



**Sermon Devotional: Philippians 1:12-14**

## **How To Keep Focused In The Chaos**

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**Even while in prison, Paul was focused on the mission at hand. No matter the chaos in his life, he never wavered. So how can learn from him and do the same.**

This past weekend at the racetrack, Eli and I had an insightful experience that reinforced the importance of focus. After weeks of struggling to improve his car's speed, we met a family whose mechanic offered valuable advice. He observed Eli's driving during practice and shared that while the car performed well, Eli needed to improve his focus—specifically by keeping his hands steady to avoid overcorrecting. After implementing these tips, Eli's performance and confidence significantly improved.

Reflecting on this, I was reminded of the importance of focus in our faith. Too often, we treat Jesus as a part of our lives rather than the center. Like Paul in Philippians, who stayed focused on Christ despite being in prison, we are called to remain steadfast, even amid challenges. Disruptions in life—financial struggles, parenting difficulties, or unexpected events—can cause us to lose focus, much like overcorrecting on the track. But by staying centered on Jesus, we can navigate life with purpose.

As Louie Giglio reminded us during a powerful sermon, everything in life points back to Jesus. We've been entrusted with the "gold" of the gospel, not to hoard but to share. To do so requires focus and boldness, even amidst uncertainty. Let's strive to keep our focus on Christ and share the treasure we've been given with the world.

### **Things to think about**

**What distractions in your life might be causing you to lose focus on keeping Jesus at the center, and how can you actively redirect your attention back to Him?**

**When faced with challenges or unexpected disruptions, how do you typically respond? Do you find yourself overcorrecting or remaining steady in your faith and trust in God?**

**Paul remained laser-focused on advancing the gospel, even in the midst of suffering and uncertainty. What steps can you take to cultivate that kind of unwavering focus in your own faith journey?**