"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world."

~ C.S. Lewis

"You have made us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee."

~ St. Augustine

Preparation for: SEEKINGHIM

OF PERSONAL REVIVAL

Ephesians 3:14-21

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[17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, [19] and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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[20] Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,[21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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"Rather than a small Jesus tucked away somewhere in our souls, the text assumes the presence of one who gives shape and strength at the core of our being, who takes up residence in and redefines us."

> (Snodgrass, <u>The NIV Application Commentary:</u> <u>Ephesians</u>, p. 189)

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Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may **obtain** it.

(1 Corinthians 9:24 ESV)

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(Philippians 3:12 ESV)

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"...believers have never advanced so far as not to need farther growth. The highest perfection of the godly in this life is an earnest desire to make progress."

~ John Calvin

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 3:12–14)

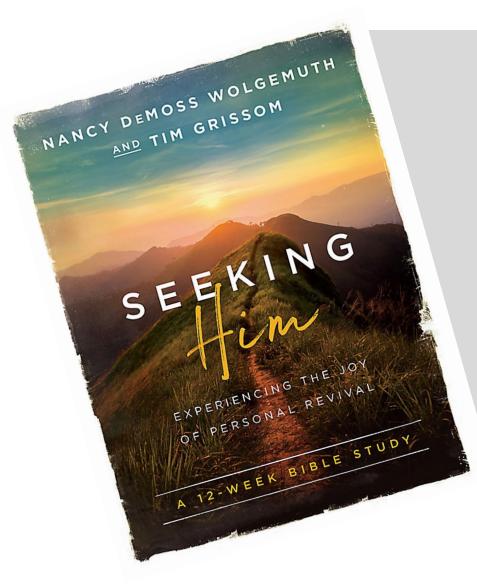
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Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

(Psalm 73:25-26)

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