

# FIX YOUR GAZE ON HIM

Text; Hebrew 12v2

**A** lot of happening in the world today. We live in an anxious time. We live in a world that fills like an emotional roller coaster. In this situation it is easy to be consumed by negative emotions like fear, self pity, worry and anxiety, negative thoughts and feelings of uncertainty. It is easy to forget who you are in Christ Jesus and disconnect from your source-God whatever be the situation, believers must learn to stay calm and intentionally redirect the focus on God. There are lot of things a Christian must not do when the going gets tough. Don't focus on the unpleasantness, you will gain nothing but depression. Don't rely on your connections or abilities you will only be disappointed. Don't give in to negative emotions you will wear yourself out. don't give up on God that you will only make your situation worse. In Heb. 12v2 Apostle Paul encourages all believers in Christ to look into Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. What does it mean to look up to Jesus and fix our gaze on Him?

You should know looking up to Jesus does not mean that it pulls us away from the real world or problem rather it build a firm foundation for living well and overcoming obstacles, it means looking at your situations in the reality of who God is and what He is capable of doing. Fixing your gaze on God entails channeling your focus thoughts and consideration on God. That is what He has said in His word and His promise to you concerning that situation. It is trusting Him to come through for you can overcome everything that life throws at you because of who God is. Fixing your gaze on Him means looking up to Jesus the author and finisher of our Faith who alone knows the end from the beginning. It means allowing He that dwells in you to take over the situations and challenge of your life. It means that having a consciousness that because He dwells in you He is more able to do abundantly more than you can ever imagine in your life because His purpose for you is to have an expected end.

Unfortunately, many Christians get so overwhelmed with the vicissitudes of life that they struggle to remain Christians. In 2Corinthians 2v11 the scripture warns believers not to be oblivious of the devil strategies. You should understand that Satan specializes in taking advantage of challenging moments, then prayerlessness and loss of enthusiasm for God's word will follow soon. Gradually he distracts the Christian from the faith. Brethren trying moment should be the period you stay on full alert in God. Hold on to that precious relationship you have with your savior don't trade it for anything. Regardless of what you may be going through

don't let it be the springboard that propels you into a deeper intimacy with God.

Your situation should not be an excuse to rebel and turn your back on Him. Be willing and obedient so that you can eat the good of the land—Isaiah 1v19

Focus on the lord and trust him. He understands your situation better than you do. He is fully in charge and he knows what to do to make your situation better. Again, always bear in mind that the challenges confronting you should not put a strain on your relationship with God rather it should bring you to a point of understanding God's greatness. So, get a grip and don't give the enemy the resources to disconnect you from the source of your strength and power. Jesus when the giving gets tough cast all your care upon him for, he cares for you. 1 peter5:7-8.

On the other hand, be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour. If truly you are a child of God don't run from pillar to post, just turn your focus on God and trust him. He will conquer all your battles for you. To help maintain your focus on God you must study and meditate daily on his word. Prov 4v20-22. You must have faith in God-Heb 11v 1. We must spend time with God in prayers. Luke 18v1. We must praise and worship God and obey Him at all times. Act 16v25-26 obey God no matter what.

Only those who have had encounter with Him knows what it means to fix their gaze on Him. Generally, people are more interested in fixing their gaze on the different challenges of their lives and at the end of the day the problem remains. I want to encourage you if you are not yet born again, you can as well do so now. Just acknowledge your helpless state as a sinner, confess and repent of all your sins and invite Jesus into your heart as your Lord and savior. Trust him with your life and all your cares. He will make you an over comer and your life will never remain the same again. Read me again next month. God bless you.

