

January 29

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV) ² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

I arrived at school to be handed a computer that needed to be fixed as soon as possible. Once I figured out the problem, I set to work. Things were going well when I received phone call. A teacher was having a problem, but from the sound of it, I knew it would not take long to fix, so off I went. On my way back to my room, I got sidetracked and ended up in another building. When I returned to the high school, I went back to work on the computer. After wiping out the hard drive, I began to reinstall the operating system. As I waited for that to finish, I began working on a few iPads that had been piling up. Every now and then, I would return to the computer to continue the restoring process. Yet, once again, I was called away on another errand. It was a long time before I made it back to my original project. It took me a while to remember exactly where I was on the repair. By the time I figured that out, the day was almost over. Even though I had been busy all day, I did not finish that computer.

One of the most common tricks of the enemy to keep us from remaining focused on Jesus is to distract us. Now, those other tasks were important, but they were not as important as that computer. Had I remained focused on it and it alone, I could have had it repaired in a few hours, which would have left more than enough time for those other projects. Our most important “project” is maintaining our relationship with Jesus. However, we can be sidetracked by our job or jobs. Friends and family should be part of our lives, and it is only reasonable that we take some time to relax and to pursue our hobbies. Taking time for these activities is not wrong unless they become distractions that cause us to take our eyes off our main goal. As I mentioned, had I devoted my time to that computer, I would have been able to fix it and still have time for everything else. When we place Jesus first and remain focused on Him, He will give us time to enjoy life and those He places in our lives.