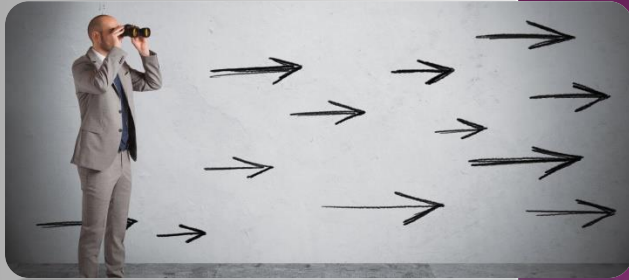




**“I entered
your house;
you gave Me
no water for
My feet”**

Luke 7:44

The sinful woman: a lesson on maintaining the right focus



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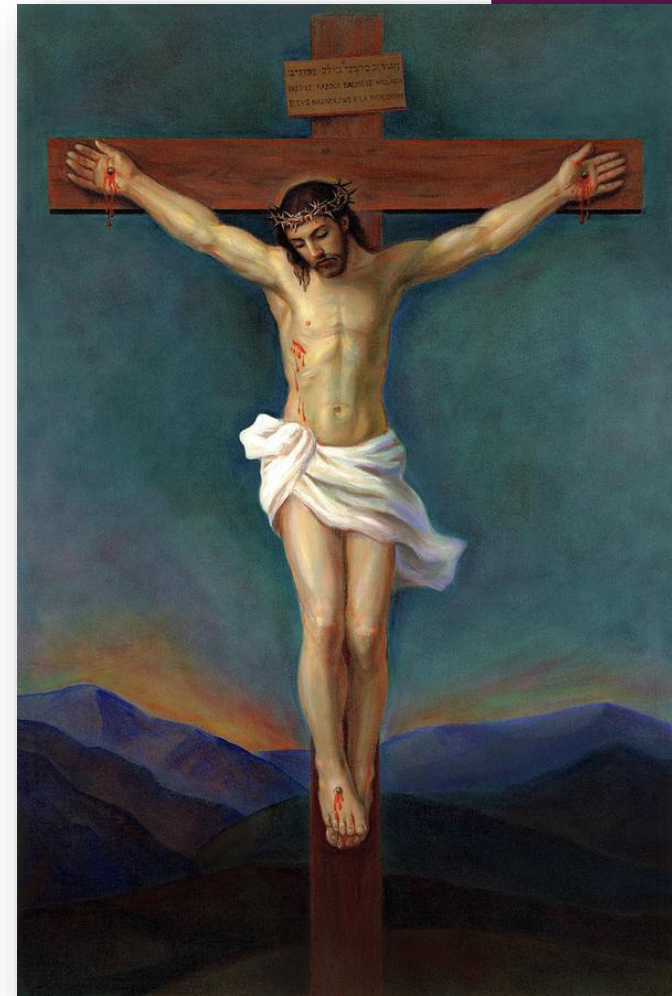
- I. The Right Focus
- II. Maintaining the Focus
- III. Lost in distractions



I. The Right Focus ⁽¹⁾

- ◉ We have only one focus in everything we do and in every day we live; that is the Lord Christ and His kingdom
- ◉ “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith”

Hebrews 12:2



I. The Right Focus ⁽²⁾

- Every step, each individual we come to deal with, every service, each gain or loss can only be rightly assessed through our sole focus on our Savior.



II. Maintaining the Focus ⁽¹⁾

1. The Sinful Woman:

- The Lord Christ was her only focus. Her love to Him was her only message.
- Not distracted by Simeon and his judgment, those invited and their looks, nor her sinful past and ruined reputation.



II. Maintaining the Focus (2)

1. The Sinful Woman:

- She left the house carrying God's favor and the forgiveness of her sins.



II. Maintaining the Focus (3)

2. Zacchaeus:

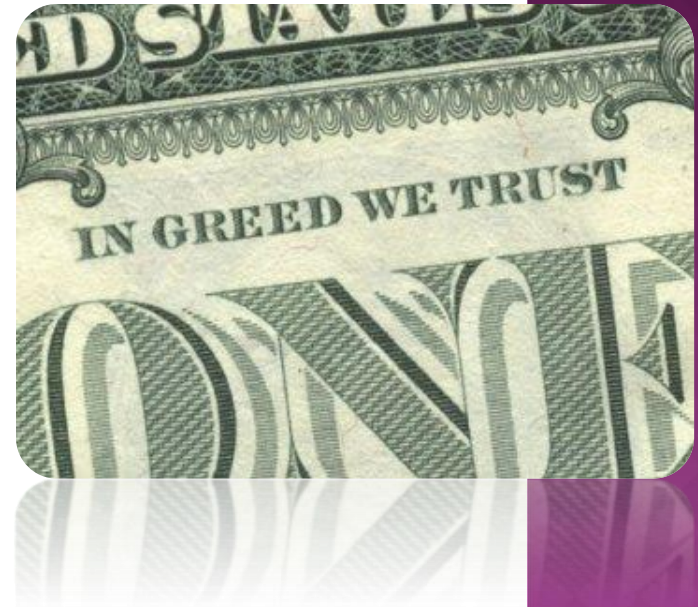
- His focus was on how to pay back the Lord's kindness and maintain the relationship beyond the visit.
- Not distracted with a hostile crowd that was offended at the Lord's visit.



