

Dear Friends,



Many years ago I taught drivers education classes and of course I have many stories of life threatening situations that occurred while sitting in the passenger seat and a young person just learning to drive was at the wheel. My most fun story was when my daughter was just learning to drive and mom took her out for a spin and both came back to the house frazzled, and oh, could you tell things did not go well. I asked what happened, and mom stated that Jodie had run over several curbs while making turns and that she was not getting it. Jodie then said to me, "dad, do you know what it is like to hear constantly, "Jodie, Jodie, Jodie, (sometimes in terror) in the seat right next to you while your trying to drive...lol.

One of the main things I tried to instill in our students was to not just look directly ahead on the road but make sure they had their eyes focused far down the road, seeing where they were headed and put the car in the middle of their lane to help them get there. Often when one gets so focused on that which is directly in front of them while driving they miss handle situations that are ahead of them down the road.

Life is very similar. We get our eyes focused on the here and now. You know, that which we are going through or people that have challenged or hurt us and get our eyes off the bigger picture of life. Understanding why we are here and where we will be spending eternity, the glory that awaits us. I have found the more my focus is on His glory and honor as well as the joys that await us in heaven, the easier it is to handle the bumps and hardships right in front of us that life inevitably hits us with.

I believe one of the reasons Hebrews 12 and vs. 2 is there in Scripture is to help us stay in our lane in life, driving smoothly down life's road, "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." If our eyes get off on circumstances and or people there will be greater bumps that have to be maneuvered.

Have a great day friends traveling down life's road,

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