

TCOLCC 2026 Church Theme



Moving Forward In **THE PROMISE**



Bible Study
January 28, 2026
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Philippians 3:13-14

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JESUS IS THE PROMISE –
THE PROMISE MAKER AND THE
PROMISE KEEPER –
Part 2 – A PROPER PERSPECTIVE



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OUR FRAMEWORK FOR MOVING FORWARD IN THE PROMISE

- A PROPER PERSPECTIVE ←
- MOVING FORWARD IN THE PROMISE IS A GROWING PROCESS
- MOVING FORWARD IN THE PROMISE REQUIRES A SINGLE FOCUS



OUR FRAMEWORK FOR MOVING FORWARD IN THE PROMISE

A PROPER PERSPECTIVE –

- *Philippians 3:13a - Brethren, I count now myself to have apprehended*
 - I/we have not apprehended (achieved/obtained) that for which I am apprehended of by Christ
 - My Purpose in Him (II Timothy 1:8-9)



OUR FRAMEWORK FOR MOVING FORWARD IN THE PROMISE

THIS REQUIRES A PERSONAL / INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT OF OUR POSITION AND RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS–

➤ 1 Peter 5:10- *But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.*

❖ DO I KNOW MY PURPOSE–

❖ How do I discover my purpose –

○ *The key here is:*

SUBMISSION – OBEDIENCE – FAITHFULNESS



OUR FRAMEWORK FOR MOVING FORWARD IN THE PROMISE

❖ DO I KNOW MY PURPOSE –

❖ How do I develop in my purpose –

- *An intentional and steadfast COMMITMENT to The Word – STUDY – APPLY – PRACTICE*
- *Developing a consistent Personal and Corporate Prayer Life*
- *Get involved in The Ministry of The Church – Being involved with at least one Ministry – visiting / calling the sick and shut ins. This requires Personal Sacrifice!*
- *Being committed to Church Services – Corporate Prayer – Bible Study – Worship Services: Sunday Worship – Communion – Prayer Services – Evangelism Outreach, etc.*



OUR FRAMEWORK FOR MOVING FORWARD IN THE PROMISE

❖ DO I KNOW MY PURPOSE –

❖ How do I develop in my purpose –

- **Developing Church Fellowship – Brother to Brother, Sister to Sister – following up when someone is missing in action – offering encouragement support and prayers**
- **Support The Ministry of TCOLCC –**
 - **Being Faithful in Tithing, Offering, & Roof Pledge**

❖ WHERE AM I IN FULFILLING MY PURPOSE–

❖ How do I move forward in fulfilling my Purpose –

- **Developing in Spiritual Growth – through The Word & Prayer**

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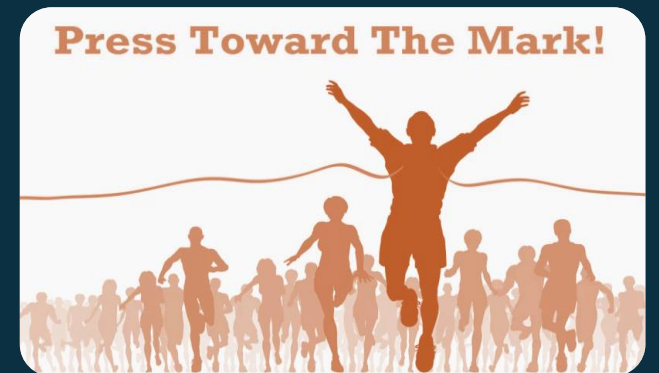
❖ How do I move forward in fulfilling my Purpose -

- *The Word helps to build our Faith - transforming us from the natural to The Spiritual*
- *Prayer moves us away from ourselves and aligns us with Jesus - His Will.*
- *Depending on your Calling and Purpose - Outside study and development may be proper - Extra Biblical Studies that add illumination and support to The Scriptures*
- *Mentorship is extremely beneficial. This requires guidance from your Shepherd or someone established in The Faith*

*****I RECOMMEND THE PERSONAL ASSESSMENT FORM AS A TOOL FOR DOING ONE'S ASSESSMENT.**

LIFE APPLICATION

1. This is accomplished in us/through us as we walk/live in **COMPLETE OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD/WILL OF JESUS** (Phil 2:13)
2. An **INTENTIONAL DAILY COMMITMENT** to **THE STUDY - APPLYING - & PRACTICE OF THE WORD**
3. This **BUILDS FAITH** that empowers us to live according to The Word/Will of Jesus (Romans 10:17)
4. **PRAYER** connects with The Spiritual Resources of Jesus that aligns us in **ONENESS** with Jesus (I John 5:14 - 15)



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EVERYTHING THAT JESUS IS - HE IS FOR US - THAT IS THE ONLY REASON THAT GOD WAS MANIFESTED AS ONE OF US!

EVERYTHING THAT HE IS TO US - HE IS TO US PERSONALLY - HE IS ALWAYS MULTITASKING - WORKING IN US INDIVIDUALLY/PERSONALLY YET AT THE SAME TIME WEAVING US TOGETHER IN THE TAPESTRY OF HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM!!!

