



## FAITHFULLY FOCUSED

Week 59 | July 15, 2025

*“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”*

**Colossians 3:2**

*Distractions* can sneak in so easily. We **know** where our attention should be, **understand** the importance of fixing our gaze heavenward, but time and time again our focus tends to *drift downward*, back to the things of **this earth**. We forget that we are in a war, a war for *our hearts* that begins with **our eyes**. For where our focus lies, *our hearts will follow*.

Let us **do battle** this week on behalf of our *families, churches, and communities* and fight for their focus by asking God to give us His :

### 1. PRIORITIES ([Matthew 6:33](#))

- a. **NOTE:** We *focus* on what's **most important** to us. Oftentimes when our focus has shifted it's due to a *misalignment of priorities*. God **cares deeply** about our earthly lives, about every *aspect and dimension* of our day to day existence. But He cares most of all about **our soul**; about the *health, growth, and development* of our spiritual selves. Too often, though, we **neglect** the *spiritual* for the sake of the *physical*. Caught up in the here and now, we lose sight of what has **eternal** ramifications. Thankfully, God can *guard us* from this mistake and keep our priorities firmly **aligned** with His own. ([Psalm 119:37](#); [Philippians 3:8](#))
  - i. **For Ex.** “Lord God, thank You for **caring so deeply** about us, for making us *Your priority* above everything else in creation. Forgive us, Lord, for all the times we have placed a **higher priority** on the *things of this earth* than the things of heaven, making **idols** of the *gifts* You have blessed us with. Cleanse us of all **idolatry** today, giving us instead priorities that *mirror Your own*, aligning our heart with Yours. Help us to see the **true value** of what is *really important*, as well as the worthlessness of everything else in comparison.”
    1. **REMEMBER:** Our *priorities* remain aligned as we remember our **purpose**. ([Colossians 1:16](#))

### 2. PERSPECTIVE ([2 Corinthians 4:17](#))

- a. **NOTE:** When seen from our *point of view*, the things of this life can be overwhelmingly **large** and **pressing**, taking up virtually all of our frame of vision. This is one of the Enemy's favorite tools of **deception**, for the fuller our *eyesight* becomes, the more easily they are able to move undetected. The key to defeating these schemes is **elevation**—seeing things from *God's perspective*. From the vantage point of heaven and through the **lens of eternity**, the *distractions* of this life seem much smaller and **insignificant** by comparison. ([Matthew 6:22](#); [Isaiah 55:9](#); [2 Corinthians 5:16](#))

- i. **For Ex.** “Father God, thank You for giving us **the mind** of Christ at salvation, for giving us the *ability* and *opportunity* to think and see as You do. Help us today, Lord, to **view** the things of this life *as You would*, to examine them from Your perspective. Show us what is **really going on**, revealing to us the Enemy’s *schemes* and our part to play in this **great war**. Expose *the smallness* of our problems in comparison to the greatness of Your **power**, helping us to see how it all resides within *Your control*.”
  1. **REMEMBER:** *Elevation* comes through humble submission to God’s **will** and **ways**. ([James 4:10](#))

### 3. PASSION ([Psalm 69:9](#))

- a. **NOTE:** We can’t help but *fixate* on that which we are **passionate** about. Whether it be a new relationship, a sports team, or the latest hobby to catch our attention, the things we feel intensely about consume our **focus**. The Enemy knows this and therefore seeks to *smother our passion* for God, or at the very least misdirect it to lesser endeavours. The hopeful truth, though, is that a **passion lost** can be *regained*. A fire that has **smoldered** can be *rekindled*, **dry bones** can find *new life*. Our God is and always has been in the **resurrection** business after all. ([Revelation 2:4-5](#); [Psalm 51:12](#); [Ezekiel 37](#))
  - i. **For Ex.** “Dear Lord, thank You for the **passionate love** You have displayed for us *over the generations*. Thank You for loving us so intensely that You sent Christ to **die** that we might *live*. For every fire in our hearts that has **dwindled**, fan it *aflame again*. For every desire that has been **misdirected**, set it *straight* once more. Ignite and direct a **fiery passion** in our hearts that leads to a *laser focused pursuit of You* above and **before all else**, *burning away* anything that stands in the way.”
    1. **REMEMBER:** A *passion from God* cannot be **contained**. ([Jeremiah 20:9](#))

### Questions for Reflection:

- Have you **forgotten** your *purpose* in life?
  - We were made to know and be known by God, to *love and be loved* by Him. All of our priorities should **stem from** and center on this *relationship*.
- What area of your life is **lacking submission** to God’s *will* or *ways*?
  - Please humble yourself, for as we **do** things *His way* we begin to **see** things *His way*.
- Have you been trying to keep **your passion** for God *bottled up* or *suppressed*?
  - Let it loose and set it free, for we were meant to live this life to **its fullest** with God as *our focus*!