Sermon Notes-August 30, 2020

"Focusing On Our Reality" Hebrews 12:1-3

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Introduction:

- Bethany Hamilton has become a source of inspiration to millions through her story of faith, determination, and hope.
- Bethany's life story was turned into the major motion picture, "*Soul Surfer*". Bethany has also written many books including "*Devotions for the Soul Surfer" and "A Soul Surfer Bible".*

Our theme verse for our kids camp was in Hebrews 12:2. It says,

"Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith." ***(Hebrews 12:2a NIRV)***

- The Christian life then is like a race that requires discipline and endurance. We must "throw off everything that hinders" and would impede us.
- The race we run is not an easy sprint, that everything in the Christian life is rosy. We must be prepared to press on with perseverance through trials and temptations.

5 points on our reality = 5 days we were at "Kids Bible Adventure Week":

1. FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN SEE.
2. YOU CAN HEAR FROM GOD.
3. YOU CAN TALK TO OTHERS ABOUT WHAT YOU BELIEVE.
4. YOU CAN PRAY TO GOD ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, ABOUT ANYTHING.
5. YOU CAN LIVE FOR GOD BY LOVING OTHERS

Our goal and focus in life is to be better Christians and to let Christ's love shine through our lives!