

## How's your eyesight?

In trying to deal with the current situation with “Inspired Messages” the last few months I have been sort of “consumed” by what’s been happening around us right now. The last message asked for your thoughts. I received this reply from Anthony Tormey: "Success is everything you think (dare I say pray) about. Change the way you think (pray) and change the way you feel. Change how you feel, and you will change how you act." Very sage words.

Prayer is where we all start to make that change. But we also need to adjust our eyes. How do you do that? “[Turn your eyes upon Jesus](#)”! That was the closing hymn Sunday at church. I had already outlined what I was going to write, and this song fits my message and scripture perfectly. Coincidence? I think not!

The reason I call what I write “Inspired Messages, is because the words come from my life and the way God lays things on my heart. With all that has been going on, my heart has been heavy. But if I turn my eyes upon Jesus and remember the promises he has made; I can lighten my heart.

*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18*

If I turn my eyes upon Jesus, as the song suggests, the promise of the glory to come gives me counsel. To know that what I (we), see around us is temporary. Our earthly lives are but a speck in the eternity of God. We do not know the plan for this world, but we have eternity in our hearts.

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11*

*For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18*

That eternity comes from our salvation through Jesus Christ. Walking with Him in front of us, looking up as we go, we can conquer the darkness that surrounds us. For He is the Light. He has been lifted up.

*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:14-15*

*Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” John 8:12*

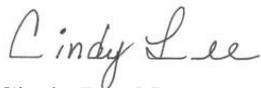
If we walk focused on that light, looking up, and with purpose, we are strengthened. In looking at where we are going, not where we are, we can have joy. We also have hope. Least we forget that Christ is our hope.

*And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.  
1 John 3:3*

Seeing past this day, this hour, sometimes this minute, can be daunting. But, when we look at what will greet us at the end of our days, hours, and minutes, we will behold splendor as never seen before. We will have such peace, joy, and love in that what we have suffered will be removed from us. Can I get an amen?

Let me close with this passage from Psalm 119, verse 37... *Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things And revive me in Your way.*

When the burdens of the world get heavy, look upward and “[Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus](#)” to lighten your load.



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