Looking unto Jesus

- Over 7 billion people live in the world today
- Only 35% even claim some form of Christianity
- Maybe 10% are really saved
- Over 25% of the world doesn't even have access to the gospel
- China has over 1,300,000,000 in population which is over 4 times as large as the entire USA
- India right behind China in population and growing quickly
- About 106 people die a minute. If you take out those that didn't reach the age of accountability and those that are saved you would still have about 80 people going to Hell a minute
- "The reason some folks don't believe in missions is that the brand of religion they have isn't worth propagating."
- "The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time" -- Carl
 F. H. Henry
- If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."-- C.T. Studd
 - Miguel Ocampo and his family serving Jesus
- Velda inviting everyone and her testimony

- Aldo Asto the terrorist that came to Christ
- Beto Rivera
- Carmelo and Arturo

Hebrews 12:1-15 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such **contradiction** of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. 12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. 14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

I. Where not to put your eyes!

A. Ourselves Romans 12:3

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly,** according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

B. Others II Corinthians 10:12

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

C. Obstacles Isaiah 26:3

Thou wilt keep him in **perfect peace**, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

And the **peace of God, which passeth all understanding**, shall keep your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

D. Over your shoulder Luke 9:62

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and **looking back**, is fit for the kingdom of God.

II. Where to look

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- A. Things above Colossians 3:2

 Set your affection on **things above**, not on things on the earth.
- B. The things of God Matthew 16:23

 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me,

 Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest

 not the things that be of God, but those that be of
- C. The Word of God Psalm 119:18

 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

III. When to look unto Jesus

A. In the race Hebrews 12:1

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

B. When you are tired Hebrews 12:3

For consider him that endured such contradiction of

sinners against himself, lest ye be **wearied and faint** in your minds.

- C. In the battle Hebrews 12:4

 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.
- D. In discipline Hebrews 12:5

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the **chastening** of the Lord, nor faint when thou art **rebuked** of him: