

THE CROSS IS MY COMPASS

Have you ever seen the movie, "The Gods Must Be Crazy?" It's about a primitive tribe of people who had little to no distractions from the modern world, and their families were closely knit. One day a strange metal bird, an airplane, flew over their heads. The pilot threw a Coca-Cola bottle out the window. This strange object became an attraction, because no one had ever seen such a thing before. In fact it became an obsession! One villager had a goal in mind, to throw the bottle off the end of the earth. He knew it was for the betterment of his tribe, and it would restore them to the love they once had. The only problem was that he did not know where the end of the earth was, so he walked aimlessly trying to find it. I will let you watch the movie to see what happened.

My life is an adventure, especially my life as a Christian, and I am fighting against evil forces. Instead of walking aimlessly like the man in the movie, I know that where I am headed will lead me to what I am looking for, but to get there I need a "compass." Jesus had a compass, and what He used should work for us too, if we choose to use it. Hebrews 12:2, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Jesus' compass was the cross. By focusing on it, Jesus knew what direction His life needed to take.

Someone might wonder how Jesus could find joy in something that was going to mean pain and suffering for Him, and the answer could only be because He knew what enduring the cross would accomplish for the ones He loved so much. It meant that you and I could be saved from our sins and receive eternal life. In the Gospels, many people wanted Jesus to take His eyes off His compass. They wanted Him to be a mighty warrior who would conquer the Roman invaders, but Jesus was not looking for an earthly crown. A crown wasn't His compass. A cross was.

Without the cross we would be headed for hell. Praise God for the cross.

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