



Keep your eyes on Jesus

A Letter About Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus
Hebrews 12:1-3

Lello and Delbert were working together on a blanket for Uncle Donny. They thought he may like to have a gift from the farm, especially one that could help keep him warm and dry.

Pops walked into the barn where Delbert and Lello were working. He looked at the clock and saw it was almost mail time.

"Can I walk with the two of you to the mailbox?" Pops asked.

"Baa! Oh! The mail, we forgot," Lello said.

"Haw. We've been so busy with this blanket for my Uncle Donny, I guess we forgot about mail time," Delbert explained.

Together, they walked out of the barn and headed toward the mailbox. On the way, Pops asked Delbert and Lello if they had been praying for Uncle Donny.

"Haw! We sure have. And, you know what? I'm not worried anymore. I know God is taking care of Uncle Donny," Delbert told Pops.

They arrived at the mailbox just in time to see Posty swoop down and land with a letter. Posty dropped the letter into Pops' hands and announced, "You've got mail! I deliver without fail!"

"Haw! I can't wait," Delbert said, as he cleared his throat and read:

**Dear Delbert and Lello,
Thank you for all your prayers. The weather here has been much better.
No more rain or storms! Here's another letter from the Bible.
Love,
Uncle Donny**

"Baa. I am so glad the weather is better. Come on, Delbert, let's go finish that blanket," Lello said, as she turned to walk back to the barn.

"Lello, don't you want to read the rest of the letter first?" Pops asked.

"Baa! Oh, yes! I forgot because I was busy thinking about the blanket. I do want to read it," she answered. Delbert handed her the letter and she began to read:

*Dear brothers and sisters in the family of God,
Since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us run the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion. Think of all He has done for us; then you won't become weary and give up.
Love,
A friend who believes*

"Haw. What does it mean to keep our eyes on Jesus?" Delbert asked.

"It means to think of Jesus in all you say and do," Pops explained. "Imagine you're in a race. While you are running, you watch where you are going. Your focus is on the finish line."

"Baa. But, I just can't stop thinking about the blanket," Lello said.

"Me, too. It's all I can think about," Delbert agreed.

Posty squawked and said, "On Jesus we will keep our eyes. Jesus is the greatest prize!"

"Haw! You're right. Lello, we can work on the blanket, but we can also think about Jesus while we're making it," Delbert announced.

"Baa. You're right. And I know what could help us. We could sing praise songs while we work," Lello suggested.

Pops laughed deeply and said, "That sounds like fun. Can I join you?"

Delbert and Lello invited Pops back to the barn with them. They all said goodbye to Posty and headed to the barn to finish the blanket. As they walked, they remembered the Bible letter, sang songs, and thought about Jesus.