

“QUESTIONS JESUS ASKS: WHAT IS THAT TO YOU?”

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JESUS ASKS QUESTIONS TO LEAD US INTO DEEPER TRUST IN HIM.

¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!” ²⁰Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”) ²¹When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?” ²²Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.” (John 21:19-22 NIV)

1. PETER FALLS INTO THE COMPARISON TRAP.

“Comparison is the thief of joy.” Theodore Roosevelt

2. TAKING YOUR EYES OFF JESUS IS DANGEROUS.

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” (Matthew 14:30)

Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone (Job 38:4-6)

So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 25:28-30)

3. JESUS KEEPS HIS EYES ON YOU!

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Matthew 14:31)

4. YOU MUST KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS.

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A. HE HAS GIVEN YOU A UNIQUE CALLING.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)

B. WE HAVE LIMITED TIME FOR GREAT RESULTS.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1b-2a NIV)

BOTTOM LINE: KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS AND FULFILL YOUR <u>CALLING</u>.
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GOING DEEPER

1. Who do you compare yourself to?
2. What feeling(s) is(are) driving that comparison?
3. Take some time to rest in the comfort of God's grace. He has appointed you a purpose that will give you joy/fulfillment. If you don't know that purpose, seek out Pastor Jason or Pastor Corey.