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## Devotional 1-11-2021

What are you looking at? As we glance out the window or stare off into space, maybe you have that blank look on your face and someone will say, “What are you looking at?”

My twelve year old granddaughter asked me at the beginning of the year “Is 2021 going to be better or worse than last year?” Honestly? I don’t know! I guess that would depend on what you’re looking at. What I do know is that when we keep our focus on what is true and right; when we live every day to glorify Jesus; when we keep our eyes on the “Author and finisher of our faith” then by all means, it will be a better year!

In the bible story found in Matthew 14, we find Jesus walking on the water. Peter wants to join him and Jesus says that’s cool. So Peter gets out of the boat and starts walking towards Jesus on the water. He briefly takes his eyes off of Jesus and begins to sink. What was Peter looking at? What are we looking at when we take our eyes off of Jesus? Is it the sickness or virus, maybe it’s the awful thing that has happened to us, or the bad news we knew was going to come, maybe it’s the storm that we knew was there all along. Keeping our eyes focused on Jesus means that we purposely fade out everything that pulls us down, and discipline ourselves to choose to see the blessings even through the struggles. I pray it is a better year for all of us, but even if the storm rages on we must keep our eyes on Jesus, and let Jesus keep ahold of us!

**Let us pray: Lord as we continue to move forward into this New Year we ask that you hold onto us. Help us to always see you and to keep you first and foremost in our sights. The storm will rage, but we can trust you to be faithful to see us through the storm. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

*Hebrews 12:2, “Fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith.”*

*Colossians 3:2, “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things”*

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