

God Chaser

Part 2 - Fixing Your Focus

2 Chronicle's 20:1-12

¹After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat. ²Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from Edom,^[b] from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). ³Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. ⁴The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him. ⁵Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the LORD in the front of the new courtyard ⁶and said:

"LORD, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. ⁷Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, ⁹'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.'

¹⁰"But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. ¹¹See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. ¹²Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

I. Introduction

At certain times in life, it may be challenging to keep your eyes on God. We may get distracted or loose focus as He stops being our first concern and priority.

II. How Do We Fix Our Focus?

1. We must see ourselves how God sees us.
 - a. Speak over yourself. Say it till you see it.

Joshua 1:8

⁸Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

2. Guard your heart.
 - a. There are two ways to your heart, your eyes and ears.
 - b. Whatever is in your heart affects what you look at – a reciprocal relationship.
3. Spend your first 15 minutes of the day meditating to change this inner image.

1 John 2:16 NIV

For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

Mathew 5:29

If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Psalms 119:37

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.^[a]

Hebrews 12:1-2

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.

III. 5 Keys to Fixing Your Focus

1. Do not desire what you do not own.
2. Do not compare yourself to someone else. Compare yourself to yourself by measuring how far you have come.
3. Remove distractions.
4. Create parameters.
5. Challenge yourself by giving God 6 months of fixing your eyes on Him.

IV. Bonus Keys

1. Self-imposed discipline

2. Making the right investments.
3. Leave your past in the past.