**Fix Your Eyes**

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What do people think of when they hear the word “Christian?”

**Hebrews 11: It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it and it’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

**Hebrews 11:1-2** Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2This is what the ancients were commended for.

**Hebrews 11:13** All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

**Hebrews 11:36-40** Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were put to death by stoning; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated -– 38 the world was not worthy of them.

39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

**The point: My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Hebrews 12: Follow in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Hebrews 12:1-3** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

It’s all about….

**1. What you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .**   
“Throw off everything that hinders…”

**2. Who you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**   
“Fixing our eyes on Jesus”

**3. What you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**   
“So that you will not grow weary or lose heart”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,

In the light of His glory and grace.

--Helen Howarth Lemmel