



Prayer Focus
August 21st-28th, 2023

Tunnel Vision for the Future

This past week's events were emotionally jolting as we witnessed the burning of Lahaina, Maui and the media not reporting the real number of the children who died as a result of school being called off for that day. Southern California also got hit with a storm yesterday that was hyped by the media outlets in order to promote fear and panic. What's next? Lately, we must choose to keep our focus on things above because things here on earth will not become better. We may feel challenged to stay focused on the Lord and His Kingdom when we see this amount of destruction, but we will do it.

In prayer, all I could hear were these words- **tunnel vision**. I then saw a darkened tunnel with the bright light of day at the end of it and Jesus was standing there, looking at us. I could hear Him calling to us, saying, "Hear my voice. Keep walking towards Me." We continued to walk towards Him, and our joy was renewed and our hope, alive and well despite the dark tunnel we were coming out of.

Two things to pray for:

- 1.) The safety and protection of the children and our strength to persevere. The children are the future, and their future is bright because they were created in God's image but the enemy hates them so much because his future is grim and predetermined for destruction by God and he knows that.
- 2.) Become stronger in the Lord and resolved to live out His purpose. It will take us being built up in our souls (our mind, will and emotions) and physical bodies to persevere as things progress in our world towards chaos. As we fast, read the Word, seek the Lord and worship, we

may actually be able to maintain “tunnel vision,” in the days ahead. Ask the Lord what that looks like for you specifically. He is faithful. Then do what He says about it. He knows what we each need to run this race and maintain tunnel vision.

Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

1 Corinthians 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 9:27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Matthew 6:22 The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,

Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:15-16 I tell you the truth, ‘Anyone who doesn’t receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it. Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

Song:

[Run the Race ~ Holly Starr](#)