

Text: Psalms 16:1-11
Title: Look At God
Thought: Keep Your Eyes of Jesus
Teaching Intent: Encourage believers to keep seeking God's guidance
Topic Introduction:

Story Start:
Have you ever came close to having and accident because you took your eyes off the road, maybe you looked at your phone, or you was trying to reach something in the back seat, once you focused your attention back on the road , you saw that you were about the crash, you had to smash on the break, what you're looking at can have a major impact on where you wind up.

Story Setup:
Everyday there are people who get on the road headed some place, but the wind-up in the hospital or the morgue, because somehow, they got distracted and stopped watching where they were going. The same is true for believers, we have to look at where were going. We have to keep our eyes focused ahead, drivers have to look at the road, believer have to look at God.

Story Shift:
We have to keep him at the forefront of our thought and actions, so we don't get distracted, so we don't crash out before we arrive at our destination. When I say look at Jesus, I'm saying no matter what's happening around us, we need to keep our eyes on him. We need to pay attention to him more than anything else. We have to focus on our faith, focus on our ministry, focus on being fruitful.

Text Background:
David tells us in the text that he always sets the lord before him; he keeps the lord in his sights. He looks to the lord for leadership. David lived a life full of confrontation and conflict, he always looked God for his prosperity and protection. All of us are tempted to become distracted, the goal is to set the lord before you, in other word don't take your eyes off him.

Text Outline
I. DAVIDS PROTECTION

A. David Has A Need for Gods Protection
Psalm 16:1 "1 Preserve me, O God...

- David is in some type of danger, so he gets God involved
- One of the benefits of believing in God is his protection

B. David is Trusting God to Keep Him Safe
Psalm 16:1 ...for in thee do I put my trust."

- Putting your trust in the lord is daily decision, a continuous choice
- Trust is like a vending machine you put something you get something out

II. DAVIDS CONFESSION

A. We See the Source Of David Trust… His Personal Relationship
Psalm 16:2 "2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord...

- He made God his lord from his soul, confess means to come into agreement
- Illust: When a man proposes it's with love from the soul, a passionate union

B. We See the Humility of Davids Thought
Psalm 16:2 ... My goodness extendeth not to thee

- David understand he cannot match or measure up to Gods goodness
- David knew Gods love for him was not based on his own goodness

C. We See the Heart of Davids Task
Psalm 16:3 "3 But to the saints that are in the earth, And to the excellent, in whom is all my delight."

- David honored God by doing good to the people God delights In… the saints
- The way to a man's heart is his stomach, the way to Gods heart is his people

III. DAVIDS DEDICATION

A. David Is Careful Not to Abandon God
Psalm 16:4 "4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god...

- Some people abandon God when they feel disappointed or let down
- Illust: leaving God only makes things worse, like adding sugar to diabetes

B. David Will Not Chase After Other God
Psalm 16:4 "4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god...

- David knows God is the lord, there is no equal, greater, or better option
- Illust: I've heard women regret leaving a good man in search of a perfect man

C. He Will Not Participate in Their Rituals…
Psalm 16:4 ...Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, Nor take up their names into my lips."

- David doesn't follow the behavior of those who do not follow his God
- Illust: believers live a tic toc challenge life; they mimic what they see the world doing

VI. DAVIDS BLESSING

A. David Know God is His greatest Gift
Psalm 16:5 "5 The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup...

- David said I'm blessed because a relationship with God is the best gift you can get
- On Christmas my granddad gave me money and my sister socks, I got the best part

B. The Lord Is the Protector of His Inheritance
Psalm 16:5 ...Thou maintainest my lot

- Connection with the lord is the blessing and God is invested to protection
- A little girl ran in front of a speeding truck, she was divinely protected

C. The Lord in His Life Represent His Good Fortune
Psalm 16:6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

- David appreciates what God has given him, it brings him to a peaceful place
- The bible tells us that Godliness is grate gain

V. DAVIDS ANCHORING

A. David Says He's Always Looking at God
Psalm 16:7–8 *I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: My reins also instruct me in the night seasons. 8 I have set the Lord always before me:*

- David said I keep my eyes on the lord looking for his Instruction and intervention
- When I look at the lord, he will speak to my heart in the night

B. David Knows He Has the Lord on His Right Hand
Psalm 16:8 .... Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved."

- When you look at God, he will remind you that he is by your side, and on your side
- Illust: It's like when you go to the store, and you tell the child to stay by your side

C. David Knows Gods Place, So He Won't Lose His Faith
Psalm 16:8 ... I shall not be moved."

- When I'm threaten or under attack my faith remains in tack
- David said my faith is based on who's with me, not what's happens … Isa 54:10

VI. DAVIDS ASSURANCE

A. David Heart Is Happy
Psalm 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth...

- looking at God will help you maintain your joy, to rejoice is a choice
- Illust: what the DJ plays determines how you feel and how you move

C. David Heart Is Resting Hope
Psalm 16:9... My flesh also shall rest in hope

- David says God I need your help, I am waiting for it, but not worried about it
- Hope is the assurance that something will happen, you just don't know when

E. He Will Not Be Abandoned

Psalm 16:10 "10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell...

- When the lord is your inheritance, he will never leave you apart from him
- God will not leave or abandon me when I'm in a bad place… he's coming

F. He Will Not Suffer Corruption

Psalm 16:10 ...Neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

- God will not let his holy people suffer decay, God is going to raise you up
- He's raising up you spirit and your soul, the body will follow

G. God Will Show the Path To Fulness And Joy

Psalm 16:11 "11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: In thy presence is fulness of joy; At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

- You will only find that path to fullness, if you look at God