

# Vineyard Church of the Peninsula

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## Where to Focus: On the Seen or the Unseen?

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) seems to typify humankind. We laugh and say: “Squirrel!” We blame the aging process. We attribute it to too many plates in the air at a time. But achieving and maintaining focus is perhaps our greatest deficiency today. We relate to Jesus’ dear friend, Martha, who was ever burdening herself with just one more responsibility, one more project, one more need. But in the midst of muchness and noise, it is tragically simple to lose one’s first love, to get mired in the onslaught of urgent, to live ‘nose to the grindstone’, to not remain childlike, to fail to see the sweeping vista of the Kingdom ‘not of this world’.

1. John 1:1-14 – The story of all stories we’re \_\_\_\_\_
2. Matthew 13:16,17 – The story of all stories we’re \_\_\_\_\_
3. 2 Corinthians 4:3-12 – The story of all stories we’re \_\_\_\_\_
4. Romans 8:18,19 – The story of all stories, \_\_\_\_\_

*“ . . . the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions:  
Joy that overflows, peace that subdues, patience that endures, kindness in action,  
a life full of virtue, faith that prevails, gentleness of heart, and strength of spirit.  
Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless.”*

Galatians 5:22,23 The Passion Translation