ANNIVERSARY CORPORATE PRAYER & FASTING SEPTMBER 3-5, 2025



THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US THROW OFF EVERYTHING THAT HINDERS AND THE SIN THAT SO EASILY ENTANGLES. 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



This week we humble ourselves before God, praying and fasting not merely because we are willing to go without food and other desires, but because we are unwilling to go without God.

In turbulent times, people, cities, and nations often become anxious and afraid, unsure of what to do. Even so, there have always been people of faith who despite great challenges, put their trust in God.

In great distress, King Jehoshaphat prayed, "Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." 2 Chron 20:12 NIV. Afterwards, great things happened!

No matter the challenges we face - individually and corporately - like Jehoshaphat and all those who came before us, our eyes are on God!

In the Summer of 2017, a group of us were sailing in a small boat at sea so far out that the shoreline was no longer visible. A few of us began to experience nausea and dizziness. The captain explained the sensory discrepancy between our eye movement, inner ear, and nervous system, and directed everyone to fix their eyes on a large rock near the horizon.

Fixing our eyes on the rock changed us, not the conditions. The moment our eyes focused on the one thing that was not moving, the dizziness and nausea stopped. Likewise, we fix our eyes on Jesus, our immoveable rock!

In spite of the winds and waves of life, our eyes are on Him. Did you see what just happened? Our unbelief just stopped! When we see Him, fear stops! Anxiety stops! Worry stops! God, our eyes are on you. Great things are about to happen!



When Hezekiah heard this, he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord... "Go back to Hezekiah, the leader of my people. Tell him, 'This is what the Lord, the God of your ancestor David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will heal you. And three days from now you will get out of bed and go to the Temple of the Lord.'

2 Kings 20:2, 5 NLT

Even though Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death, he did not focus on himself or his situation. He fixed his eyes on God, who heals. When we are faced with sickness, hardship, or trouble, we fix our eyes on God, who heals and delivers us.

Let's Pray:

God, when we experience sickness of any kind and struggle to recover, like Hezekiah, we turn our face toward you, and we cry for mercy. You are our healer. Our Eyes Are On You!



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Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds.

- James 1:2 NIV

Like Job when he faced unbearable trials, may we fall down in worship rather than charge God with wrongdoing. So often we want God to change what we see, but God chooses to do something greater. He changes the way we see.

Let's Pray:

God, today in view of all the trials we face, we persevere. We persevere knowing that trials persist and do not put a stop to our faith. Trials persist to prove our faith. So we endure, not because we are strong, but because you are our strength. By your grace, we overcome, choosing to despise shame instead of despising ourselves or others. Our Eyes Are On You!

I am doing a great work and I cannot come down.

- Nehemiah 6:3

May your word to me be fulfilled.

- Luke 1:38

Nehemiah refused to be distracted or deterred from the work God had entrusted to him, and Mary's "Let it be to me according to Your word" was a radical act of devotion and surrender. Together, their lives remind us to keep our eyes on Him, committed to His plan and His way.

Let's Pray:

God, today as we seek you and your will, give us strength and courage to complete our God-given assignment. We come to you to receive grace to see our city won! When we experience opposition, we resist the temptation to stop the work. Like Nehemiah we say, "We are doing a great work and we cannot come down." (Nehemiah 6:3 NIV). Our Eyes Are On You!

God, we believe and trust you for our city by planting church after church after church. We look to you and, like Mary, we say, "May your word to us be fulfilled." (Luke 1:38 NIV). Our Eyes Are On You!