

WELCOME TO HAVEN

August 24, 2025

Welcome

Worship Songs

"Spirit Move"

"Your Great Name"

Communion

Prayer

Scripture for Today

Matthew 14:25-31 (NIV)

Message

"Focus, Focus, Focus"

Laura Young

Offering/Worship Song

"Same God"

**Closing*



FOCUS, FOCUS, FOCUS

■ **Why is it so hard to stay focused on God?**

Cosmic Struggle between God’s plan of redemption and Satan’s attempt to oppose it

- Matthew 13:38-39 Jesus calls him the evil one and our enemy
- John 8:44 Jesus says Satan is a “liar” and father of lies
- John 10:10 Satan comes as a thief to steal, kill and destroy
- Ephesians 2:2 Satan is called “the prince of the power of the air”
- I John 5:19 The whole world is under the control of the evil one.

■ **God is still _____**

■ **_____ may be the god of this world, but his domain is limited.**

■ **Three ways Satan can distract us:**

1. Through great **trial** and **pain**

Read the book of Job in the Old Testament

2. Through **wealth**

I Timothy 6:10 “For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”

3. Through **guilt** and **shame**

James 4:8 “Draw near to God, and He will near to you”
Romans 8:1 “There is no condemnation in Christ for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

5 ways to help stay focused on God

F FIRST _____ FIRST

- John 15: 1 – 11 The Vine and the Branches
- Learn to abide

O ONGOING _____

- Remain in conversation with GOD
I Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray without ceasing”

C CUT THE _____

- Limit the distractions

U USE YOUR _____

- Serve God and live generously
- Give of your time, talents, & resources - these are tools for His glory

S SHED THE _____

- Confess, repent and walk freely in grace

CALL TO ACTION

- Focus on God and the things of God.
- Go with GOD
- Be good to one another
- Stay humble and always be kind
- Always remember that God loves you

Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."