

LET'S NOT GET DISTRACTED!

While no one is immune from having bad things happen, one of the benefits of salvation and having Jesus Christ is that God has promised to be with us through difficult times and experiences in life and to give us peace. God is at work, always weaving things together even during the tough times in life.

A friend of mine has a 16 year old granddaughter who is learning to drive; and when I asked her how it was going, she said, "Well, I'm actually a very good driver **but** I tend to get distracted!" We quickly laughed and I said: "I'll pray for you and everyone else on the road when you're driving!" While I understood what she was saying, I really did not know how to respond due to being a little shocked and fearful in hearing the word: Distracted!

But what about distracted believers? The Bible certainly offers ample wisdom about this matter. **"But this one thing I do; forgetting those things which are behind and reaching toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Phillipians 3:13-14**

What do you need to forget in order to press on – to avoid being distracted from the goal? Are you distracted/hindered/paralyzed by your forgiven past – your failures – those things that seem to pop up in your mind? When that happens, let those pop ups be reminders of God's amazing grace – of which we should all be extremely grateful recipients. Distracted by success? Distracted by pride? Distracted by fear? Distracted by anxiety? Distracted by the Coronavirus?

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."
2 Timothy 1:7 Most of our fears never come to pass, so let's choose to use our energies for "something else and something greater."

"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." Hebrews 12:1-2

So, what have you fixed your eyes on? According to the Hebrews passage, there is a race marked out for us. If we're not careful, things along the way will distract us and slow us down and we will lose sight of what we're reaching for.

Thought for the day:

Keep your eyes and focus on God and not on the distractions in life.

Blessings!

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