

Hope Presbyterian Church  
Sermon-Based Bible Study

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**"I'm Fixed Upon It"**  
#4 in the series  
*Wandering Heart:*  
*Figuring Out Faith With Peter*



**Scripture Text**  
Matthew 16:21-23, Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Think about what it means to be "fixed" on something - to have it firmly set in mind or believing it's not subject to change.
  - How do we become fixed on something or someone?
  - Why is it so difficult to let go of a fixation?
3. **Read Matthew 16: 21-22.**

Peter's response to Jesus was emotional - in fact, it was a rebuke.

  - Why would it be accurate to say that Peter was "fixed" on a different version of what was next for Jesus?
  - How do you respond to the idea that being fixed on something, even something spiritual, can make us resistant to God's work?
4. **Read Matthew 16: 23.**

Jesus' words reflect his own fixation with the story that lay ahead for Him.

  - How do you interpret his words, "Get behind me, Satan!"?
  - Consider these additional insights into Jesus' response:
    - The meanings of these Greek words would have been embedded in Jesus' response:
      1. Santanas - human reasoning that echoes satanic opposition
      2. Skandalon - trap, obstacle
    - Peter's words probably reminded Jesus of his experience being tempted in the wilderness.
    - "Get behind me" was language the disciples would have understood, referring to the expectation that disciples would walk behind their teacher out of respect.
  - Given these contextual considerations, how do you respond to the idea that Jesus rebuked Peter but didn't reject him?
5. **Read Hebrews 12:1-2.**

Questions for reflection:

  - Where might God be inviting you to expand our understanding?
  - Where are you fixed on your own expectations?
6. How can we pray for you?