

I Will Not Grow Weary Before I Hit The Finish Line!

(Part of THE FINISH LINE Series)

(Inside the YEAR OF DISCOVERY Series)

Rick Piña

Victory Christian Ministries International (VCMi) - Woodbridge

Sunday Morning Service

4.26.26

INTRODUCTION - HONOR AND GREETING

- I thank God for our **Apostles**, Tony and Cynthia Brazelton.
- I thank God for our **church!**
- It **does matter** where you go to church!
- One church, multiple campuses, international impact.
- Let's give God praise for **VCMi!**

Our Pastors hear from God concerning what our focus will be for each year.

In this season, the Lord led them to declare 2026 to be:

THE YEAR OF DISCOVERY!

- Discovery is not **creating** something new.
- Discovery is **finding** what was always there.
- This year is about us **DISCOVERING** what God already DID.
- About **discovering** what God already planned for 2026 and walking in that.
- About **believing** and **receiving** what God has already provided.

Our foundational scripture for the year is:

2 Peter 3:18 GNT

"But continue to grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory now and forever."

Last Sunday, Apostle Cynthia delivered a message that perfectly framed our discovery.

Here are some of the things she said:

- **“God did not rest because He was tired. He rested because He was finished.”**
- **“Your starting line IS the finish line.”**
- **“We do not run TO the finish line; we start FROM the finish line.”**
- **“Faith is not striving for. Faith is resting in what God has already done.”**
- **“When God sees you, He sees you wrapped up in Christ.”**
- **“We do not OBTAIN the victory. We just MAINTAIN what Jesus OBTAINED.”**

I will build upon last week's message today.

I will flow in the same vein.

Here are some things I want you to consider as a lay the foundation:

- We live in **two realms** at the same time. We are **seated** in **heavenly places**, but we are also walking around down **here** in this world.
- The finish line is a **STARTING POINT** in the **SPIRIT**, but it is a **DESTINATION** in the **FLESH**.
- This means that while we are **living by faith**, we are dealing with **two realities**: the **seen** and the **unseen** realms.
- In 2 Corinthians 4:18, the Apostle Paul tells us to **focus** on the **unseen**, and he's teaching us to get to the point where the **unseen** is **more real** to us than the **seen**.

- What we teach here at VCMI is that the **unseen** has to be so real to you that **you're not moved by what you see**. You're only going to **say what God said until you see what God said**, and you refuse to be moved off of that!
- The challenge is that there is a **space** between the **promise** and the **performance**. There's a space between the **divine revelation** and the **earthly manifestation**.
- In that space, we're called and commanded to **walk and live by faith**. Anybody can live by faith for a short duration; the challenge becomes **how long can you remain in faith?**
- The only thing standing between **where you start** and **where God said you are going** is **THE LONG WALK in between**.

This is what I have learned:

- **THE LONG WALK** is where **weariness** shows up.
- **Weariness** does not attack you when the **door is open**. Weariness attacks you in the hallway **while you are waiting for the door to open**.
- Weariness does not raise its ugly head when the **harvest is in your hand**. Weariness strikes in the field, after the seed is in the ground, **but before the crop pops up through the ground**.

So, my assignment today is to teach on this topic:

I WILL NOT GROW WEARY BEFORE I HIT THE FINISH LINE!

Say it with me. "I will not grow weary before I hit the finish line!"

Say it again. "I will not grow weary before I hit the finish line!"

Look at somebody and say,

"I am going to make it. Because in the spirit, I already made it! Even when my flesh gets tired, I REFUSE TO QUIT!"

Jesus already crossed the FINISH LINE! I am just walking out what He already finished!"

If you're ready to receive this Word, give God some praise!

