

Tunnel Vision

*"When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus."
Matthew 17:8 (NIV)*

One of the most important spiritual disciplines is the exercise of spending time concentrating our attention on Jesus to the exclusion of everything else. For those who really love Jesus this sounds like a fairly easy exercise.

However, when we seek to maintain our focus on the Lord there are so many extraneous thoughts that keep crowding in. Somehow it is not all that easy to do what is described in 2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV) "...take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

Suddenly we are in a bigger mental battle that we reckoned on having at the outset. Acquiring spiritual tunnel vision is an amazingly difficult thing to do. Regardless of how important this exercise is we can be easily frustrated by

Satan as we work at doing this.

The disciples referred to in our verse today had just finished a truly remarkable experience. Jesus had led them up the mountain and had become luminous right before their eyes. This certainly frightened them but suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus and started talking to Him.

Out of fear, Peter began to speak and suggested to Jesus that they might build shelters for Jesus and the men from heaven. We read in Matthew 17:5 (NIV) "While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!'"

The apostles fell on their faces in extreme fear. We read in Matthew 17:7

(NIV) "But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.'" When they got up they saw no one except Jesus.

Will you come in prayer to Jesus and ask for Him to show Himself to you? There is no one, nor is there any teaching that will do you good the way Jesus will. His gentle touch, His gracious words, His redemptive activity is all that sinners need to be made into new people. This is the best kind of tunnel vision anyone can possibly have.

Come to Jesus, meet Him in the Gospels of the Bible, pray to Him, read what the apostles wrote about Him, seek Him with all your heart and He will certainly make Himself wonderfully known to you. Come to Him and come today.

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