

DAY 19 | KEEP YOUR MIND ON CHRIST

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**“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
Colossians 3:1-2**

I remember years back when we went to San Diego for our family vacation. Like any normal people living in Arizona, the first thing we wanted to do was go to the beach and “hit some waves.” My father-in-law and I set out from where we camped at the beach out into the ocean. We spent about an hour swimming and riding the waves. We had so much fun, not worrying about anything but each other in the ocean. As we made our way back to shore, we expected to walk straight back up to where the rest of our family was. To our surprise, we had drifted nearly a mile from our family.

Isn't it crazy to think that when we're not intentionally fighting the current, we end up drifting? The same thing can happen in our faith and our trust in Jesus. If we don't keep fighting the current of this world and going against it, we drift spiritually. We start to make compromises, and then, little by little, we end up in a place we didn't want or expect to be in!

Brothers and sisters, as we go through this fast, let's remind ourselves daily to keep our minds on Christ. Now let us look to the Bible to see what it tells us to do:

Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable — if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy — dwell on these things. (Philippians 4:8)

Let us not drift like crazy Arizonans at the beach, but let us fight the world's current with God's word in our hearts, seeking Him daily to pursue the holiness and righteousness only He (Jesus) can give us!