

PERSISTING IN FAITH

50 Days of Faith Rick Warren & Tom Holladay

"We have around us many people whose lives tell us what faith means. So let us <u>run</u> the race that is before us and never give up." Hebrews 12:1 (NCV)

HOW TO FINISH WHAT YOUR START

. . . when you feel like giving up

1. REMOVE

"Let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way and the sin that so easily holds us back." Hebrews 12:1 (NCV)

"Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race." Philippians 3:13-14 (TLB)

2. REMEMBER

"To win the contest you must deny yourselves many things that would keep you from doing your best . . . but we do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step."

1 Corinthians 9:25-26 (TLB)

"Don't drag your feet. Be like those who stay the course with committed faith and then get everything promised to them." Hebrews 6:12 (MSG)

3. RESIST

"Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up." Galatians 6:9 (TLB)

"Lord, when doubts fill my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer." Psalm 94:19 (TLB)

"God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in His grace until His task within you is finally finished." Philippians 1:6 (TLB)

WHERE DO YOU NEED TO BE MORE PERSISTENT?

- □ Daily Time with God □ Praying for family / marriage / small group
- ☐ Sharing my faith with friends who don't know Jesus
- □ Tithing / BFL commitment
- □ Exercise / Diet
- □ Controlling my anger/ words/ thought life
- □ Trusting God with my pain / problems

4. RENEW

"God wants His loved ones to get their proper rest." Psalm 127:2 (TLB)

"This why we never give up . . . our spirits are being renewed every day." 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NLT)

"Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross!" Hebrews 12:2 (GNT)

"I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)

Next Steps

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