

# Side *by* Side

A quarterly newsletter for leaders



## Four Reasons Why This Issue Is for You

- Be challenged to not miss Jesus in your ministry.
- Learn how to fight mission drift with lessons from the life of the apostle Paul.
- Hear wisdom on cultivating intimacy with Christ from Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth.
- Prepare to fix your eyes on the incomparable Christ in 2024.

## Don't Settle for Serving in Ministry without Jesus



The 2024 ministry year is underway. As your calendar fills with tasks and activities to do in service to the Lord, *don't settle*. Don't settle for doing things for Jesus and miss Him along the way. Don't settle for ministry that makes Jesus the subtitle instead of the main focus. Don't settle for thinking of Christ as part of your agenda instead of embracing Him as *your very life* ([Col. 3:4](#)).

Are there signs you're settling in your ministry? Find out more in "[Are You Settling for Ministry without Jesus](#)" by Leslie Bennett.

## Expecting an Astonishing Work



Last fall, the *Revive Our Hearts* staff had the opportunity to hear an impactful [chapel message from Byron Paulus](#), president of OneCry prayer ministry. What he shared has continued to shape Angela Temples' approach to her work, even months later:

This message challenged my thinking in the ministry I do. It reminded me that if I expect God to do an astonishing work, then my heart needs to be revived first. The question

I keep asking myself is, "Are the things I'm doing explainable or unexplainable?" I want the things I do in ministry to not be explained by my gifts or talent, but by the fact that Jesus showed up and did the astonishing.

## Profile of a Leader on a Mission



When it comes to ministry leaders who served with the wrong motives, there's one name we often forget to mention: the apostle Paul. Although in many ways Paul is a hero of our faith, he is also a cautionary tale, perhaps especially for those of us in ministry leadership. In [this article](#), Erin Davis offers three observations from Paul's life.

## The Privilege and Pitfalls of Ministry, WITH NANCY DEMOSS WOLGEMUTH

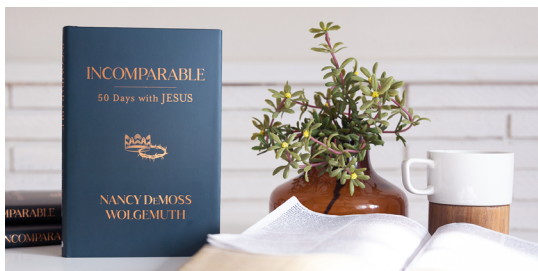


"Ministry is a privilege. Ministry is [also] a heavy and weighty responsibility," says Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. "The longer I'm in ministry, the more I realize how vulnerable we as leaders are to falling, even while serving . . . It is only by the grace of a faithful God that we can stay faithful and finish well." In this episode of the *Revive Our Hearts* podcast, Nancy shares some of the pitfalls and temptations that leaders in ministry face, and she provides biblical

insight to help you remain steadfast. Listen to "[Cultivating Intimacy with Christ](#)."

For more on the privilege of serving Christ, don't miss "[Helen Roseveare: The Permanence and Privilege of Serving Christ](#)." )

## Multiply the Message of the Incomparable Christ



Do you long to spend more time with Jesus? Are you searching for ways to lean more fully into the incomparable Christ for everything you do? You are invited to join Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth on a fifty-day journey with Jesus in her new book [Incomparable: 50 Days with Jesus](#), releasing January 23.

Through this book, you'll spend time focusing on Jesus' humanity, His humility, His prayer life, and more. You'll learn why all of it—why *everything* about Him—matters. As you reach the final page, you'll be more equipped to multiply the message of who Jesus is to those within your sphere of influence. Consider taking members of your staff, your small group, or the women in your ministry through this book. Your hearts will be revived through dedicated time studying your Savior—because whatever you think about Jesus, *He is more*.

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*You're Welcome Here:  
Embracing the Heart  
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a six-week Bible study  
based on the teaching of  
Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

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