

Consider Him

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"For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." (Hebrews 12:3)

This song was conceived during a 2008 teen camp service. The evangelist preached on discouragement from Hebrews 12:3-5. I didn't realize how burned out I had become in the daily and weekly pressures of pastoral ministry. The fatigue and stress settled in on my conscience that evening. During the sermon, the preacher made a strong statement, "Do you really want to be like Jesus? Then get back on your cross." Oh! How I have returned to those words time and again!

When discouragements come and you are weary in the fight, consider what Jesus endured and find His grace is sufficient for you. It was one of those moments when God's presence felt especially near. Living for Jesus always costs, but, in comparison to the cross, what have I really suffered for Jesus? He is my example and my strength who enables me to endure the weighty responsibility of following Him. ***Consider Him!***

A good friend recommended I send the hymn text to Reba, so I stepped out on the recommendation and emailed it to her. That began a wonderful friendship in the ministry! "Consider Him" is our first collaboration. She put a beautiful melody to the song that so communicated how I "felt" that the first time I heard it, I remember telling Bryn, "Yes! That's how I wanted this to sound!"