

Distractions are Dangerous

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Hebrews 12:1-2.

B. The Christian life is a race.

C. The Christian life begins with looking unto Jesus. (Isaiah 45:22)

D. The Christian life ends with looking unto Jesus.

E. There are distractions that keep us from looking unto Jesus that are illustrated in the life of Peter.

F. When we get our eyes off Jesus Christ things go wrong.

II. Self is a distraction. (Luke 5:1)

A. We ought not to be too critical of Peter. He was not lazy. Jesus chose fishermen because they never give up.

B. In the face of marvelous blessing Peter asks Jesus to depart from him. Peter saw his failure in light of success.

C. We should not spend too much time looking in the mirror.

III. Circumstances. (Matthew 14:15-21)

A. Whenever you have had a great victory, it will be followed by a great test.

B. Do not look at Jesus through circumstances. Look at circumstances through Jesus.

IV. Other Christians. (John 21)

A. We are prone to people watching.

B. Take whatever you see and relate it to Jesus.

Application questions:

1. How have you seen "self" in your life keep you from Jesus.

2. What kind of circumstances are most difficult for you to see through Jesus?

3. How can a person grow in getting his or her eyes off of what God is doing in others' lives? Explain.
