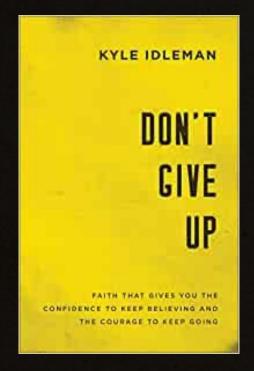


FUELING YOUR FAITH IN A WORLD ON EMPTY

## DON'T GIVE UP!



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### THE BOOK OF HEBREWS



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 perfector of faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2a NIV



#### **GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES**

A source of motivation, inspiration and accountability.

Someone Who *Sees* Something

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Someone Who Says Something





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**MESSAGE 2: KEEP FIGHTING** 

## DEEP DOWN DARK



And the Lord said to her, "The sons in your womb will become two nations." From the very beginning, the two nations will be rivals. One nation will be stronger than the other; And your older son will serve your younger son." And when the time came to give birth, Rebekah discovered that she did indeed have twins! The first one was very red at birth and covered with thick hair like a fur coat. So they named him Esau (Edom). Then the other twin was born with his hand grasping Esau's heel. So they named him Jacob (heel grabber).

Genesis 25:23-26a NLT

## "So, Esau despised his birthright."

Genesis 25:34b NIV



"No wonder his name is Jacob, for now he has cheated me twice. First he took my rights as the firstborn, and now he has stolen my blessing. "Haven't you saved even one blessing for me?"

Genesis 27:36 NLT



## "Flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran."

Genesis 27:43b NIV



# "So he (Jacob) fled with all he had," Genesis 31:21a NIV

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"I rushed away (ran) because I was afraid."

Genesis 31:31a NLT



"We met your brother, Esau, and he
is already on his way to meet you
- with an army of 400 men.
Jacob was terrified at the news.
He divided his household,
along with the flocks and herds and camels,
into two groups."

Genesis 32:6-7 NLT



"O Lord, please rescue (save) me from the hand of my brother Esau. I am afraid that he is coming to attack me, along with my wives (Leah & Rachel) and children. But you promised me, 'I will surely treat you kindly (prosper you), and I will multiply your descendants until they become as numerous as the sands along the seashore - too many to count."

Genesis 32:11-12 NLT

This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket.

But Jacob said,

"I will not let you go unless you bless me."

"What is your name?" the man said.

He replied, "Jacob."

"Your name will no longer be Jacob," the man told him.
"From now on you will be called Israel, because you
have fought with God and with men and have won."

Genesis 32:24-28 NLT

## "HE KEPT FIGHTING!"



"You feel hurt ... overwhelmed ... helpless ... lonely ... scared.

More than anything you want to get out (run).

You would pay almost any price,
accept almost any deal that offered you an escape.

I understand.

But instead of running, maybe it's time to fight.

If you'll grab hold of God and refuse to let go,
you'll find that there is a gift (opportunity) for you there.

... to discover God's presence ... peace ... strength ... purpose ... grace ... light ... life ... blessing ... his story for your life.

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#### **DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY**

How to build an enduring, go the distance faith ...

#### THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Read Hebrews 2: 1-18 (3-6 Translations)

**DBS**: Hebrews 2:1-4; 14-18

(Three-Column Study)