THE FOUNDATION TEXT FOR TODAY

Galatians 6:9 NIV

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Notice 4 things in this verse:

1. **"Let us not become weary."** Paul included himself when he said "us." This means that **weariness can attack anyone.**
2. **"In doing good."** This weariness hits in the middle of **OBEDIENCE**. I have been teaching on today's word for weeks, and here's something I said on today's word that I want to repeat here. **"Weariness does not come from doing the wrong thing. It comes from doing the right thing for what feels like too long. That is why it is so dangerous. You do not quit because you stopped believing. You quit because you got tired of waiting."**

Note: This is a good point for me to be **transparent** with you. What I've been teaching on my podcast for weeks and what I'm sharing with you today is something that has really **genuinely ministered to me in a powerful way.**

- One of the things that I love about **Pastor Tony** is that from time to time, he is very **transparent** in his teaching.
 - When I first got here, I was somewhat amazed that someone that I can honor and respect that much **would be so open with some of the things that he has had challenges with.**
 - But I think there's power in that because you can't reach people that can't relate to you, and sometimes we need to know that **the people we're looking up to are human too.**
-
- I'm doing a verse-by-verse exposition of the book of Galatians, and when I got to Galatians 6:9, **the Holy Spirit started to reveal to me that I had allowed my heart to grow weary in an area of my life.**
 - I did not even realize it, but weariness had gotten a hold of my heart.
 - Once again, the apostle Paul is not saying you're doing something wrong. **You're actually doing something right. You are believing God, but you'll believe in God for something for so long that you start to question whether or not it's even going to happen.**
 - **And here's the dangerous part. If weariness gets a hold of your heart, you may even start to question whether or not you even want it anymore.**
-
- **But we must be committed to wanting everything that God wants for us, because remember, in heaven it's already done.**
-
- **Jesus already crossed the finish line of that thing for us.**
-
- **We just can't give up before the right time!**

Let's continue with Galatians 6:9.

3. **"At the proper time."** There is a **"due season."** There is a date already **documented in heaven when your harvest will come due.** What you can't do is give up before that date.
4. **"If we do not give up."** That is the only thing that disqualifies you. Not your weakness. Not your slow progress. **The only disqualifier is QUITTING.**

Say this: "the only way I can lose is if I quit, but there is no quit in me!"

So with that as our text, here are

7 WAYS TO REMAIN IN FAITH UNTIL YOU CROSS THE FINISH LINE.

#1 - REMEMBER THAT THE FINISH LINE IS ALREADY BEHIND YOU

John 19:30 NKJV

"So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit."

- The Greek word Jesus used is **TETELESTAI**.
- It is a **marketplace word** that was stamped on a bill of debt the moment it was **PAID IN FULL!**
- It meant "**Account closed. Bill settled. Debt gone.**"
- Jesus was saying:
 - **Sin**
 - **Sickness**
 - **Disease**
 - **Lack**
 - **Poverty**
 - **Fear**
 - **Shame**
 - **The grave**
 - **Etc... IT'S ALL PAID IN FULL!**

Apostle Cynthia put it perfectly: "**Your starting line is the finish line.**"

1 Corinthians 15:57 NKJV

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- Present tense. Not “He WILL give.” “He GIVES.”
- Already given. Not a **future award**. A **present possession**.
- The world’s mindset is: “**I have to perform to win.**”
- The Kingdom mindset is: “**I won, so now I can perform from a place of victory.**”

***** Apostle Cynthia said it best: “We just maintain what He obtained.” Maintenance is not the same as production. You are not trying to MAKE something happen; you are walking in what was already MADE to happen.**

***** Stop trying to GET what you already HAVE!**

Say with me: “I ALREADY HAVE THE VICTORY! I AM GOING FROM FAITH, TO FAITH... BY FAITH! KNOWING THAT VICTORY IS ALREADY MINE BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS DID!”

I WILL NOT GROW WEARY BEFORE I HIT THE FINISH LINE!

#2 - GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL WORD GOD SPOKE OVER THE SITUATION!

Psalm 77:11-12 NKJV

“I will remember the works of the Lord; surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will also meditate on all Your work, and talk of Your deeds.”

• WEARINESS CAUSES SPIRITUAL AMNESIA.

• The cure for amnesia is REMEMBRANCE.

- **"I WILL."** That is a **decision**, not a **feeling**.
- Asaph wrote Psalm 77 **in a dark moment**. He starts off discouraged. Then verse 11 hits and he chooses. **"I WILL remember."**
- **The Word God spoke over your life does not have an expiration date.**
- **The dream did not die just because the wait got long and your heart got weary!**

Romans 11:29 NKJV

"For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."

