

The Power of Focus — Jay Zinn • 8/28/11

Genesis 31:25-43

Genesis 31:10-12 - "In breeding season I once had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the male goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled or spotted. The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.' And he said, 'Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban (white glory) has been doing to you. I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land (realign with your roots).'"

To draw a bead on. To aim at carefully, to line up in the sight of one's gun; to zero in on a person or thing. The reference is to the bead or front sight of a rifle.

To zero in on. To focus one's attention on a specific person, proposal, issue, or other matter; to aim at; to set one's sights on. Originally, *zero in* referred to adjusting the sights of a gun to the zero or horizontal line so that when aimed and fired at a target, the projectile will hit it dead center.

Noun 1. **focus** - the concentration of attention or energy on **something**; centering, paying close attention.

2. **focus** - maximum clarity or distinctness of an **image** rendered by an optical system; "in focus."

3. **focus** - maximum clarity or distinctness of an **idea**; free from obscurity and easy to understand.

4. **focus** - a **point** of convergence of light. (i.e. laser beam)

Verb 1. **focus** - direct one's attention on **something**; soak up, absorb, immerse, zoom in on.

2. **focus** - cause to converge on or toward a central **point**.

3. **focus** - bring into focus or alignment ideas or emotions; sharpen the image from blurry to clear.

4. **focus** - put (an image) into focus; "Please focus the image; we cannot enjoy the movie."

Mark 9:2-8

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters — one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. **Listen to him!**"

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. NIV

2 Peter 1:16-19

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were **eyewitnesses of his majesty**. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love;

with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain (Mark 9:2-8).

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to **pay attention** to it, as to a **light** shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. NIV

2 Corinthians 3:13-18

We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being **transformed into his likeness** with ever-increasing **glory**, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. NIV

Deut 11:18-21

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. NIV

2 Cor 4:18

So we **fix our eyes** not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. NIV

Heb 3:1-2

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, **fix your thoughts** on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. NIV

Heb 12:2-3

Let us **fix our eyes** on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. NIV