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"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)

Playing Blocks & Focused Living

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A few months ago, Anne Marie, our one year old daughter was a little fussy, so I took her in her bedroom and got down in the floor with her and we began to play blocks. And you know how that game goes with a child. You get a few blocks stacked, and the child knocks them down. Well, that's okay for a little while, but I was working on a really neat castle! So whenever Anne Marie got close to the blocks, I'd push her back so she couldn't knock over my masterpiece. It didn't take very long for her to begin crying. There she sat on the floor crying, while I was playing with the blocks. (It would have made a good picture). Then it dawned on me that something in this picture wasn't right. I had lost focus. I had gone in there in an effort to stop the crying, and somewhere along the way I lost sight of that goal.

One of the most amazing traits in the life of Jesus is that he never got off track. He never got distracted from his goals. He never lost focus. From the time he entered the world until the time when he left it, he never lost sight of his goal, not even for a moment. His life was such a focused life from beginning to end, that his very last words on the cross reveal his focus as he said, "It is finished."

Me? Well, as I have revealed, I struggle with staying focused. I dare say I'm not alone either. Maybe it would be good for all of us to just take a step back and look at our lives objectively. Where are we headed? What are we doing? What are our goals? Have we lost our focus? Give it some thought.