

Side *by* Side

A quarterly newsletter for leaders



Five Reasons Why This Issue Is for You

- 1 Learn how to live what you teach with a new video from Leslie Bennett and Angela Temples.
- 2 Assess and realign your leadership to more deeply abide in Christ.
- 3 Be challenged and encouraged by articles from Shannon Popkin and Kelly Needham.
- 4 Download a beautifully designed Scripture print to encourage faithful, Christ-centered leadership.
- 5 Renew your personal devotional lifethrough our Read through the Bible plan.

Watch Now: How to Guide Women While *You're* Still Growing



As a leader, you have the extraordinary privilege of pointing women to God's Word—and the sobering responsibility of living what you teach. How do you lead with authenticity, humility, and integrity when God is still working on your own heart?

Join Angela Temples and Leslie Bennett for a short, encouraging conversation filled with practical wisdom. In [this video](#), they share

biblical insight and real-life examples of leaders who navigated this tension and learned to lead out of a genuine, growing walk with the Lord.

It's Time to Check Your Spiritual Gauges



The women you lead deserve a leader who loves Jesus with her whole heart. Has the pace of ministry begun to outrun the pace of intimacy with Christ in your life?

Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth reminds us, “We can’t proclaim to others what we have not experienced ourselves. Christ has to be revealed to us and in us before He can be revealed through us to others.”

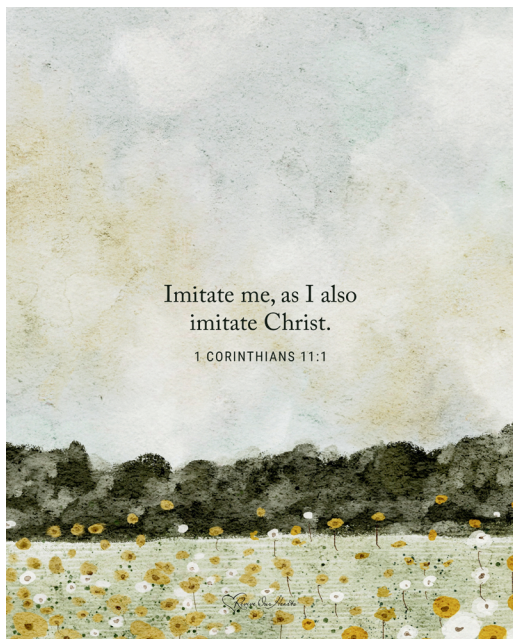
Often, a leader’s spiritual gauges can run dangerously low before anyone else notices. [Download these reflection questions](#) to assess the health of your heart and realign your leadership with a deep, abiding love for Christ.

Are You Living the Truth You Teach?



“How can we be women who not only know and teach the Bible but live like it’s true?” asks Shannon Popkin. In [this article](#), she reflects on two warnings Jesus gave the shepherds of Israel and invites leaders to examine the subtle gap that can form between what we teach and how we live. Discover practical ways to resist spiritual shortcuts and cultivate a life where your teaching flows from genuine transformation in Christ.

Free Download to Remind Your Heart Daily to Lead Like Jesus



In 1 Corinthians 11:1, Paul offers a simple but weighty invitation: “Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ.”

[Download](#) a beautifully designed Scripture print of this verse to place in your study or home. Let it remind you that the women you serve are looking to you as a spiritual example—and what they need to see most is Jesus. May this truth encourage you to lead with a heart fully surrendered to Christ, dependent on Him as you seek to follow closely in His footsteps.

How to Avoid the Hidden Dangers of Long-Term Ministry



“The longer you walk with God, the more dangerous the path can become,” writes Kelly Needham. Why? “It’s dangerous not because of hardship and suffering (though they may be present) but because of the temptation to rely on your ever-growing experience instead of on Christ alone.” In this article, Kelly cautions women in ministry that we can easily fall—even after years of faithful service. Consider her warning in [“Danger Ahead: When Mature Leaders Rely on Experience.”](#)

She continues, “Joy in ministry can easily supersede the joy of salvation. Doing for God is an often unrecognizable substitute for God Himself because it keeps us prayerful, in the Word, and excited about the kingdom.” How can we tell when ministry has taken first place in our hearts? In [“The Threat of Joy in Ministry,”](#) Kelly explores this subtle shift and offers practical wisdom for keeping the idolatrous love of ministry in check.

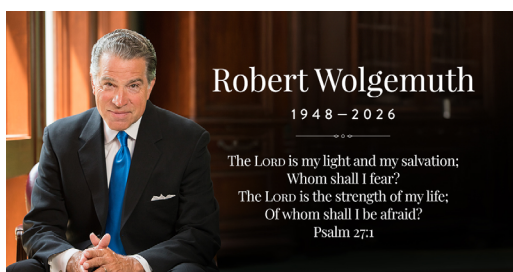
You’re Not Too Late! Begin Reading the Bible This Year



If you didn’t get the chance to begin a Bible reading plan on January 1, or if you’ve fallen behind, you may feel tempted to throw in the towel now and tell yourself you’ll try again next year. Don’t believe the lie that it’s too late to start—or to start again.

Join thousands of women around the world who are studying the Bible together in 2026. As a ministry leader, consider using *Revive Our Hearts’* [Read through the Bible plan](#) for your personal devotional time. Let it be a place where you are fed before you feed others and where your own heart is shaped daily by the truth of Scripture.

Remembering a Leader Who Lived Out the Truth



On January 10, 2026, Robert Wolgemuth, beloved dear husband (“DH”) to Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, entered into the glory of eternity with Christ. Robert lived what he professed, investing his last years on earth to the full: serving tirelessly alongside Nancy at Revive Our Hearts, writing, teaching, praying, mentoring younger men, caring for his neighbors, enjoying his family, and loving Jesus, Nancy, and others in a way that was infectious.

Robert’s memorial service will be held on Friday, January 23, and will be available via livestream at [ReviveOurHearts.com/Robert](#). As we remember the ways Robert poured out his life for the Lord and for others, may we be spurred on to follow Jesus faithfully wherever the Lord has placed us.

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