

Side *by* Side

A quarterly newsletter for leaders



5 Reasons Why This Issue Is for You

- Get equipped to finish this ministry season strong.
- Find encouragement to persevere from the life of Frances Ridley Havergal.
- Refocus your heart on what matters most with a resource from Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth.
- Renew your passion to serve with the Faithful to the Finish Line Challenge.
- Download an exclusive lock screen photo to remind yourself to keep your eyes on Jesus.

Don't Lose Heart

Encouragement to Sustain You This Season



Don't lose heart. Those three words from the apostle Paul were not only intended to encourage the early church: they're for you today. Frances Ridley Havergal, beloved British hymn writer, modeled the kind of perseverance Paul was talking about. When tested and tried, she found Christ to be faithful. In [this article](#), Leslie Bennett shares Frances' story and offers four encouragements to help you forge

ahead as you follow Christ, who truly is worth your all.

Refocus Your Heart

Questions for Reflection from Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth



Right now, in the middle of a busy ministry season, would you be willing to stop and move to your knees in a prayer of surrender? That's the invitation Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth extends in this [free download](#), which is based on "Take My Life," Frances Ridley Havergal's well-known hymn. Written as a prayer, each line of the song focuses on one dimension of what it means to be fully consecrated to Christ.

Consider printing these questions and prayerfully working through them in your personal devotional time or with your ministry team or small group. Don't wait until the new year to experience a reset or a revived heart. Finish 2024 strong with your life fully surrendered to Jesus.

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Resources to Help You Stay the Course



What is the key to not only finishing this calendar year faithfully but making it all the way to the finish line? Find out in these resources:

- At this time of year, the temptation to quit what you've been called to do is extra strong. In this article, Linda Green shares "[Five Secrets to Staying in Ministry](#)."
- If you find yourself steering toward the emotional ditch of discouragement, this article from Erin Davis will help you get back on track so you can thrive in your current role. Read "[Coping with Ministry Discouragement](#)."
- The same mercy that saved you and called you will sustain you and preserve you." Learn more about what it means to persevere in the *Revive Our Hearts Weekend* episode: "[Don't Lose Heart](#)."

Take the Challenge: Faithful to the Finish Line



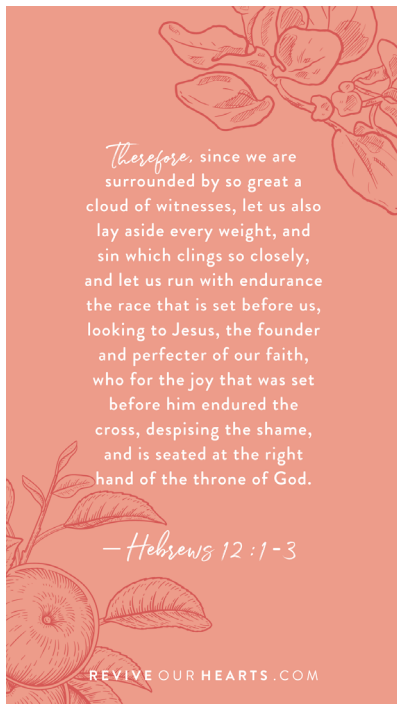
Do you long to finish well? Redirect your gaze to the captivating beauty and worth of Christ with this 10-day challenge. You'll be encouraged to dive deep into Hebrews 12:1–3 to renew your passion for serving like Jesus. Start the [10-Day Faithful to the Finish Line challenge](#) now (and look for a longer version of this challenge coming in Spring 2025).

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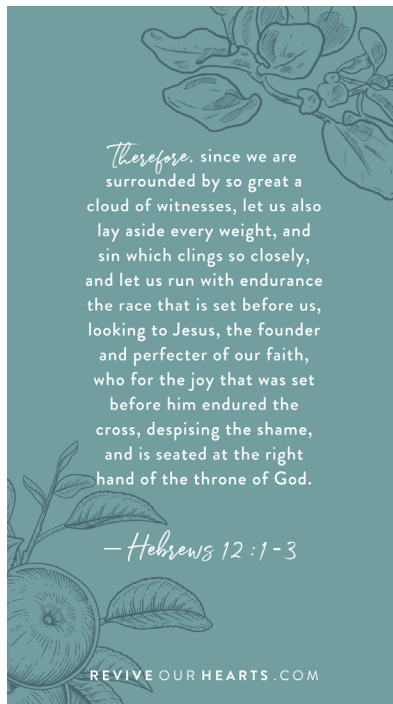
Free Lock Screen Wallpaper Just for Leaders!



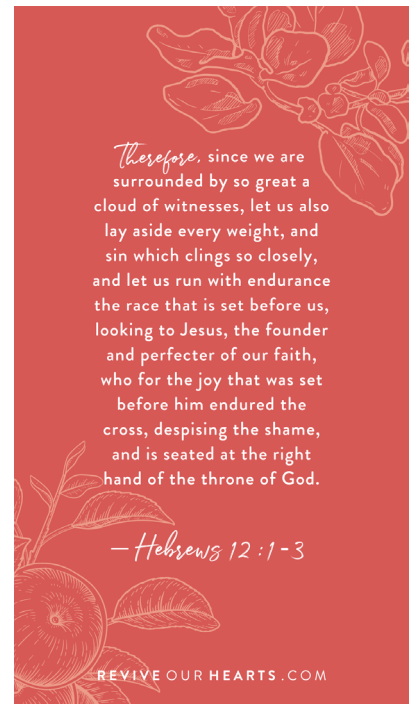
In Hebrews 12:1–3, we're encouraged to "run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus." Remind yourself of the need to keep your eyes fixed on Christ this season—regardless of what comes—using this new lock screen photo designed exclusively for leaders. To use it: save the photo to your device, and then set the photo as wallpaper. We pray it will redirect your focus every time you see it!



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