

Final Countdown: The Book Of Revelation
“What Jesus Says To A Compromising Church” #6
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: God extends His mercy with a final countdown before He judges the World.

What Jesus Says To A Compromising Church Is:

1. Keep Pursuing Love And Faith

"To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose **eyes are like blazing fire** and whose **feet are like burnished bronze**. I know your deeds, your **love and faith**, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first." **Revelation 2:18-19 (NIV)**

"Husbands, **love** your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, **cleansing** her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. However, each one of you also must **love** his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must **respect** her husband."

Ephesians 5:25-27,33 (NIV)

"**Marriage** should be **honored by all**, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." **Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

2. Don't Get Comfortable With Things That Should Be Uncomfortable

"Nevertheless, I have this against you: You **tolerate that woman Jezebel**, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she **misleads my servants into sexual immorality** and the **eating of food sacrificed to idols**." **Revelation 2:20 (NIV)**

"For the **grace of God** has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to **turn** from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with **wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God**, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed." **Titus 2:11-13 (NLT2)**

"I have given her **time to repent** of her immorality, but **she is unwilling**. So I will cast her on a **bed of suffering**, and I will make those who commit adultery with her **suffer** intensely, **unless they repent** of her ways. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am He who **searches** hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds." **Revelation 2:21-23 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

3. Hold On While Balancing Truth And Tolerance

“Now I say to **the rest of you** in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets (I will not impose any other burden on you): **Only hold on to what you have until I come. To him who overcomes and does my will** to the end, I will give authority over the nations-- 'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery'-- just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also **give him the morning star**. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” **Revelation 2:24-29 (NIV)**

- **Truth without Tolerance = Legalism.**
- **Tolerance without Truth = Lawlessness.**

How do we balance Truth and Tolerance?

- Ask, “Is this a major or minor issue according to the Bible?”

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on **disputable matters.**” **Romans 14:1 (NIV)**

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

- **Principle:** In major issues have **unity**. In minor issues have **diversity**.
In all issues have **love**.
- **Do I lean more towards legalism or lawlessness?**

Notes: _____

My next right step, I will:

- [] Turn from what I know is wrong back to my relationship with God
- [] Choose to honor marriage this week
- [] Join our zoom Bible Study on the Book of Revelation-Tuesdays 6:30 pm
- [] Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- [] Participate in The Return: Global Day of Prayer & Repentance – Sept. 26

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it under 12 minutes.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honor your group's time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

- What thoughts from this week's message encourage you to live like Jesus?

Icebreaker: As a teenager, what person or group influenced you the most?

Review the Remember Verse “**Blessed** is the one who **reads** the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who **hear** it and **take to heart** what is written in it, because the time is near.” **Revelation 1:3 (NIV)**

Read Revelation 2:18-29**What Jesus Says To A Compromising Church Is:****1. Keep Pursuing Love And Faith****Read Revelation 2:18-19**

How does Jesus describe Himself? What is He saying about Himself?

What are the strengths of this church?

Read Ephesians 5:25-27,33

How does marriage reflect the message of the gospel and the gospel to marriage?

How should husbands and wives treat each other?

How can we demonstrate this today?

Read Hebrews 13:4

What are some ways we can honor marriage?

2. Don't Get Comfortable With Things That Should Be Uncomfortable**Read Revelation 2:20**

What are some of this church's weaknesses?

What does the name “Jezebel” reveal about this woman?

The story of Jezebel can be found in 2 Kings 9:7-37

Who or what has played a similar role of Jezebel in your life?

Read Titus 2:11-13

What do you learn about the gospel?

What does it instruct us to do?

Read Revelation 2:21-23

What do you learn about the mercy and judgment of Jesus?

How patient has God been with you in some areas?

3. Hold On While Balancing Truth And Tolerance

Read Revelation 2:24-29

What helps you hold on to your faith and moral resolve?

Life Application Study Bible. Jezebel was unwilling to repent. *Repent* means "to change one's mind and to turn from sin" and its disastrous consequences to God and eternal life. In his mercy, God has given us time to decide to follow him. Only our stubborn willfulness stands in the way. We cannot hide from Christ; he knows what is in our heart and mind, and still he loves us. The sins we try to hide from God need to be confessed to him.

Christ is also called the morning star in Revelation 22:16. A morning star appears just before dawn, when the night is coldest and darkest. When the world is at its bleakest point, Christ will burst onto the scene, exposing evil with his light of truth and bringing his promised reward.

Would you agree or disagree with these statements? Why?

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How do we balance Truth and Tolerance?

Ask, "Is this a major or minor issue according to the Bible?"

What are some minor issues?

What are some major issues?

Read Romans 14:1

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

How does this passage balance truth and tolerance?

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Close in Prayer: _____