

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. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV)

Eyes On You

What are your eyes fixed on? What has your attention? I'm not really sure how to answer those questions. **What occupies your attention and what your eyes are fixed will guide the course of your life.** Then my answer to your questions is very important **Yes, it is. To the extent that your eyes and focus are on me I will be guiding your life.** If my eyes and focus turn away from you then I am likely to wander off the path that you are leading me on. **That's right.** I will waste time and effort on things of this world that are ultimately not that important. I will expend my energy and strength on what will not bear fruit for your kingdom and your glory. I will grow weary and lose heart once I see how little impact my life is making for you. **Yes, you've got that right.**

The problem of not focusing on me is larger than you may realize. How is that? **I am the author and perfecter of your faith. Without keeping your eyes on me you can't really live the life that I have laid out for you. You are not the author of your faith. I am the author of your faith. What does the author of the story know that the reader cannot know?** The reader follows the story and only learns of the story while reading what the author has written. **Keeping your eyes and focus on me is like reading the story of your faith. You will only know where I am leading you by following me. You will only know what I am asking of you by obeying me. The story of your life of faith with me will unfold little by little, day by day as you keep your eyes and focus on me.** I get it.

How hard has it been to keep your eyes and focus on me? It has been very hard to keep my eyes and focus on you. **Why is that?** The world and everything in it tries to demand my attention. The commitments that are before me grab a hold of my time. The noise of life makes it hard for me to listen to you and keep my focus on you and the life that you have for me. The pace of life wears me out and throws my life completely out of balance. **So, the challenge of keeping your eyes and focus on me is great?** Yes, it is. **What will help you to keep your eyes and focus on me?** Meeting everyday with you in your word will help me to keep my eyes and focus on you. **Is that what you will do?** Yes, it is. **I will be looking and waiting for you to come to meet with me.** I have a time and place set to meet with you. **That will be very good.**

Lord, thank you that you are the author and perfecter of my faith. I will follow you. I will keep and my eyes on you. Help me to endure whatever opposition I will face in life. Strengthen me so I will not grow weary or lose heart. Amen

Let Us *Fix Our Eyes On Jesus*

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NIV Hebrews 12:2-3

Let Us *Keeping Our Eyes On Jesus*

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

NLT Hebrews 12:2-3

Let Us *Looking To Jesus*

looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

NRSV Hebrews 12:2-3

Let Us *Looking Away...To Jesus*

Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Just think of Him Who endured from sinners such grievous opposition and bitter hostility against Himself [reckon up and consider it all in comparison with your trials], so that you may not grow weary or exhausted, losing heart and relaxing and fainting in your minds.

AMP Hebrews 12:2-3

Let Us *Fixing Our Eyes On Jesus*

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

NASB Hebrews 12:2-3

Let Us *Looking To Jesus*

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

ESV Hebrews 12:2-3

Let Us *Looking Unto Jesus*

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

NKJV Hebrews 12:2-3

Let Us *Keep Your Eyes On Jesus*

Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!

MSG Hebrews 12:2-3

Let Us *Keep Your Eyes On Jesus*

Keep your eyes on Jesus, our leader and instructor. He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterwards; and now he sits in the place of honor by the throne of God. If you want to keep from becoming fainthearted and weary, think about his patience as sinful men did such terrible things to him.

TLB Hebrews 12:2-3

Let Us *Let Us Look Only To Jesus*

Let us look only to Jesus, the One who began our faith and who makes it perfect. He suffered death on the cross. But he accepted the shame as if it were nothing because of the joy that God put before him. And now he is sitting at the right side of God's throne. Think about Jesus' example. He held on while wicked people were doing evil things to him. So do not get tired and stop trying.

NCV Hebrews 12:2-3

Fix Our Eyes on Jesus

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Let Us – Hebrews 12:2-3

In Context: *Read Hebrews 12*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How would your life change if you continually fixed your eyes on Jesus?

Who is someone you know made it their habit to fix their eyes on Jesus?

Why is Jesus, as the author and perfecter of your faith, worthy of keeping your eyes on?

How has fixing your eyes on Jesus helped you to throw off hindrances and sin that easily entangles you?

How has fixing your eyes on Jesus helped you to stay on course and run the race marked out for you?

When has fixing your eyes on Jesus helped you to endure opposition in life?

How has fixing your eyes on Jesus kept you from growing weary and losing heart?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Fix your eyes on Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of your faith, so will not grow weary or loose heart.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that as you fix your eyes on Jesus you will not grow weary and lose heart as you follow Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are fixing your eyes on Jesus Christ as you follow Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you fix your eyes on Jesus so that you to not grow weary or lose heart.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will keep my eyes on so that I will not grow weary or lose heart.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I keep my eyes on you so I will not grow weary or lose heart.
