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**STAY
FOCUSED
ON GOD**

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Staying Focused on God means:

- ***UNDERSTANDING GOD'S NATURE***
- ***RECEIVING GOD'S STRENGTH***
- ***EMBRACING GOD'S PURPOSES***
- ***PLAYING OUR PART***





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We serve an unequalled God. A God whose love is unfailing, faithfulness unrelenting and grace unstoppable. He is a God unending and undeniable. So I want to encourage you to engage with your Bibles and explore what it has to say about our unshakable God.

Psalms 103:8 "the LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love."

Nehemiah 9:17 "But you are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love. You did not abandon them,"

Learn How To Heal

“But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.”

John 14:26 AMP



Let Go Of Any Anger

Eph 4: 26-27

“In your anger do not sin' do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.”

We can do this because of who God is: forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, overflowing with love.



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Ephesians 1:18-21

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.”



2 Peter 1:3

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.”



Where do we need Gods strength?

We need Gods strength not to gossip

The Hebrew word translated “gossip” in the Old Testament is defined as *“someone who reveals secrets, one who goes about as a talebearer or scandal-monger.”*





Gossip is poison for you and for the person listening:

(Romans 1:29b-32).

- *Proverbs 16:28*

a gossip separates close friends.

- *Proverbs 18:7-8*

mouths of fools are their undoing, like choice morsels;

- *Proverbs 21:23*

guard their mouths

We need Gods strength to examine ourselves honestly

1 Peter 5:5-6 - humility linked to Gods favour

“All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.’ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.”



GOD USED IMPERFECT PEOPLE TO DO HIS WORK.

“Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

1 Cor 1:26-31



Conclusion: So what do we do in response? How does the example of Jesus help us?

"Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honour, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he ploughed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!"

Hebrews 12:1-3 MSG