“FIXING YOUR EYES ON JESUS”

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Hebrews 12:1-3 - *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, [2] fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. [3] Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

HEBREWS 12

- Cloud of witnesses
- Throw off everything that hinders
- Fixing our eyes on Jesus
- Jesus focused on **JOY**!
- Jesus focused on the **FINISH**!
- Jesus focused on the **THRONE OF GOD**!

NOTE: The word translated as **"fix"** comes from the Greek term **aphorao**, which means to look steadfastly, intently, and single-mindedly at a distant object while actively turning your gaze away from everything else.

POSITION YOURSELF

- John was “in the spirit” on the Lord’s Day - ***Rev 1:10, 11***
- Peter was in prayer - ***Acts 10:9-13***
- Ezekiel was with the elders - ***Ezekiel 1;1-3***
- Paul and Silas were singing and praising - ***Acts 16:25***
- Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up - ***Isaiah 6:1-4***
- David was crying out - ***Psalm 73:16, 17***
- The 120 were “waiting in Jerusalem” - ***Acts 1:4 & Acts 2:1-4***

ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS

Hebrews 12:1 - *“let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.”*

Luke 9:51 - *51 Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem...*

- Conflict
- Money
- Offenses

DRAW NEAR

1 John 1:1-4 - *"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life..."*

Philippians 3:10 - *"That I may know Him..."*

GET YOUR EYES OFF OF THE PROBLEMS AND ON TO JESUS!!!

2 Corinthians 4:18

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."