

PERSISTING IN FAITH

CREATED TO DREAM – PART 4

Hebrews 12:1 (NCV) “*We have around us many people whose lives tell us what faith means so let us run the race that is before us and never give up.*”

HOW TO FINISH WHAT YOUR START WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE GIVING UP

1. REMOVE ANY DISTRACTIONS.

Hebrews 12:1b (NCV) *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.*

Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT) *I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.*

2. REMEMBER THE REWARD.

1 Corinthians 9:25-26 (TLB) *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.*

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

3. RESIST ALL DISCOURAGEMENT

Galatians 6:9 (LB) *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.*

Psalm 94:19 (NLT) *When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and*

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Philippians 1:6 (NLT) *I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

4. RENEW MYSELF DAILY

Psalm 127:2 (NLT) *It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones.*

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

Hebrews 12:2 (GN) *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!*