



FIXING
YOUR
EYES
ON
JESUS

(Heb 12:1-2)

The Summary of 2015 Thus Far

- God wants us to pursue him and his interests.
- The people who will change the city are those whose total focus is on Christ.



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The three things to fix are:

- Our Faith in God
- Our Devotion
- Our Confession



Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

1. 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.



Heb 12:2 (KJV)

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 is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.



Looking (KJV), Fixing (NIV) comes from a Greek root that means :

- To consider attentively, to stare at, to attend to, to experience, to behold, to take notice.
- It means to look away from other things so that you can focus all your attention on one object.



Why should we fix our eyes on Jesus?

1. When we fix our eyes on Jesus, he fixes our impossible situations.



Matthew 14:30 (ISV)

But when he noticed the strong wind, he was frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, save me!"



2 Corinthians 3:18 (ASV)

But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.



Where is your focus?

- His Face vs. His Hand
- His Presence vs. His Presents





Are you
focusing on the
right thing?

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2. When we fix our eyes on Jesus, the world (and its desires) will lose its grip on us.



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Why should we fix our eyes on Jesus?

3. Fixing our eyes on Jesus is an expression of faith in his character!!!

God is willing and able.



Why should we fix our eyes on Jesus?

4. Jesus is our only perfect model of faith



*“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher
<teleiotes> of our faith...” (KJV)*

<teleiotes> Greek word = to complete
literally, it means to consummate = perfect
and complete in every respect; having all
necessary qualities



An over-dependency syndrome has entered the body of Christ such that Christians have lost their spiritual self-esteem.

- Learn to feed directly from God
- Spiritual malnutrition (an inadequate supply of spiritual food)





Do not feed the bears

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Why should we fix our eyes on Jesus?

5. Jesus redeems what we lost in our past

To redeem = to buy back



Hebrews 13:8 (ISV)

“Jesus, the Messiah, is the same yesterday and today and forever!”



Three different time zones:

- Yesterday = Past
- Today = Present
- Forever = Future

When you fix your eyes on Jesus, your past is redeemed, your present makes sense and your future is secured!



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When we fix our eyes on Jesus:

- 1) He fixes our impossible situations.
- 2) The world (and its desires) will lose its grip on us.
- 3) It is an expression of faith in his character.
- 4) Jesus is our only perfect model of faith
- 5) He redeems what we lost in our past

