



Jesus and The One

*Week 3: The Focus of our Gaze | Teacher: Matt Thigpen
Sermon Questions for 2.18.2024*

Opener

When was a time in your life when you would say you were the most persistent that you've ever been?

Read

Matthew 15:21-28

Main Points

1. Sometimes you may think Jesus is saying no or not answering, but we're invited to pray persistent prayers and to keep our focus on him.
2. You have permission to have great faith in Jesus. And this comes from fixing our eyes on Jesus.
3. Jesus doesn't just move toward the one, but also will move toward someone on behalf of another.
4. No matter what you've been through, continue to fix your gaze on Jesus and watch what he does.

Engage with God in a Group

- When you know you have a conversation coming that is going to be difficult, how do you prepare for it?
- What is something you've prayed for but still haven't seen any answers to your prayers?
- How would you describe your prayer life - vibrant, stagnant, struggling, persistent, hopeful, mechanical, intimate, personal, or
- Is there anyone in your life that you have prayed for consistently?
- Have you considered that God might invite you to prayer with persistence for someone else, on their behalf, for their good? Who might it be and are you willing to do it?

Bottom Line

Jesus responds to faith.