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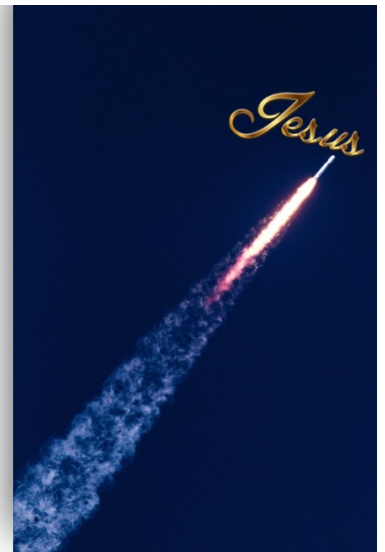
To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
Psalm 123:1 (English Standard Version)

Thought for today...

Okay, so I know that not everyone is keen on action movies, but perhaps you've seen a movie or TV program where a missile has locked onto a target (sometimes a moving one), and someone is frantically trying to disarm the missile, whilst watching with dread as it gets closer and closer to its target?

What if, in this scenario we - as followers of Christ - are the missile, and the target that we are locked onto is Jesus? Can you imagine how impactful our lives would be if we were locked onto Jesus like a heat seeking missile, with our eyes fixed firmly on Him, following His every move?!

With us being the missile in this scenario, we must be mindful that the enemy is frantically trying to disarm, discourage and distract us, as we endeavour to fix our eyes firmly on Jesus. He is watching with dread as we get closer and closer, because he realises that the closer we get to Jesus the more like Him we will become.



During His ministry, wherever Jesus went, individuals and crowds were drawn to Him. In Matthew 4:25 we read that **'Great multitudes followed Him - from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.'** (New King James Version). And Luke 9:57 tells us that **'As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go."**' (New Living Translation).

Perhaps you are facing the challenge of an economic downturn right now, or maybe the breakdown of a relationship. Perhaps the strain of managing family dynamics is taking its toll on you, or maybe you are dreading what the Doctor has said or will say about that health issue you are hiding.



Whatever your situation, Jesus knows about it and its outcome: **'Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began.'** Psalm 139:16 (Christian Standard Bible). Not only did God number all of our days before we were born, but He made a plan for them too. If we continue to fix our eyes on Jesus **'... I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.'** Philippians 1:6 (New Living Translation).

Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for Him, He thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and He is now seated at the right side of God's throne. Hebrews 12:2 (Good News Translation).

Wherever Jesus is, that's where I want to be; how about you?...