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Let us continually re-focus on our Lord Jesus Christ, and determine to love and obey Him through our love and our service to others.

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:1-2 (KJV)

Leadership in Christ. When His disciples started vying for the top positions, getting insecure and becoming indignant with one another Jesus called them together and said: **“You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead whoever wants to become great must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”** Mark 10:41-45.

It's a very 'tall-order' that Jesus has placed on leaders, and one that goes against all our fleshly instincts in protecting ourselves and dealing with others. So easily our hearts drift from humbly serving our Lord and His people to thoughts of: 1) self-importance; 2) of trying to build 'our ' ministry; 3) of building our ego and 4) 'proving our attackers wrong'; 5) of trying to protect (or build) our reputation ; 6) of defending our position...etc.

All too easily we slip into reacting to others and their (real or perceived) criticisms, attacks, lack of support, undermining...etc., out of our own insecurities instead of out of love in serving our Lord and them. How hard it can be to

unconditionally love our critics and enemies. How difficult to truly bless those who curse us. How challenging to pray for (not against) those who spitefully use us. How contrary to totally forgive those who do the wrong thing by us again and again and again. How totally impossible all this is while--- we ever are glancing AT OURSELVES, AT OUR REPUTATION, AT 'OUR' MINISTRY, AT OUR WOUNDS, AT OUR POSITION instead of fully and totally fixing our eyes on JESUS, the Author and Perfector of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the Cross (**Hebrews 12:2**).

Focusing on Jesus Who knew that nothing and no-one could rob Him of that joy set before Him (is a must). Knowing that nothing and no-one can rob us of that joy He has set before us (is a must). Resting totally secure in our Lord (is a must). Insecurity in the leadership can inflict so much pain in the Body of Christ. Let us take all our insecurities to Him who loves us and gave His life for us. Let us lay them down at the foot of the Cross. Let us rest secure in God's unconditional love for us. Let our leadership rest secure in His call upon our lives – no one, no rumors, no attacks, no criticisms can rob that from us or deter His plans for our lives and ministry (“...**greater is He that is in us than He that is in the world.**”).

Let us continually re-focus on our Lord and determine to do naught, but love and obey Him -- love and serve others. As we do, may we see the fulfillment of His prayer (**John 17:22-23**) **“I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and You in Me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Me and have loved them even as you loved me.”** Pastor Ravi Daniel from Faisalabad Pakistan. Peace and Unity in Christ Ministry.

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