



Like Jesus

The Power of Focus

Key Scripture

1 John 2:6 ERV

If we say we live in God, we must live like Jesus lived.

Focused on the Road to the Cross

John 12:12-19 NKJV

12 **The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast**, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'

The King of Israel!"

14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt."

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. 17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves,

"You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

Distractions that can steal your focus

✓ Trials & Pain

John 16:33 NLT

...Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows.

✓ Abundance

Luke 16:13 NLT

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

✓ Guilt & Shame

Mark 16:15-16 ERV

15...Tell the Good News to everyone. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. But those who do not believe will be judged guilty.

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Focus Like Jesus...

1. Stay the course regardless of public opinion.

Luke 19:38-40 NASU

38 "BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

40 But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!"

2. Sent for the mission.

Luke 19:32 NKJV

So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them.

John 20:21 NKJV

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

3. Sacrifice is looking beyond yourself.

Matthew 16:24-26 NLT

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be My follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow Me. 25 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for My sake, you will save it.

26 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?"

Hebrews 12:2-3 GOD'S WORD

2 We must focus on Jesus, the source and goal of our faith.

He saw the joy ahead of Him, so He endured death on the cross and ignored the disgrace it brought Him. Then He received the highest position in heaven, the one next to the throne of God. 3 Think about Jesus, who endured opposition from sinners, so that you don't become tired and give up.

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