

Focusing On Jesus

in the midst of our struggles

Hebrews 12:3-4 * June 24, 2018 * PM Service

Hebrews 10:32; James 1:2

Jesus chose the cross to model that sins against us
and sins within us can be **redeemed**.”

Suffering and pain have the ability to actually move us
closer to God then we've ever been before.

God doesn't give us a crisis, but He allows us to experience it,
so that we can realize and recognize His love on a
deeper level.

1. The Struggle of **Sin**

Hebrews 12:4; Hebrews 4:15

The more we fix our eyes on Jesus and the work that the
Holy Spirit wants to do in our lives, the more we can actually
live in **freedom** of our **sin**.

2. The Struggle with **Submission**

Hebrews 12:7, 9; Matthew 26:39; Luke 22:44; 1 Corth. 6:20; 1 Peter 2:24

“Cup” always represents **life** or **death**
whenever you see it in the New Testament.

“Gethsemane” in Aramaic - “the place of the **oil press**.”

Our biggest struggles are the ones that are **within** us!

3. The Struggle of **Sacrifice**.

Hebrews 12:2

Sin infects, and it always will,
but **Jesus** perfects, and He always will.

Hebrews 12:2 NIV

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our
faith, who for _____'s sake, endured the cross, scorning
its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.