

Pathway Connection

PATHWAY CHURCH OF GOD

OUR MISSION

We exist to honor God by connecting people, growing believers and sharing hope.



*"In all things
God works for the
good of those who
love him, who have
been called
according to his
purpose."*

Romans 8:18 NIV

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

I trust you are doing well this month. God is good! We serve a good, good Father. I want us to look at the word FOCUS this month.

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Paul as he wrote to the Colossian believers: "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:2-3).

Think about that scripture, go ahead and re-read it again.

There is a secret to the Christian life that many overlook. Paul, however, understood it and often wrote about it. Jesus practiced it daily and taught it to His disciples. **It is the discipline of maintaining a fixed focus on God.**

If Peter had practiced this, he would have never noticed the raging waves bellowing at his side that night on the stormy Sea of Galilee. But we often do what Peter did; we start out with our spiritual gaze set on Christ, only to have it drift over to the varying circumstances of life. When this happens, we fall to feelings of insecurity, fear,

anxiety, anger and more.

The writer of Hebrews also admonishes us to "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2 NIV). Again, Paul advises us to "fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18)

Focusing on the troubles of your life only diverts your attention away from God. Apart from Jesus Christ, nothing has the power to heal what is hurt or to correct what has been damaged. Only God has the ability to calm your fears, lay to rest your suffering, and bring peace in place of frustration and sorrow.

Several years ago, Steffi Graf, the reigning women's tennis champion, was asked the secret to her game. She didn't hesitate as she told reporters, "I keep my eyes fixed on the (tennis) ball." She went on to explain that her concentration was so refined that while she was playing she actually could see the lettering of the company that had made the ball.

Neither the movement or reaction of her opponent, nor the

crowd, affected her game. Her mental focus was fixed on one object and that was the secret to her success.

What is the object of your life?

If it is Jesus, then you ultimately will experience victory instead of defeat, and spiritual growth instead of stagnation.

The reason Peter's thoughts betrayed him was because they were set on himself. He felt the power of the storm-driven sea and his mind buckled. Panic swept over him because he had taken his eyes off of the Lord.

On an earlier trip across the Sea of Galilee, Jesus had proven that He was in control of the elements. Why did Peter doubt His ability? Never become discouraged when you bypass a spiritual lesson. God is faithful, and He will create another situation in order to refine your faith.

Have a blessed month!

GOD IS GOOD!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Danny & Karyn Rigney



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Cake & Pie Auction after evening service	2	3	4	5 Nat'l Day of Prayer @ Noon Court House Feed volunteers @ Charitable Clinic	6	7
8  Happy Mother's Day	9 The Sisterhood @ 6:30pm in gym Men's Fellowship @ 6:30pm at Remix	10	11	12 Cooter High School Graduation @ 8pm	13 Blytheville, Gosnell & Osceola Graduations	14
15 High School Seniors Honored in AM service	16 Manila High School Graduation @ 7:00pm	17	18	19	20 Rivercrest High School Graduation	21
22 Armored Baccalaureate in PM Service	23	24 Armored High School Graduation @ 7pm	25	26	27	28
29 District Church Memorial Day Picnic @ 1:30pm	30	31				