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# Do You Have Enough \_\_\_\_ To Finish the Semester?

**Enough** is our Concordia University Texas theme for the 2023-2024 academic year.

# **CONNECT**

with self and others:

- **1.** When was the last time you wanted to quit something? What helped you endure?
- **2.** If you picture Jesus on the cross, what all did he have to endure? How does that make you feel?

# **ENGAGE**

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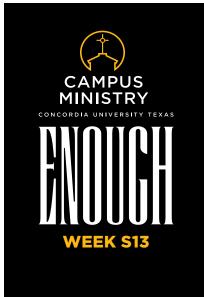
Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:1-3

## READ BIBLE VERSE

and answer these questions:

It was over 90 degrees and I was exhausted. I wanted to quit, we all wanted to quit. Our group of six had hit mile nine of the fourteen mile Spartan race, which went over hills, through water, and under barbed wire. I wasn't sure if we hadn't trained enough, prepared enough for the heat, or just didn't mentally comprehend what it would take to finish this race, but here we were, out in the middle of a south Dallas ranch struggling to endure toward the finish line.

Have you ever felt like quitting? I assume we all have, at one point or another. Ready to quit school because the assignments are too much. Ready to quit a sport because it requires too much. Ready to quit a relationship because it just isn't as easy as it once was. It's easy to quit things, and at times, we do need to stop doing certain things so we can do other things. However, the writer of Hebrews encourages us that we must not quit in our faith. Even though at times it's hard to trust God. Even though life gets hard and we don't always know why. We can keep going and endure because Jesus has gone before us, enduring to give up his life for you and for me, so that we can one day be with him forever. And in fact, Hebrews tells us that we are surrounded by a great



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cloud of witnesses, who help encourage us to endure in the faith. You always have people around you cheering you on!

In case you were wondering, our group was able to endure and finish the race. It wasn't easy, but we did it together, encouraging each other along the way. Could we have finished it if we were on our own? I'm not sure, but it sure was much more fun and rewarding to do it together, just like we get to life this life of faith together.

# **QUESTIONS:**

- **1.** Hebrews 12:1 tells us to throw off everything that hinders and entangles. What are some things in your life that keep you from running the race well?
- 2. How does Jesus' sacrificial endurance encourage you in your daily walk? What reminders do you have to help you endure?
- **3.** Hebrews 12:2 tells us that Jesus endured the cross with joy. Why do you think he was able to do that?
- **4.** As the semester comes to a close, what are you must grateful for over the last few months?



# PRAYER:

Dear Lord, thank you for enduring the cross with joy for us. Because of your great love for us, we are able to run the race of life, especially when it gets hard. We thank you that you are always with us and that you gave us the people around us to encourage and equip us to endure. Remind us of these

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