

Let us fix your eyes on Jesus

Keyvers: Hebrews 12:2

„...Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.“

Thank God for his wonderful grace in allowing us to begin the historic 5th GLEF 2022 today. God bless GLEF 2022 to strengthen ourselves through God's living word of Hebrews and numerous special lectures and wholeheartedly pray together for the mobilisation of our N.G. as global spiritual leaders. Praise be to the Lord for giving us the clear direction yesterday through M. John Park's message to continue serving to raise disciples of Jesus through intensive Bible study. In fact, some N.G.-coworkers grew through GLEF in spiritual leadership. They could find their spiritual identity as a kingdom of priests through GLEF-program and seize the heavenly calling for campus mission and as global spiritual leaders. May God use GLEF 2022 preciously, like Pauls bible school in Tyrannus, that some young students of the Next Generation may grow as global spiritual leaders and continue God's world salvation.

Let's read the key verse 2a together: „...Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.“ The author encouraged the Christians with Jewish background in times of sufferings not to look to those who slander or persecute them, or to look at difficult circumstances or at themselves, but only to fix our eyes on Jesus. Why does he encourage us, to fix our eyes on Jesus allone? - Verse 2a says that Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith. Jesus is the almighty Creator God himself, who humbled himself in his wonderful and perfect salvation plan of mankind to come into the world as a human being. Jesus is the perfecter of our faith because he has finished God's work of redemption through his onetime sacrifice on the cross for our complete salvation once and for all: Through his onetime sacrifice on the cross he cleansed our dirty conscience. His sacrifice on the cross completely saved us from the power of sin. Moreover, his sacrifice on the cross gave us perfect sanctification to become his royal priesthood. Without this Jesus we miss the goal of salvation. That is why it is absolutely necessary by faith to fix our eyes on Jesus. In this way we may and can win the spiritual battle against Satan, which is marked out for us, the children of God, and with perseverance run our race to the end victoriously.

Look at verse 2b and also verse 3: „...who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.“ Verses 2b and 3 say that “fixing our eyes on Jesus” means looking to how much Jesus suffered for our perfect salvation and how patiently he even fought against sin even to the point of death on the cross. Although Jesus gave himself with a broken shepherd's heart for

many sinful, helpless people, the leaders of his own people persecuted him and sought his life. His own people, who cheered him with "Hosanna!" when he entered Jerusalem, cried out to Pilate during his interrogation: "Crucify him! Crucify him!" They slapped his face. Finally they crucified him between two robbers. That was not all! They tempted him to come down from the shameful cross. But Jesus endured the cross at my and our place to the end of his life. Through all sufferings and pain, Jesus finally completed God's work of salvation for our perfect salvation.

Praise Jesus, who victoriously completed his race of faith as our example, and who is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. There he now awaits all who will look up to him and patiently run their race of faith to the end, to give them the glorious crown of righteousness and eternal life. - The time of suffering is always a precious opportunity for us to look up to Jesus, who bore all contradiction and suffering to himself. Thanks be to the Lord who has helped us over the last few years to fix our eyes on Jesus with 1. Peter 4:13 and rejoice in suffering with him. Jesus encouraged us to engage in disciple-making ministry through intensive Bible study that young students may be raised as campus shepherds and the next generation coworkers may be raised as global spiritual leaders.

„Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.“ Let us overcome all lies of the godless Zeitgeist, and various hostilities and temptations by faith. Let us fix our eyes to Jesus alone and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us and fulfill our entrusted mission through 1:1 BS and disciple-making ministry. May God bless this Global Leadership Empowerment Forum and give each of us through his word and through the interesting lectures spiritual strength and empowerment. And and most importantly may he raise our N.G coworkers and young students as global spiritual leaders.