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Flight takes focus. We can’t look back over our shoulders, or down, or around--except to get our bearings. We can clarify our position and relationship to objects and places and people, but our eyes are ever forward and onward and upward. “Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (*Phil. 3:14*).

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