

Heaven Rules over One Child's Broken Heart

by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

“HEAVEN RULES.” Those two words are a lens for all of life. They remind us that God rules over everything.

Since the release of my book titled *Heaven Rules*, the world has substantially recovered from a global pandemic, and Robert and I have celebrated his clean bill of health after a bout with cancer. But new challenges have emerged, as they perpetually do in our broken world. **Through it all, “Heaven rules” remains a sure and steady anchor for our souls.**

“Even though I can't see what He is doing, I am choosing to trust that God really is in charge of this situation in my life.”

I've seen this message embraced in a moving way in the life of a friend named Susanna who attended the True Woman '22: Heaven Rules conference. At the convention center we had a huge wall covered in purple paper where we encouraged women to use a marker to complete this sentence: “Heaven rules over _____,” and then to sign their name. They were affirming, “*Even though I can't*

see what He is doing, I am choosing to trust that God really is in charge of this situation in my life.”

Someone sent me a picture of my friend, a pastor's wife and mom of three littles, signing that wall, as thousands of women did through the course of the weekend. She wrote, “Heaven rules over Strad's heart.”



Susanna declares her faith in God's sovereign care by writing “Heaven rules over Strad's heart” at the True Woman '22 conference.

Strad is Susanna's three-year-old son who was born with a congenital heart issue. He has had multiple surgeries and his expected prognosis, apart from supernatural intervention, is eventual heart failure. This family lives never knowing how long Strad's heart will hold up; yet this sweet momma stood at that wall and wrote "Heaven rules over Strad's heart" and then signed her name.

The photo that captured that moment is a stunning expression of faith. So much so that I had it framed, along with the words that appear on the cover of the book, *Heaven Rules: Take courage. Take comfort. Our God is in control.*



Framed photos gifted to Susanna by Nancy to commemorate a moment of surrender.

Recently I presented that framed piece to Susanna and her husband, who was holding three-year-old Strad in his arms. She burst into tears; Shawn was tearful. She told me that that moment at True Woman was an "Ebenezer" (1 Sam. 7:12) for her, a place to commemorate God's faithfulness.

This sweet family is still having to walk by faith every day. It's not a one-and-done thing for them, nor is it for any of us. **But because Heaven rules they can live with certainty that in the midst of the unknowns, God loves them, He loves their precious son, He is good, and He is acting on their behalf to do whatever will bring Him the greatest glory.**

Whether it's a sick child or a sick culture, there are many reasons to default to anxiety, anger, or discouragement. Yet, now and forever, God's people can find daily courage and comfort as we remember that:

*The LORD sits enthroned
over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned,
King forever.*

—Psalm 29:10



Shawn and Susanna with their children Piper, Paisley, and Strad

Revive Our Hearts Content Director Erin Davis recently sat down with Nancy to chat about how God continues to use the message of *Heaven Rules*. To watch their conversation, follow the QR code.



Testimonies of Changed Lives

Stories of Strength Found in Heaven's Rule

FROM MOMS OF TEEN DAUGHTERS TO WIVES OF TERMINAL PATIENTS—THE LORD HAS USED THE TRUTH OF *HEAVEN RULES* TO BRING HEALING AND HOPE TO WOMEN JUST WHEN THEY NEED IT. AS Vanessa put it, “I just finished reading *Heaven Rules*. It changed my life forever.” Savor these snapshots of some of the transformative stories God has written over the last year and praise Him for the ways He is at work through *Revive Our Hearts*.

Heaven Rules in the Face of Loss

“Three years ago we said goodbye to our twenty-four-week-old baby who was diagnosed with an extremely rare issue. The Lord saw fit that our newest baby would also be in His presence. Today I am recovering from the surgery that took that baby without a heartbeat from my womb. You know what I am reading? *Heaven Rules*.

“My baby was due June 13, the same day Samuel Bollinger was born. As soon as I realized I was due on that day, I thought of him. Samuel’s life testified of Heaven’s rule, and I clung to that as I fought off fear of pregnancy again. When my husband and I were told at nine weeks that our baby had no heartbeat, those words rang even clearer in my heart.

“So as I sit on my bed, I am reminded I can indeed trust the rule of my Father. He has never once stepped off His throne. *Revive Our Hearts*’ precious resources are helping me heal once again.” —Jessica*

Watch Samuel’s Story on YouTube
by scanning the QR code.



Heaven Rules through Generations

“I just finished going through *Heaven Rules* with my sixteen-year-old daughter. We had many great conversations and opportunities to apply these truths to real-life situations. I am thrilled my daughter wants to learn and grow in her walk with the Lord and is using *Revive Our Hearts*’ resources to do that!” —Julie*

Heaven Rules in the Face of Cancer

“*Heaven Rules* really helped me to change my perspective on my husband’s terminal cancer. I have much more peace to accept the situation and be able to let go knowing God has it in control.” —Ellen*

Heaven Rules: A Shareable Message

“A woman generously gave each lady attending a conference at her church *Heaven Rules*. One lady took time off work to finish reading it. Several of them have bought copies to give to others. The ladies are growing and desiring to grow more than ever before!” —Tara*

Now you can bring the message that *Heaven Rules* to your church! Find the resources you need to host your next women’s event in the *Revive Our Hearts* Event Toolkit. ♡

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Scan the QR code to access
event resources.



* Names have been changed for privacy.

Women's Ministry Initiatives

Equipping the Church by Serving Women's Ministry Leaders

Will you mentor me? is the earnest question of women yearning for a mature friend to show them how to apply Scripture to their day-to-day lives. **On Tuesday, August 1, Revive Our Hearts hosted an online training event, "Mentor Me: Mobilizing a New Generation of Mentors," to equip ministry leaders to create the kind of mentoring culture women long for.**

Leslie Bennett and Nancy Lindgren hosted the two-hour webinar, which featured a special lineup of guests and provided leaders with fresh tools to help them proclaim God's power to a new generation. If you missed the webinar but would still like to access this valuable content, it's not too late! Register on or before October 1 by visiting ReviveOurHearts.com/mentorme or scanning the QR code below, and get six months of access to the recording.

Mentor Me

A LEADER TRAINING EVENT



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Staci Rudolph

**Let me proclaim your power to this new generation,
your mighty miracles to all who come after me. —Psalm 71:18 NLT**



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