**“A lethal pandemic and widespread unemployment have coincided with a tense presidential campaign and nationwide unrest. For the advertising industry that means opportunity...”**

The experience of the people in Hebrews

—Heb. 10:32-34

- A hard struggle with sufferings
- Public criticism
- Loss of property

The experience led to…

- Drifting away from the faith—Heb. 2:1
- Leaving the church—Heb. 10:25
- A Crisis of confidence—10:35
- Frustration with leaders—13:17

**“Our eyes fixed on Jesus
the source and goal of our faith.”**

***Phillips***

## Annual Focus Goals

- A larger picture of Jesus
- A clearer picture of Jesus
- An actionable picture of Jesus
- A Biblical picture of Jesus
- A greater desire to share our renewed picture of Jesus with others

**“Our images of Jesus tend to be too small, too monochromatic, and too domesticated.”**

***—Prof. Brent A. Strawn***

**“…our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom faith depends from start to finish.”**

***Hebrews 12:2a (NEB)***

**By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.**

***Hebrews 11:27***

## How do we fix our eyes on Jesus?—Heb. 12:1-3

I. A Focused Look—v.1a

II. A Long Look—v.1b

III. A First Look—v.2a

IV. An Expectant Look—v.2b

V. A Look Together—vv.1-2

**Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.**

***1 Peter 4:12-13***

**Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.**

***Hebrews 5:8***