- **God's promise is still good!**

***** Some of you do not need a NEW Word from God. You need to go back and stand on the LAST one He gave you.**

***** Pastor Tony said it this way, "Go back and get on the bus where you got off the bus. Sometimes you just need to go back to where you went astray or you stop believing."**

- **Pull up the journal entry.**
- **Read the prayer.**
- **Listen to the message again.**
- **Replay the prophetic word.**

Numbers 23:19 NKJV

"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

- God does not change His mind about you.
- God does not take His Word back!

Say this: "I will go back to what God said because the word is still good!"

Also, consider this:

*** The promise is OLDER than the problem. Whatever you are dealing with right now showed up AFTER God spoke. Weariness wants you to act like the problem is bigger than the promise. It is not.

I WILL NOT GROW WEARY BEFORE I HIT THE FINISH LINE!

#3 - SPEAK THE PROMISE OUT LOUD UNTIL YOUR FAITH CATCHES UP

Proverbs 18:21 NIV

"The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

- Your faith does not just rise when you **READ** the Word.
- Your faith rises when you **HEAR** your own **mouth AGREE** with the **Word**.
- What you **eat** is what your **mouth** has been speaking.
- **Something powerful happens when your soul hears your own voice declare the word over your own life.**
- **The word leaves your mouth, comes back into your ears, and gets down in your heart.**
- **This way you minister faith to your own self!**

*** Silence is where weariness GROWS. Speaking the Word is where weariness DIES.

Romans 10:17 NKJV

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

- Faith does not come by reading. Faith comes by HEARING.
- The mouth that speaks the Word becomes the ear that hears the Word.
- You speak it; you hear it; you believe it.

Mark 11:23 NKJV

“For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”

- Jesus said you have what you SAY. Not what you think. Not what you feel. What you SAY.

***** Some of your mountains have not moved because you have been talking ABOUT the mountain instead of TO the mountain. Speak TO it.**

Say with me: “I AM A WHOSEVER AND I WILL HAVE WHATSOEVER I SAY! I SPEAK GOD’S WORD! I DECLARE THE PROMISE UNTIL THE PROMISE SHOWS UP!”

I WILL NOT GROW WEARY BEFORE I HIT THE FINISH LINE!

#4 - REFUSE TO DOWNSIZE GOD’S DREAM!

Joshua 14:12 NKJV

“Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said.”

- Caleb is 85 years old when he says this.
- **45 years earlier, God promised him this mountain.**
- **God said that because he believed he was going to inherit that land.**
- A weary man would have negotiated the promise down. **"Lord, just give me a hill. Give me a small piece of property. I am too old for the mountain now."**
- Caleb did not do that.
- **He said, "Give me MY mountain." The same one God promised. The full size. No reductions.**

***** Caleb stood on the same Word at 85 that he stood on at 40!**

Say with me: "I REFUSE TO SHRINK THE VISION! I WILL NOT TRY TO EDIT DOWN THE PROMISE! LORD, GIVE ME MY MOUNTAIN!"

I WILL NOT GROW WEARY BEFORE I HIT THE FINISH LINE!

#5 - REST IN THE FINISHED WORK, BECAUSE THE HIGHEST FORM OF FAITH IS REST!

Hebrews 4:9-11 NIV

"There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience."

- Read verse 11 again. **"Make EVERY EFFORT to ENTER REST!"** The writer of Hebrews tells you to LABOR to enter into rest. **You have to work on not working.**
- **Receiving God's peace is important. But entering God's rest takes you to ANOTHER LEVEL.**

- **When you enter God's rest, you consider the matter SETTLED in heaven. It is a DONE DEAL.**

*** When you are in-faith, you are also in-rest. Faith and rest are not two things; they are the same posture.

Hebrews 4:2 KJV "**For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**"

- **Israel had the promise. Israel had the Word. Israel even saw the miracles. But they did not enter the rest, because they did not mix the Word with faith.**
- **Some of US have the Word, but we have not entered the rest. The Word does not benefit you until you mix it with faith and stop working for what God already provided.**

*** **While you are resting, God is working. While the farmer sleeps, the seed grows. The Word works ALL BY ITSELF.**

Resting is NOT DOING NOTHING!

