

Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus

Hebrews 12:1-2 – “Looking to Jesus...”

How do we see what we don't see? How can we, on a practical level, keep our eyes on Jesus?

2 Things to See:

- **See what Jesus _____.**
 - CREATION (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1). Jesus is “the Word” who created all things.
 - We have to “lift up our eyes” to see WHO has created all of these things (Isaiah 40:26).
 - As we look at the WHAT of creation we learn about WHO made it (Romans 1:20; Acts 14:17).
 - EMPTY TOMB. Jesus has all power. He's the Son of God because He raised from the dead (Rom. 1:4).
 - If Jesus made you in His image and died for you, what more will He do for you (Romans 8:32)?
 - Looking what Jesus has already done, provides hope and faith for what He will do.
 - David had confidence in defeating Goliath because God had already helped him defeat the lion and the bear (1 Samuel 17:33-37).
 - If Jesus did this for me then...is He powerful enough and loving enough to help me now?
 - Everyone needs reassurance, even John the Baptist needed it! Jesus gave that reassurance to him. Jesus did miracles, and told John's disciples to go and tell him what they saw (Luke 7:18-23; Matthew 11:1-6).
 - What has God done for you? Read the Psalms! Start with Psalm 103.
- **See what Jesus _____.**
 - Memorizing Bible facts is very helpful, but can you tell me 5 promises that apply to every Christian?
 - 5 PROMISES – Romans 8:38-39; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 13:5-6; 1 John 1:9.
 - Abraham's faith in the resurrection of Isaac was directly related to God's promise (Hebrews 11:17-19).

2 Don'ts:

- **Don't stare at the _____.**
 - Peter took his eyes off Jesus and focused on the storm (Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:51-52).
 - Acts 27:13-25 – Paul's faith in God's promises during the storm.
- **Don't fixate on _____ temporary wins.**
 - Satan is working, but so is Jesus. Jesus wins. The book of Revelation tells us who wins in the end!
 - He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).

2 Exercises:

- **The Exercise of _____.**
 - The Israelites had to be still and see God's salvation (Exodus 14:13-14; Psalm 46:10).
 - Habakkuk had to be silent in God's holy temple in order to walk by faith (Habakkuk 2:4,20).
 - Job also realized the power of silence and simple trust in God (Job 40:3-5; 42:3)
 - Psalm 131:1-2 – Like a little baby with his mother that has been nursed and is now calmly resting.
- **The Exercise of _____.**
 - Elisha prayed for God to open his servant's eyes to see God's army (2 Kings 6:17).
 - Paul prayed for others' spiritual eyesight (Ephesians 1:15-22).
 - Be like the blind man who saw, not like the Pharisees were blind (John 9:38-41).

Invitation: Acts 2:38-39 – Here is another promise of Jesus to everyone.