹⁸ For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan blocked our way. **1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 (NIV)**

_____ was rejected by Israel before they accepted his leadership.
 _____ was rejected by brothers before God used him to save them.
 _____ was overlooked by his own family before becoming king.
 _____ was mocked, beaten, and threatened by his own people.
 _____ was jailed and beheaded for proclaiming God's word.
 _____ suffered the ultimate rejection before offering salvation to all.

"If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. ¹⁹ The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. ²⁰ Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. **John 15:18-20a (NLT)**

Anyone wishing to live a godly life in Jesus the Anointed will be hunted down and persecuted. **2 Timothy 3:12 (VOICE)**

3. Speak The _____ Even When It Is _____.

Do you think I am trying to make people accept me? No, God is the One I am trying to please. Am I trying to please people? If I still wanted to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ. **Galatians 1:10 (NCV)**

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁸ Look, your house is left to you desolate." **Matthew 23:37-38 (NIV)**

Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him... **Acts 7:52 (NIV)**

I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. **Luke 4:25-29 (NIV)**

Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. **2 Timothy 4:2 (NLT)**

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. **Ephesians 4:15 (EHV)**

4. Refuse To Let _____ Take _____ In My Heart.

They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way. **Luke 4:29-30 (NIV)**

See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. **Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)**

5. Trust God To _____ Me When Others _____.

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. **1 Peter 2:23 (NIV)**

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **Romans 8:31 (NIV)**