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## **Your Focus**

**Where is your focus? What has your attention? What guides your life? How are you able to endure and persevere in and through the difficulties of life? What protects you from going astray? Why don't you become diverted? Why have you not become ensnared in the pleasures of sin? Why are you not pursuing all the comforts that this life has to offer? What keeps you on track? Do you have unusual power? Do you have astounding strength?** You must be kidding me. Me, have unusual power? Me have, astounding strength? Nothing could be further from the truth. And have I never gone astray? Have I never become diverted or ensnared in the pleasures of sin or caught in pursuing the comforts of this life? Hardly, I have made every mistake that can be made, or so it seems to me. **That is quite an exaggeration.** Well, I have made more than my share of mistakes. I have taken many missteps. I have sinned boldly; I am sad to say. **Yes, this is all true. But your life is now on course. What explanation do you have to explain the fact that you are running the race I have set before you. You are running well, why is that?** I have a clear explanation. **Good, I will be glad to hear it.** My heart and mind and life are focused on you. To this, I deserve no credit. You have given me a heart that wants to seek you with all that is within me. I am on fire for you. It is my passion to love and follow and serve you. I am fully devoted to you. But again, it must be said, that what you have done and are doing in me, has come as a gift to me. How is it that this devotion, this focus is in me? It only has come from you to me. It is a gift. The most excellent gift I could ever desire. I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. So, I will say earnestly, as my most heart-felt prayer, and my statement of faith, that it is you that gives me all I need to keep moving forward with you. Keep my focus on you. Keep on helping me, as you have been helping me. **That I will do.** My focus is and will be on you. **That is very good.**

*Lord, I will keep my heart and mind and life focused sharply on you. I will not allow the things of this life or the pleasures of sin to knock me off course. I will follow you to where you lead me to do what you ask of me. Guide me, use me, I am entirely yours. Amen*

**Promises** *Saw Him Who Is Invisible*

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NIV Hebrews 11:24-28

**Promises** *Kept His Eyes On The One Who Is Invisible*

It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible. It was by faith that Moses commanded the people of Israel to keep the Passover and to sprinkle blood on the doorposts so that the angel of death would not kill their firstborn sons.

NLT Hebrews 11:24-28

**Promises** *Saw Him Who Is Invisible*

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

NRSV Hebrews 11:24-28

**Promises** *Gazed On Him Who Is Invisible*

[Aroused] by faith Moses, when he had grown to maturity *and* become great, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Because he preferred to share the oppression [suffer the hardships] *and* bear the shame of the people of God rather than to have the fleeting enjoyment of a sinful life. He considered the contempt *and* abuse *and* shame [borne for] the Christ (the Messiah Who was to come) to be greater wealth than all the treasures of Egypt, for he looked forward *and* away to the reward (recompense). [Motivated] by faith he left Egypt behind him, being unawed *and* undismayed by the wrath of the king; for he never flinched *but* held staunchly to his purpose *and* endured steadfastly as one who gazed on Him Who is invisible. By faith (simple trust and confidence in God) he instituted *and* carried out the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood [on the doorposts], so that the destroyer of the firstborn (the angel) might not touch those [of the children of Israel].

AMP Hebrews 11:24-28

**Promises** *Seeing Him Who Is Unseen*

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.

NASB Hebrews 11:24-28

**Promises** *Seeing Him Who Is Invisible*

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ESV Hebrews 11:24-28

**Promises** *Seeing Him Who Is Invisible*

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

NKJV Hebrews 11:24-28

**Promises** *Had His Eye On The One No One Can See*

By faith, Moses, when grown, refused the privileges of the Egyptian royal house. He chose a hard life with God's people rather than an opportunistic soft life of sin with the oppressors. He valued suffering in the Messiah's camp far greater than Egyptian wealth because he was looking ahead, anticipating the payoff. By an act of faith, he turned his heel on Egypt, indifferent to the king's blind rage. He had his eye on the One no eye can see, and kept right on going. By an act of faith, he kept the Passover Feast and sprinkled Passover blood on each house so that the destroyer of the firstborn wouldn't touch them.

MSG Hebrews 11:24-28

**Promises** *See God Right There With Him*

It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be treated as the grandson of the king, but chose to share ill-treatment with God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. He thought that it was better to suffer for the promised Christ than to own all the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking forward to the great reward that God would give him. And it was because he trusted God that he left the land of Egypt and wasn't afraid of the king's anger. Moses kept right on going; it seemed as though he could see God right there with him. And it was because he believed God would save his people that he commanded them to kill a lamb as God had told them to and sprinkle the blood on the doorposts of their homes so that God's terrible Angel of Death could not touch the oldest child in those homes as he did among the Egyptians.

TLB Hebrews 11:24-28

**Promises** *See The God That No One Can See*

It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of the king of Egypt's daughter. He chose to suffer with God's people instead of enjoying sin for a short time. He thought it was better to suffer for the Christ than to have all the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking for God's reward. It was by faith that Moses left Egypt and was not afraid of the king's anger. Moses continued strong as if he could see the God that no one can see. It was by faith that Moses prepared the Passover and spread the blood on the doors so the one who brings death would not kill the firstborn sons of Israel.

NCV Hebrews 11:24-28

# He Saw Him Who Is Invisible

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Promises** – Hebrews 11:24-28

**In Context:** *Read Hebrews 11*

**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?)***

Lord, I will keep my heart and mind and life focused sharply on you. I will not allow the things of this life or the pleasures of sin to knock me off course. I will follow you to where you lead me to do what you ask of me. Guide me, use me, I am entirely yours. Amen

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

Why can you expect to be mistreated because you openly identify with the people of God?

How has openly identifying with the people of God kept you from enjoying the pleasures of sin?

Why will the pleasures of sin be so only for a short time after which will come pain, suffering and brokenness?

**Why is being fully devoted to the Lord of greater value than anything the world has to offer?**

What reward do you have to look forward to because you have loved, followed, and served the Lord?

**What has your faith caused you to leave behind, and grab ahold of instead, as a follower of Christ?**

**How has keeping your heart, mind, and life focused on the Lord helped you to persevere difficulty in life?**

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

Keep your heart and mind and life focused on the Lord so you will be able to persevere in the difficulties of life.

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

Have faith that you will be able to persevere the difficulties of life as you focus your heart, mind, and life on the Lord.

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

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has helped you to persevere in the difficulties of life.

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**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you keep your heart, mind, and life focused on the Lord so you can persevere in the difficulties of life.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will keep my heart and mind and life focused sharply on you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how will you help me to preserve difficulties in life as I focus my heart and mind and life sharply on you?*

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