

Correcting our Eyesight Hebrews 12:1-11

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...”

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

Question: How is your eyesight?

Main Point: No matter the difficulties ahead, focus on Jesus Christ.

Problems and suffering are regular parts of life.
But what will make them especially hard is
when we do not see a reason.

Point 1: Reviewing the past reminds us that others have encountered similar difficulties.

“...since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...”

Hebrews 12:1

The “heroes of faith” in chapter 11 looked at their walk with God as a long-term race, not a short sprint.

Point 2: Refocusing on Jesus reminds us that He does the perfecting.

“...Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...”

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

How does Jesus “perfect” our faith?

- Through His atoning work, the perfection of Jesus becomes the perfection of the Christian.
- He gives us faith to overcome and the Holy Spirit to help and guide.

Point 3: Refocusing on Jesus gets our eyes off of ourselves.

“Consider”- to take into account and calculate the work of Jesus. What the author is asking in a way is, “Have you forgotten?”

Point 4: Refocusing on Jesus encourages us to endure.

“Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”

Hebrews 12:3

To “grow weary and lose heart” is like a runner who has passed the finish line and relaxes and collapses from exhaustion.

Don't quit the race before the finish line!

Don't give up!

Persevere in the face of difficulties and pain!

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