

A VANTAGEPOINT<sup>3</sup> WEBINAR

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**OUR GOALS**

To encourage you in your own faith journey.  
To encourage as you seek to provide presence, perspective,  
and guidance to others on their journey.

*... so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*  
*Hebrews 12:3*

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*It's not unusual for any of us to begin something quite good. But it is unusual to continue and persevere. The difficulties aren't for the most part external but internal—finding the energy and vision to keep the effort going. Being good and doing good are seldom adequately rewarded: more often than not they get us in trouble. The world, the flesh, and the devil are in fierce opposition to the Christian way and wreck many lives that start off beautifully.*



**Eugene Peterson**  
*Leap over a Wall: Earthy Spirituality for Everyday Christians* (HarperSanFrancisco, 1997)

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**Our Conversation**



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*What barriers or obstacles have you recently been noticing with those in your sphere of influence?*

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*Do you have a mindset or conviction that grounds you and the unique way you look at things as you walk with others?*



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## Addressing Key Barriers

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## Busyness

*(Overactivity and distracted lives)*



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## Disappointment and Depression



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# Lack of freedom (addiction)



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# Personal Suffering



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# Apathy/Acedia



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### Other Key Barriers:



- Tendencies toward isolation
- No clear pathway for adult formation
- Other...

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## Questions and Answers




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*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.*

Hebrews 12:1-3

*I pin my hopes to quiet processes and small circles, in which vital and transforming events take place.*

Rufus Jones (1863-1948)




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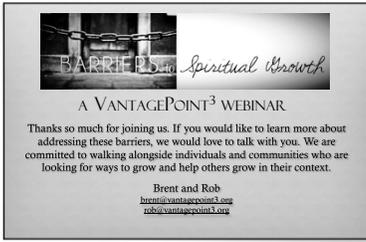
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**An Upcoming VP3 Webinar:**  
Embracing the God-given Dreams of our Lives  
January 20, 2015 (12:00-1:00 PM CST)

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