

KEEPING OUR EYES ON JESUS

Hebrews 12:2 (New Life Version) *“Let us keep looking to Jesus. Our faith comes from Him and He is the One who makes it perfect. He did not give up when He had to suffer shame and die on a cross. He knew of the joy that would be his later. Now He is sitting at the right side of God.”*

1. JESUS IS OUR ALL IN ALL

He is the One who has made it possible for us to know God.

John 14:6 NIV

He is the One who has made the way open for you and me to approach God's throne, with CONFIDENCE.

Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV

We love because he first loved us - **1 John 4:19 NIV**

Ephesians 3:17b-19; Romans 8:38-39 NIV

2. JESUS INSPIRES US

He is full of compassion and he is moved with compassion.

How many times do we read in the Gospels where Jesus saw the crowds and it tells us that he was moved with compassion? The crowds were like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 14:14 NLT

As we see Jesus' example, does it challenge us? Does it encourage us? Does it inspire us?

Philippians 2:1-4 NIV

When we are encouraged in our union with Christ, it motivates us.

When we experience his tenderness and compassion, it unites us.

When we imitate his humility, we can run together, in harmony and with a common cause.

We're not consumed with our own achievements and how we look.

As we keep looking to Jesus, he inspires us.

3. JESUS SUSTAINS US

The Bible says that it is his kindness that leads us to repentance - **Romans 2:4 NLT**

Titus 3:3-5a NIV

Our salvation came as we responded to his love. He initiated it.

And he continues that work in us - **Philippians 1:6 NIV**

Jesus is not only the author of our faith, but he is also the perfecter of our faith.

Ephesians 1:13-14 NIV

He sustains us. He carries us. He reminds us of God's truth. He encourages us. He comforts us. He gives us eyes to see what is right and true.

Through his example we can see how to be motivated by love and compassion.

CONCLUSION

Every day may we delight in Him and rely on Him and look to Him, in everything and for everything - our all wise, all knowing, inspiring, sustaining Saviour.

Jesus endured the cross, knowing the joy that was coming as he sat down at the right hand of God.

As we also endure – as we fight the good fight, as we continue the race and as we keep the faith – let us remember that we have a rich reward ahead of us.

James 1:12 NIV *Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.*