- **Resting is not laziness.**
- **Resting is a DELIBERATE CHOICE to rely on His strength, His wisdom, His power, and His timing.**
- **Resting is cooperating with His divine timing and allowing Him to bring about the harvest in His way.**

*** **Rest is the posture of a believer who knows IT'S ALREADY DONE.**

Apostle Cynthia said it last week: **"Faith is not striving for. Faith is resting in what God has already done."** That is Hebrews 4 in one sentence.

Say with me: **"I REST IN THE FINISHED WORK! IT'S ALREADY DONE! I LABOR TO ENTER GOD'S REST! WHILE I REST, GOD IS WORKING!"**

I WILL NOT GROW WEARY BEFORE I HIT THE FINISH LINE!

#6 - GET SUFFICIENT REST! (THE ELIJAH PROTOCOL)

1 Kings 19:5-7 NIV

“Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, ‘Get up and eat.’ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, ‘Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.’”

- Elijah had just defeated **450 prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel**.
- The greatest spiritual victory of his life.
- The very next chapter, **Jezebel** sends a threat, and Elijah **RUNS** into the wilderness, sits under a juniper tree, **and asks God to take his life**.
- Watch what God does. He does not send a sermon.
- He does not send a rebuke.
- He does not send Prophets.

***** God sends an angel with bread, water, and a place to sleep.**

- The angel let him sleep TWICE before the next assignment came.
- I call this The Elijah Protocol.
- Before the Word, before the vision, before the next assignment, get enough rest.
- **Rest will minister to your body and your soul!**

***** Sometimes the most spiritual thing you can do is eat and go to bed or go away for a few days.**

3 John 2 NKJV

“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”

- **God wants your body to prosper alongside your soul. The two are connected.**
- Take care of your body and your soul.
- **You cannot pour out of an empty vessel.**
- Grace restores you before it redirects you.

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.”

- **God GIVES rest. He does not just permit it. He gives it as a gift to those He loves.**
- If you are too tired to receive the gift, you will keep working anxiously when God is trying to give you rest.
- Take the gift. Eat. Rest. Recover.

Say with me: “I HONOR MY BODY AND SOUL. I EAT, I REST, I RECOVER! I AM IN THIS FOR THE LONG HAUL!”

I WILL NOT GROW WEARY BEFORE I HIT THE FINISH LINE!

#7 - WORSHIP WHILE YOU WAIT!

2 Chronicles 20:21-22 NIV

“Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army... As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.”

• **Jehoshaphat is surrounded by THREE armies. Outnumbered. Outmatched. Outgunned.**

• God says through the prophet Jahaziel, **"The battle is not yours, but God's."** (2 Chronicles 20:15)

• Then Jehoshaphat does the unthinkable: **he puts the WORSHIPERS IN FRONT OF THE WARRIORS.**

• **"AS THEY BEGAN TO SING AND PRAISE, THE LORD SET AMBUSHMENTS."**

• **The chains broke because they SANG.**

• **The enemy destroyed itself because they WORSHIPED.**

***** The battle ended before the army ever swung a sword.**

Acts 16:25-26 NIV

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose."

• **Paul and Silas were beaten, bloodied, and chained at midnight... in a DUNGEON!**

• Galatians 6:9 weariness if I have ever seen it.

• **They were doing GOOD when this happened.**

• **They prayed and sang PRAISES to God.**

• An earthquake shook the foundations of the prison.

• The doors flew open. Every prisoner's chains came loose.

***** They did not sing because the chains broke. The chains broke because they sang.**

• **Worship is a weapon!**

- Your MOUTH and your HEART can move what your hands cannot.

***** The mouth that sings BEFORE THE MIRACLE is one who ends with WITH THE MIRACLE!**

PRE-PERFORMANCE PRAISE!

Anyone can praise after the breakthrough. That is just confirmation. Faith praises BEFORE the breakthrough. I call that pre-performance praise."

- "Praise is the language of the already-done in the middle of the not-yet."
- "If you wait to sing until the circumstance changes, you will stay stuck in the circumstance."
- "Faith sings in the hallway."

I WILL NOT GROW WEARY BEFORE I HIT THE FINISH LINE!