

## CALVARY FELLOWSHIP 2 CROSS VISION

At Calvary Fellowship we are unified around our purpose to glorify God in all that we do (Psalm 115:1).  
We are unified around our mission to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).  
And we are unified around our 2 cross vision based on Luke 9:23.

We decided that rather than writing out a lengthy vision statement, we'd just draw a picture. You'll see this picture at the top of every web page and on almost every document that's associated with Calvary: Two crosses. If you can remember two crosses, you've got the vision.

It's not just our vision, it's Jesus' vision for your life. Take a look at the pictures below, and we'll briefly describe what you're seeing.

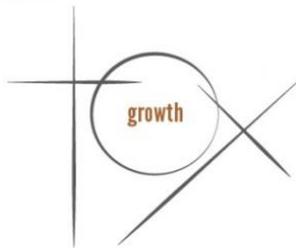
### JESUS' CROSS



The first cross is Jesus' cross. I Corinthians 1:18 says (the bold is ours), "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing..." We recognize that it's hard to get through that cross. Believing that Jesus and His death are the **ONLY** way to a relationship with God and the **ONLY** way to obtain eternal life... well, it's a potential stumbling block! That's why we love the second part of that same verse which says, "...but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

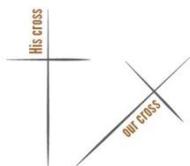
After we put our faith and whole trust in what Jesus did on that cross in redeeming us, we are His children! Now it's time to grow, grow, grow.

### THE GROWTH CIRCLE



After you come to know Jesus, you should become a sponge. Learning, praying, and meeting with other Christians at church and in smaller group settings is both natural and important. The Bible becomes your guide for every aspect of life. But it's not enough to stay in that circle.

### OUR CROSS



Now for that second cross.

Luke 9:23 says, "And he said to all, 'If anyone would come after me, let him **deny** himself and **take up his cross** daily and follow me.'"

After we get "through the cross," so to speak, and begin to grow in Christ, it's time for us to get *under* our cross. Jesus Himself gives that very instruction to anyone who wants to be His disciple.



If it's hard to grasp how to do this, try starting every single day with this prayer:

"Jesus, I am all yours today. Whatever you want me to do, I will do it. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me to, with your help and by your power, do everything you ask of me."

Then live your day with the expectation that Jesus will take you up on it. Knowing the Bible well is an absolute must, since God mostly speaks to us through His word!

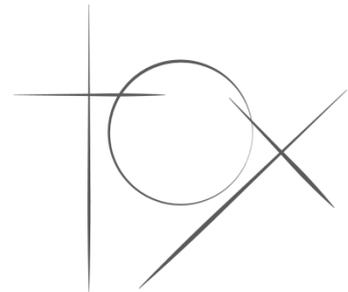
Denying yourself can involve forgiving an enemy and praying for him/her instead of allowing yourself to wallow in self-pity or hatred (Matthew 5:43-48). Getting under your cross can mean giving up something of value in order to meet the need of someone else (1 John 3:17). There are a million ways to live out "denying yourself" and "taking up your cross." You just have to decide what God is telling you to do right now—and then live it out by His grace.

### A WAY OF LIFE

So there you have it in pictures. Whenever you see the two crosses at Calvary, you can remember that the first cross represents Jesus' cross that purchased your salvation. The second cross is your cross of a surrendered life to the Lord. We look forward to living this out together!

Here at Calvary Fellowship we are ...

- Committed to *pointing people to the cross of Christ* – trusting the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.
- Committed to *guiding people through the cross* – establishing them in the faith and equipping them to serve the Lord.
- Committed to *inspiring people to take up their cross* – living and loving more like Jesus and helping others to do the same as we deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him.



*What encourages/challenges you most about our 2 cross vision?*

*How are you looking to grow spiritually this year?*

Denying ourselves, taking up our cross and following Jesus is a call to full surrender and a deep abiding relationship in Jesus Christ. Read John 15:1-15 for an illustration of what this relationship looks like. Identify some of the aspects of this abiding relationship that you observe in this passage related to our time in the Word, prayer, disciple making, fruit bearing, obedience, joy, and the glory of God.

*What steps can you take this year to continue growing as one who bears fruit through making disciples?*