II. Maintaining the Focus (4)

2. Zacchaeus:

- He got rid of the huge obstacle in his way to heaven, his unlawful money, and heard the Lord's blessed proclamation of salvation for himself and his family.



II. Maintaining the Focus (5)

3. St. Stephen:

- His focus was on the Lord while stoned to death.
- This helped him to endure the suffering and forgive his murderers.



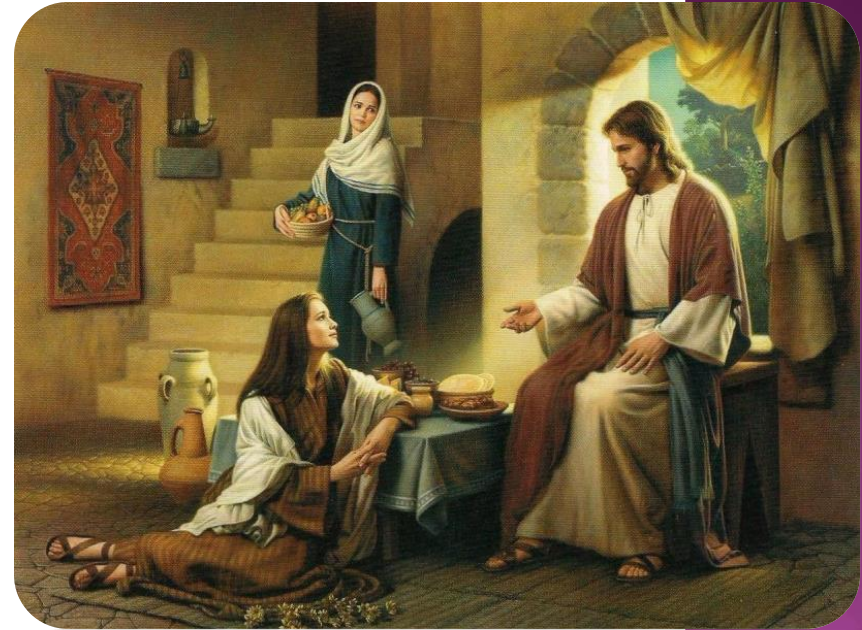
II. Maintaining the Focus (6)

4. Mary, Lazarus' sister:

- “And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word”

Luke 10:39

- Her focus helped her to learn and enjoy the Lord’s presence



II. Maintaining the Focus (7)

5. The man born blind:

- He maintained his focus against his parents' abandonment and the Pharisees' attempts to push him to renounce the Lord Christ.



II. Maintaining the Focus (8)

6. St. Paul:

- His multiple losses, or even being less regarded by some of those who were taught by him, never discouraged him to preach the Lord Christ to the last breath.



II. Maintaining the Focus (9)

6. St. Paul:

- “Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ” *Philippians 3:8*



III. Lost in distractions ⁽¹⁾

1. Simeon the Pharisee:

- His distraction with his guests and with judging others caused him to lose the blessing of the presence of the Lord in his house



III. Lost in distractions (2)

2. Martha, Lazarus' sister:

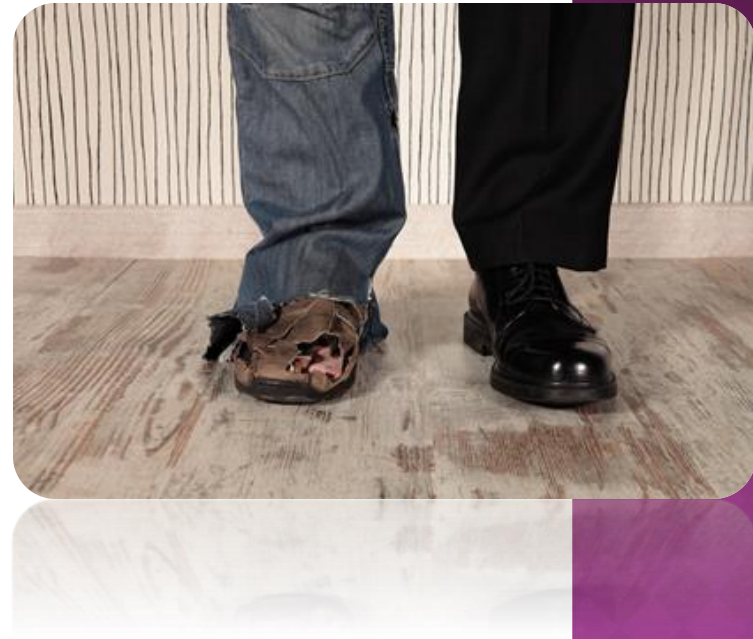
- “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed” *Luke 10:41- 42*
- Her distraction with the service and not setting the priorities right



III. Lost in distractions (3)

3. The abbot and his guests:

- The story about the abbot who was distracted with welcoming the dignitaries and lost sight of the Lord Christ who came as a poor guest.



III. Lost in distractions (4)

4. The monk and his calling :

- The story about the monk who got distracted while trying to set his new life in a cave.



III. Lost in distractions (5)

- ✓ The age we live in and the theme of distraction in everything and on every day.
- ✓ The story of the sailing ships and their fateful end by C.S. Lewis.



III. Lost in distractions (6)

- ✓ The moment we turn our sights from Him and on ourselves is the beginning of the loss of our salvation.

