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Eugene Peterson

“discipleship is a long journey of obedience in the same direction.”



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Oprah Winfrey

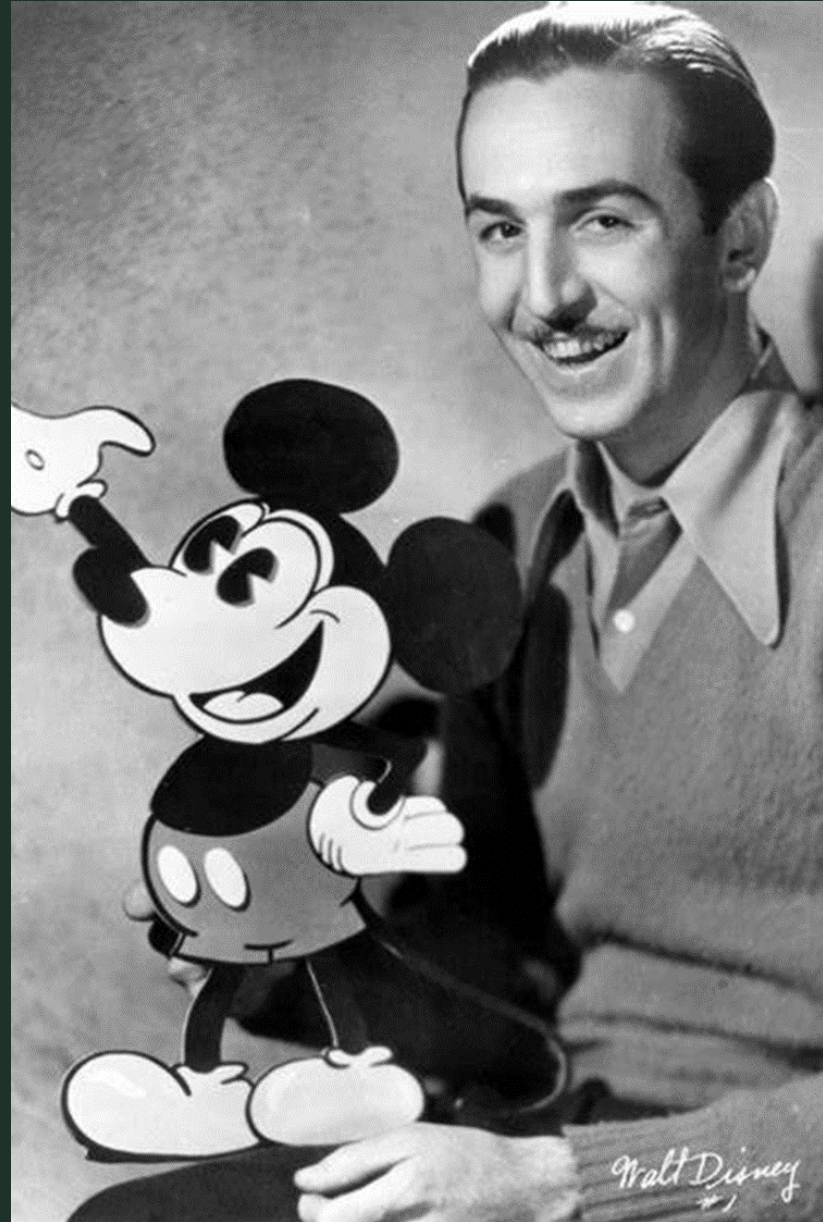
Demoted from her job as news anchor because she 'wasn't fit for television'.



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Walt Disney

Fired from a newspaper for 'lacking imagination and having no original ideas.'



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Certain Hope

How to keep running

Fix your eyes on Jesus



Hebrews 12: 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 that was 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.



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“Hope...an expectation of coming good based on the character and promises of God” John Mark Comer

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Psalm 116

I love the Lord for he heard my voice

He heard my cry for mercy

Because he turned his ear to me

I will call on him as long as I live



How to keep running...get rid of

Distraction
Sin
Forgiveness
Lack of
direction



The Journey

Fix our eyes on Jesus ...It is Ok to stare (Bob Goff)

Wisdom
Example
Pioneer
Sufferer
Saviour
Lover
Faithful
Certain Hope
Victorious



The crown of thorns reminds us of the violence and pain of the cross and our world...Jesus knows our pain

The cross actually being there.....speaks of God stepping into history...and saying you are loved and forgiven...you matter

The horizontal beam ...are arms of welcome...to do life with God

The empty cross reminds us of certain hope and God going to put all things right