More About Jesus – Eliza E. Hewitt

*More about Jesus would I know,
More of His grace to others show;
More of His saving fullness see,
More of His love who died for me.*

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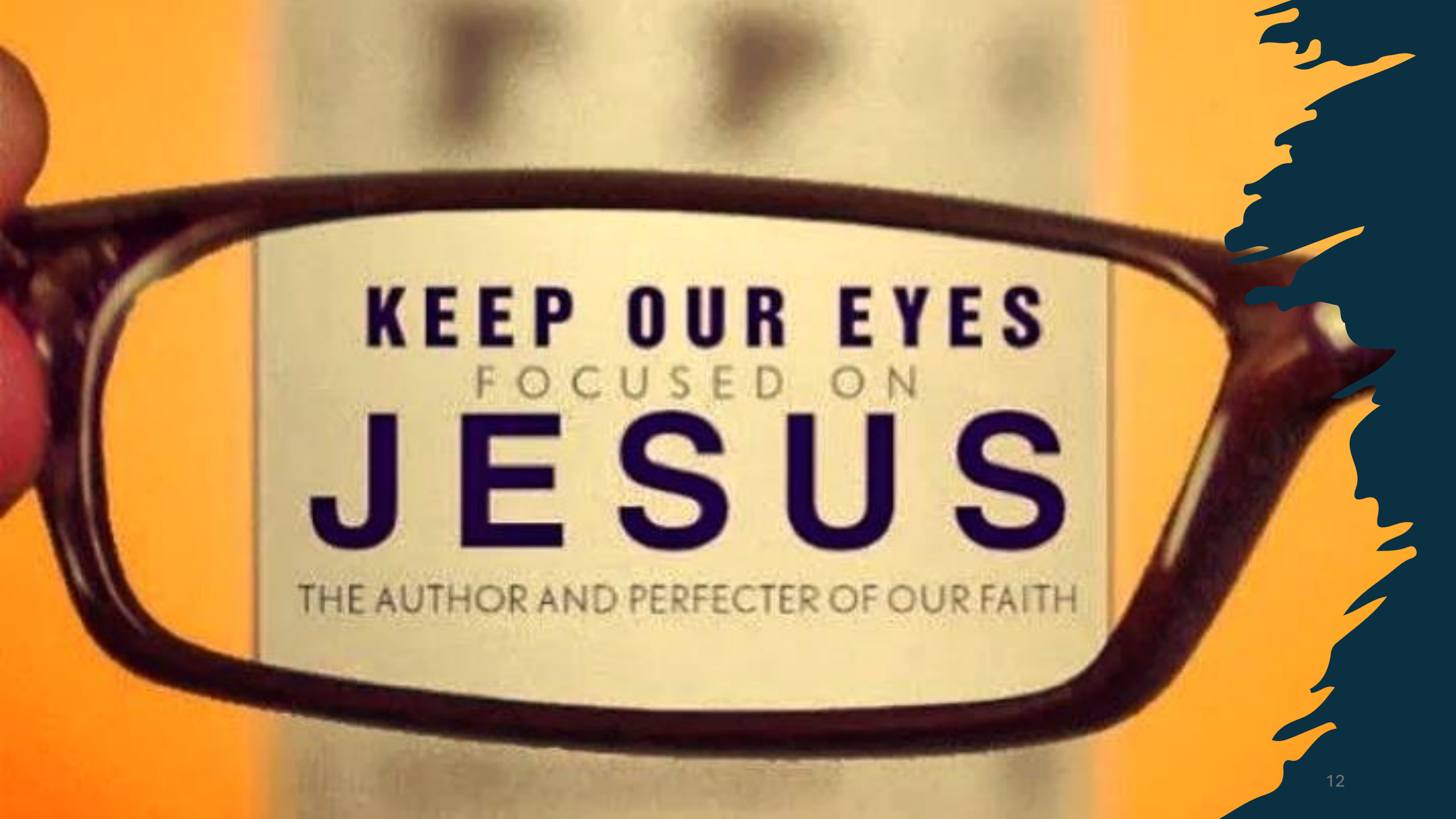
*More, more about Jesus,
More, more about Jesus;
More of His saving fullness see,
More of His love who died for me.*

*More about Jesus let me learn,
More of His holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be,
Showing the things of Christ to me.*



***More about Jesus, in His Word,
Holding communion with my Lord;
Hearing His voice in every line,
Making each faithful saying mine.***

***More about Jesus on His throne,
Riches in glory all His own;
More of His kingdom's sure increase;
More of His coming, Prince of Peace.***

A pair of dark brown, thick-rimmed glasses is shown. The lens is white and contains text. The text is centered and reads: "KEEP OUR EYES" in large, bold, dark blue letters; "FOCUSED ON" in smaller, dark blue letters; "JESUS" in very large, bold, dark blue letters; and "THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH" in smaller, dark blue letters. The background behind the glasses is a warm, orange-yellow gradient. On the right side of the image, there is a dark blue, jagged, torn-edge graphic element.

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