

Message: ***Fix Your Eyes On Jesus***

Scripture: Hebrews 12:2-3

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The reason most believers wander off, stumble, or become just Sunday Christians is either they took their eyes off Jesus, or they've never put their focus on Him in the first place. Have you ever tried running while looking at your feet, or running as look behind you? It does not work very well, right? It's because you can't see where you're going. The same is true in our faith. We need to keep the proper focus which is on Him.

To run the race of life we need to keep our eyes on Jesus. We need His strength and support. Hebrews 12:3 exhorts us to "*consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart*". To 'consider' means that we focus our minds upon it. We fix our attention upon Christ. "One glimpse of the cross is enough for a lifetime of motivation."

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. Many of us think faith began when "we chose" to accept Jesus as our Savior. But that's not how faith started. Left to ourselves, we would not turn to God at all (Eph 2). It all starts with God working in our hearts and drawing us to Himself. In view of this, how do we respond each day so we can continue in faith?
2. What do we do when we sin? Believe it or not, many Christians don't know the answer to this question. Yes, they believe Jesus died for their sins (past). But many Christians live in fear, in guilt, and in bondage of sin today. Where's Jesus today?
3. Do you understand where your faith came from, and do you have an assurance of where you are going? Fix your eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Have you grown weary in the race? Fix your eyes on Jesus, you will not grow weary and lose heart.