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We can get so engrossed in one situation that we can forget about everything else going in the world.

Ash Wednesday week was a good example of this. We in the South are not used to dealing with snow and definitely not ice. Given that fact, local newscasts went into a 24 hours news cycle reporting on the weather. They reported on every car accident, black ice locations and interviewed every government official on the local emergency management team.



Sometimes we can get carried away by our present circumstances. It was a miracle that no other news was occurring, or was it?

While it was true, the snow and ice were important stories to many, it wasn't the only story that week. Egypt bombed part of Iraq held by ISIS in retaliation for the beheading of twenty one Egyptian Coptic Christians. ISIS also took over parts of Iraq that are close to air bases where American troops are serving in an advisory role. A deadly strain of the CRE bacteria was discovered in a Los Angeles hospital.

Granted these events are not happening in every neighborhood, yet they remain important issues for us to know.

The disciples weren't fixated on their own circumstances, yet they often could not see the wider view Jesus was offering to them when He came to the Sea of Galilee. They left their world to travel with Jesus in order to become "fishers of men." Even though they didn't always see the big picture, they stuck it out with him.

Very much like us.

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