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It Wasn't Supposed to Be This Way!

*"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...
³Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners,
so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."
Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)*

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- ✚ Most of the factors in life are not **CHANGEABLE** by us.
- ✚ We often feel shattered when things don't go according to our **PLAN**.
- ✚ We typically want God to **FIX** it all.
- ✚ What if instead of fixing, editing, and repairing our situation, God is more concerned with **REDEEMING** it?

*"You intended to harm me, **but God intended** it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20 (NLT)*

*"And we know that God makes **EVERYTHING** work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them." Romans 8:28 (NLT)*

*"...our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 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."
2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NIV)*

- ✚ **FIX** your eyes on Jesus!

Keep the Conversation going...

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. What tends to happen when we fix our eyes on “things” instead of Jesus?
2. What are some things you can do to fix your eyes on Jesus instead of safety, security, and comfort? (Hints: Matthew 6:25-33 and Philippians 4:6-9)
3. How does focusing on Jesus help us have faith to endure and persevere?
4. Read Hebrews 11:37–38. Does the kind of faith described in these verses seem attainable? Why or why not?