

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

VERSE

♩=110

F B $\flat$ F/C

1. O soul, are you wea-ry and trou - bled? No light in the
 2. Thru death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we
 3. His Word shall not fail you- He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and

6 C7 F F G7/D C/E

dark-ness you see? There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, and
 fol - low Him there; O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion- for
 all will be well: Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His

CHORUS

13 F C/G G7 C Dm7 C7/E F C C#dim7 Dm

life more a - bun - dant and free! Turn your eyes up-on Je -
 more than con-q'rors we are!
 per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

20 F7/C B $\flat$ Bdim Csus C F C7/G

-sus, look full in His won-der - ful face; And the things of

26 F/A C7 Dm F7/C B $\flat$ Bbm/D $\flat$ F/C

earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of His glo-ry and grace.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus was written when two faithful women looked to Jesus in their suffering.

The first was renowned English painter Lilius Trotter. Though she could have pursued a successful career as an artist, she pivoted away from those prospects in her twenties to “seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.” She started small, faithfully teaching and making disciples in her local YWCA, but less than a decade later, she had moved to Algeria to preach the gospel to the unreached. She faced many hard years as a missionary due to various personal health problems and difficulties making inroads with the local Muslims, but she pressed on in faith. She employed her skill as an artist and writer, writing and painting various encouragements and journals along the way. Later published in a booklet called *Focused*, she wrote, “How do we bring things to a focus? ...Not by looking at a thousand things to be dropped, but by looking at the one point that is to be brought out. Turn full your soul's vision to Jesus...and a strange dimness will come over all that is apart from Him.”

The second faithful sufferer, English musician Helen Lemmel, was born a decade after Trotter. Lemmel and her family moved to the States during her childhood. There, she grew up, got married, and became a successful singer. But tragedy struck when a severe illness caused her to go blind, after which her husband abandoned her. During that season of great suffering, a friend found and read Trotter's *Focused* booklet to her. The quote mentioned above stuck in Lemmel's mind, inspiring her to write a poem called “*The Heavenly Vision*.” She wrote a melody to accompany her poem, which became this beloved hymn.

Today, we can take this hundred-year old hymn to heart as we face our own worldly griefs and sufferings. Take the invitation these two faithful sufferers offer to us: “O soul are you weary and troubled? ...Turn your eyes upon Jesus.”

Scripture to consider:

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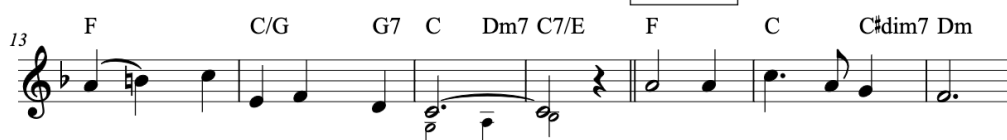


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