



## A Heavenly Perspective

- Our earthly life is one SMALL part of our ETERNAL life!

**James 4:14 (NIV)** *Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.*

**Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)** *He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*

- Our home is HEAVEN. In the meantime, there is often trouble to deal with.

**Philippians 3:20-21 (NIV)** *<sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*

**Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)** *fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scornng its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

- We must FIX OUR EYES on Jesus if we want to survive a shipwreck.

**Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV)** *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*

- Walking with Jesus through our troubles results in UNEXPLAINABLE PEACE here and unfathomable rewards in glory.

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)** *<sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

### Lift your eyes—

Eternal versus temporary. Our society needs us to lift our eyes to Jesus. Many churches talk about the need to be relevant. Maybe even more than that, we need to be transcendent.

- God can be TRUSTED in our STORMS and in our PAIN. (John 11:3-7, 17-35 and 38-45)

The Hope of Heaven is not misplaced. It will be GREATER than all we can IMAGINE!

### Additional Notes:

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### scriptures that relate

Monday: Philippians 3  
Tuesday: Colossians 3

Wednesday: Revelation 21  
Thursday: Revelation 22

Friday: Philippians 1  
Saturday: Hebrews 12

### small groups—talk it over

1. Why is a heavenly perspective so important in dealing with shipwrecks?
2. What is the best way to view our short life on this earth?
3. How do you fix your eyes on Jesus in all circumstances?
4. Share a story of growth through a storm in your life.
5. What comes to mind when you think of heaven?

### pastor nathan's prayer requests

**Monday:** Pray for the church leadership as they prayerfully lead us.

**Tuesday:** Pray for Pastor Brian as he prepares the message God is giving him.

**Wednesday:** Pray for our discipleship classes and small groups.

**Thursday:** Pray for the Worship Arts department as we plan to deliver God's Word through art.

**Friday:** Pray for the youth and children in our church to be an impact to those around them.

**Saturday:** Pray for our weekend services and those attending.