Daily Devotion #144

**Keep Your Eyes on the Road**

[1Corinthians 9:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?pub=0&book=-101&sec=53348632) — “*Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.”*

The other night my wife and I were driving, and it happened to be one of those nights when several things were happening. First, it was already dark which never bodes well for me. As I have gotten older, my eyesight on the road at night is not the greatest. On top of that, it was raining. Which made the road seemingly like a reflector for the car headlights of the oncoming traffic. And we were on unfamiliar roads. As you can imagine, those elements made that drive a time that was not fun, to say the least.

But as I think back on that night, I am reminded of some spiritual principles or truths that are worth mentioning. In this life, we often cannot see what is ahead of us. Every day is filled with uncertainty over the things that lie ahead. Just like on a rainy night when the blinding lights of the cars coming at you make the road disappear for a few seconds, life has a way of coming at us and blinding us as well. So, similar to driving in those bad conditions, we must keep our eyes on what we can see.

My wife kept saying to me, “Just keep your eyes on the white line on the right when a car comes, and you will be fine.” And that certainly was true, most of the time. In driver’s ed, I remember being taught to focus on the side of the road when driving at night and not to stare at the headlights of the oncoming traffic. And mostly that works fine. But there are times when driving on unfamiliar roads causes difficulties beyond keeping your eyes on the white line. Sometimes on certain roads, the white line is no longer there. Add to that the rain and the dark and the reflecting lights of oncoming traffic and you have a recipe for disaster or potential disaster.

As I think about those conditions on the road at night, it reminds me again of life. Often in this life we can only keep our eyes on the things that are right in front of us, the things that makes sense. But what about those times when the road is totally dark and nothing you focus on is clear? That will wreck a soul quickly. And many people have run off the road of life and greatly harmed themselves spiritually.

So, what are we to do in those times? How do we keep our composure and how to do we stay in the road of life without destroying ourselves? The answer is always the same. We must keep our eyes on Jesus. He is the road to life that never fails us. In fact, unlike the roads we drive on physically, the spiritual roads that Jesus leads us on have spiritual bumpers on the edges. Those bumpers are faith. The Lord tells us that without faith this life is impossible. Everything in this life is designed around faith - faith in God and His ability to keep us from wrecking ourselves.

When we find ourselves in a panic about what is happening and especially when we can’t make out the road ahead of us, we must keep our eyes on Jesus. Paul was reminding the Corinthian church that the only people who effectively and safely make it home to heaven are those who do not panic when the road is unclear. Instead they keep on moving and always look to Jesus to guide them.

Beloved, what is going on in your life right now that is making you feel like you are on a dark, rainy, unfamiliar road? Is it a relationship? Is it a health issue? Is it something with work or family? No matter what it is, God says to keep going. And when you can’t see the road and the turns, keep your eyes focused on Him. Faith is necessary when there are not white lines to look at and when there is nothing you can see to keep from panicking.

Let God grow you through the challenges, and watch Him make Himself known in your life as He guides you through the challenges. You will make your final destination safely and securely. He has made that promise clear.