

**Remember to use the leader guide to help you get the most out of this study.**

**Problem:**

Luke 9:62; 2 Tim 2:1-7; Phil 3:12-16— what do these verses imply about focus in the Christian life?

here is the problem: You cannot lose focus in the Christian life.

**Text:**

**Consider Jesus**

Heb. 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, **consider** (carefully or understand fully) Jesus, the **apostle** and **high priest** of our confession, (at baptism)

(consider) - 2 Timothy 2:1-8; John 1:1- remember Jesus

(apostle) - Hebrews 1:1-2:4 - Son of God - supreme revelation of God to man

(High priest) - Hebrews 2:5-18 - Son of Man - sole mediator between God and man

—>The author of Hebrews is exhorting the professing Hebrew Christians to keep focused on Jesus... as the apostle (a reference to Hebrews 1:1-2:4 - where the focus is on Jesus as the Son of God, the supreme revelation of God to man - literally the idea is Immanuel, God with us) and as High Priest (a reference to Hebrews 2:5-18 - where the focus is on the ascended Son of Man, Christ the sole mediator between God and man - where apostle focuses on the full deity of Christ the high priest focuses on the full humanity of Christ)

**Worthy of more glory**

Heb. 3:2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

Heb. 3:3 For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than (Main Idea) Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.

Heb. 3:4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

Heb. 3:5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,

Heb. 3:6a but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.

(2a) (John 6:28-33; 9:24-29 - they loved Moses)

(2b) Numbers 12:6-9; Deuteronomy 5:25-27; 34:10-12 - Moses faithful

(3) Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Matthew 17:4-5; 5:21; Acts 3:19-26 - Jesus=greater than Moses

(6a) 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 - in sum - how much more is Christ a better focus than Moses

—> Here the argument is very simple. Moses is great. Christ is greater. Moses was a servant while Christ is a Son. Moses was part of the building, a creation, while Jesus is over the building as the builder, Creator, God. as Great as Moses is, Christ is so much greater. The very fact that this seemed to be an important point to make is disturbing in light of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ which is why the "if" clause coming up is so disturbing.

**Our Confidence and Our Boast**

Heb. 3:6b And we are his house **if** indeed we hold fast our **confidence** and our **boasting** in our hope.

If:

Matthew 7:21-23 - not everyone who claims to be saved is

John 8:25-59 - believed but not really

1 Corinthians 13:5; John 15:1-8 - proof

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if - 1 John 2:19 - The conditional clause "if we hold on" means that confidence and boasting shows who God's people are.

An important point here is that in this narrative the author of Hebrews is assuming that they are saved based on their profession but he is obviously having doubts because he is unsure whether they will turn back or not. The relevant question really is whether they are really saved.

In other words, how do you know you indeed trusted Christ? You are still trusting Him, He is still your confidence, He is still your boast.

How can you know if someone has seen the surpassing worth of knowing Christ? if they are still looking.

### Confidence:

What are you confident in? Gal 5:1; Col 2:6-8, 16-23

### Boasting:

What do you boast about? 1 Cor 1:26-31; Gal 6:11-14;

—> This last sentence presents the idea that one must remain faithfully focused on the surpassing worth of knowing Christ

### **Main Idea:**

We must remain faithfully focused on the surpassing worth of knowing Christ

He must be our greatest pursuit

He must be our greatest Joy

### **Application:**

Christianity never becomes about who we are and what we do. It is always about who He is and what He has done.

our politics and our positions occupy us  
our triumphs and our tragedies consume us  
our heroes and our hatreds motivate us

we must be occupied with His passion  
we must be consumed with His person  
we must be motivated by His power

let me sum it all up this way:

He must be our greatest pursuit - Matthew 13:44-46; Philippians 3:8-10

He must be our greatest joy - Philippians 1:21

### **Action:**

Practice daily the discipline of delighting in Him- Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:3

### **Reflection:**

Here is a great article about distraction and Christian art - How might this article be relevant to the main idea of the sermon?

<http://www.allaboutgod.com/christian-distractions.htm>

## Sermon Study - Hebrews 3:1-6 - Surpassing Worth

Here is a deep article about our greatest joy. How does this article interact with the point that Christ is the supreme revelation of God to man?

<http://thecripplegate.com/the-christians-pursuit-of-happiness/>

This last article is likely too long to study out in group but if possible highlight a few memorable quotes and discuss them in light of everything else - with a mind to applying this message to your lives in a specific way:

[http://www.reformationtheology.com/2005/11/the\\_person\\_of\\_christ\\_driven\\_li.php](http://www.reformationtheology.com/2005/11/the_person_of_christ_driven_li.php)