

# WORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

GOD'S PATIENCE AND KINDNESS LEADS PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE. ROMANS 2:4

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## Fix Your Eyes

There are days...

There are days when life seems hard. Circumstances look hopeless. And I just can't seem to find the energy to go on.

*Maybe I'm just tired, I think to myself.  
I'm just not feeling that great, I say to others.*

But when I get right down to it, when I begin to once again look beyond what I can see, look beyond the here and now...to the eternal, everything changes.

It's not that I'm not tired, I am. It takes a lot of energy to worry.

And it's not that I'm feeling great, I'm not. Worry and stress do all sorts of damage to one's body.

It's that once I get my perspective straight, once I begin to fix my eyes, not on the problem, not on the circumstance, not on the person or thing or idea, *but on Jesus...*all the other things begin to fade.

Yes, when I fix my eyes on Jesus, I don't notice the other things. I don't see them.

Why? Because they're not there? They don't exist?

No. They still exist. They just don't hold the top spot in my heart and mind anymore!

Yes, when I *fix my eyes on Jesus...*all else fades!

And suddenly...I'm *not* so tired, *not* so beaten down. In fact...I have energy again!

I have joy! I have peace!

Not the momentary, fleeting, pseudo-"joy" and "peace" of the world, but *true, lasting joy and peace*. The joy and peace that only come from focusing my attention, my heart, my eyes, *my all...on Jesus: my Savior, my King and my God.*

*I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. **So don't be troubled or afraid.*** John 14:27 NLT

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us **run with endurance the race God has set before us.** We do this by **keeping our eyes on Jesus**, the Champion who initiates and perfects our faith.*

*Because of the joy waiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.* Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT

*But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, so I spoke." We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to Himself together with you. All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. **That is why we never give up.** Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. **For our present troubles are small and won't last very long.** Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So **we don't look at the troubles we can see now**; rather, **we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen.** For the things we see now will soon be gone, but **the things we cannot see will last forever.*** 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 NLT

*May the **God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him**, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* Romans 15:13 NIV

## Dates & Times to Remember

**Bible Study Series - Inner Healing:** God is doing a mighty work here at Word Fellowship Church! He is growing us and changing us from the inside out, loving us and healing us so that we can share His amazing love and healing with others! If you missed any night's teaching, [get caught up online](#).

**Praise and Testimony Night:** Our next Praise and Testimony Night is coming up on *Sunday, August 31!* Be prepared to have your faith built as you share and hear the great things God is doing in our midst!

**Who We Are Class:** Our next *Who We Are Class* is coming on Saturday, September 20! We only hold 2 of these introductory classes a year, so don't miss out! Join us for an exciting morning of discovering who we are here at Word Fellowship Church, including the specific vision and purpose God has given us for His glory!

\*Registration required. \*Minimum 10 participants.

**Soul'd Out & WFC T-Shirts:** Time is running out to put in our next order. If you've been waiting to order, now is the time! See Teresa Spencer or Sandy Heubner today.

\*Credit & debit cards only. \*24 t-shirt minimum to place order.