

Pastor Carries Cross from Coast to Coast to Preach About Jesus

A pastor who has carried a 75-pound, wooden cross for two years across the United States is in the nation's capital this week with a message he first preached on the West Coast.

Pastor Nick Schindler carried the cross all the way to the gates of the White House, as he and other people have been praying, worshipping, and welcoming Jesus Christ into public squares across the nation.

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He was hoping for a face-to-face meeting with President Trump to discuss the epidemic of homelessness and to submit ideas about how to end it for hundreds of thousands of citizens.

Fascinated by the cross in small towns and large cities where Schindler has carried it, newspaper, radio, and television media have documented the journey from coast to coast.

Schindler hopes the same interest occurs in D.C. so that the message of the cross and homeless awareness spreads.

After Schindler placed the cross near the White House gates, his plan was to visit a ministry site with a history of non-stop prayer and worship in the nation's capital. David's Tent, a 24-7 prayer, praise, and worship ministry in D.C., is honoring the cross with a new home – a place for Schindler to

revisit and remember.

"I'm going to miss the cross," said Schindler, who is 40. "People have shed tears of joy and sorrow on this cross," he said from near the White House.

"It is more than two pieces of wood; it's a testimony to the healing power of God through a vessel like me. The cross has become a part of me, and I'm a part of it," he added.

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Schindler first constructed the cross, then hoisted it onto his shoulder in Bend, Oregon, on June 23, 2023.

During the trek, Schindler shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ hundreds of times – both in one-on-one encounters and in churches large and small – and highlighted the plights of unhoused people for politicians and citizens in 11 states.

From a National Day of Prayer breakfast in the South, homeless encampments, rural and urban churches, to the floor of a state legislature, Schindler has endured below-zero temperatures and agony in his hips and feet from long walks with the cross.

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"I've been blessed to sit down the cross and rest; Jesus didn't get to do that. He was blinded by his blood and parched for water. When he needed rest, there was no mercy," said Schindler.

Schindler has also enjoyed the honor of preaching, serving, and praying across America.

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