

Final Countdown: The Book Of Revelation
“What Jesus Says To A Faithful Church” #8
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 Faithful Church:

1. Be Bold With Sharing The Good News

"To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of Him who is **holy and true**, who holds the **key of David**. What **He opens** no one can shut, and what **He shuts** no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an **open door** that no one can shut." **Revelation 3:7-8a (NIV)**

"Devote yourselves to **prayer, being watchful and thankful**. And pray for us, too, that God may **open a door for our message**, so that we may **proclaim the mystery of Christ**, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may **proclaim it clearly**, as I should. **Be wise** in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every **opportunity**. Let your conversation be always **full of grace**, seasoned with salt, so that you may know **how to answer** everyone." **Colossians 4:2-6 (NIV)**

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2. Be Dependent On God's Power

"I know that you have **little strength**, yet you have **kept my word** and have **not denied my name**. I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars--I will make them come and fall down at your feet and **acknowledge that I have loved you**."

Revelation 3:8b-9 (NIV)

"Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. **They did what your power and will had decided** beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." **Acts 4:27-31 (NIV)**

Paul's Testimony: "I **used to blaspheme** the name of Christ. In my insolence, I **persecuted** his people. But **God had mercy on me** because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. Oh, how **generous and gracious** our Lord was! He filled me with the **faith**

and love that come from **Christ Jesus**. This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “**Christ Jesus** came into the world **to save sinners**”—and **I am the worst** of them all. But **God had mercy on me** so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime **example** of his great **patience** with even the **worst sinners**. Then others will realize that they, too, can **believe** in him and **receive** eternal life.” **1 Timothy 1:13-17 (NLT2)**

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3. Trust In God's Protection

“Since you have **kept my command** to endure patiently, I will also **keep you** from the **hour of trial** that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.” **Revelation 3:10 (NIV)**

“For God chose to **save us** through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out His anger on us. Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when He returns, we can **live with Him forever**.” **1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 (NLT2)**

“We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still **living** when the **Lord returns** will not meet Him ahead of those who have **died**. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the **trumpet call** of God. First, the Christians who have died will **rise** from their graves. Then, **together** with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be **caught up** in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. So encourage each other with these words.”

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 (NLT2)

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4. Hold On To Hope

“I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your **crown**.” **Revelation 3:11 (NIV)**

“Him who overcomes I will make a **pillar** in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will **write on him the name of my God** and the name of **the city** of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him **my new name**. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” **Revelation 3:12-13 (NIV)**

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➤ **How can I be bold in sharing my faith?**

My next right step, I will:

- Invite someone to church
- Share my story of faith
- Join our Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Revelation-Tuesdays 6:30 pm
- Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior

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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: When was the last time you were locked out of something?

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)**

How has God blessed you so far in this study of God’s Word?

Read Revelation 3:7-13

What Jesus Says To A Faithful Church:

1. Be Bold With Sharing The Good News

Read Revelation 3:7-8a (NIV)

How does Jesus describe Himself?

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What open doors has Jesus placed before you?

How have you taken advantage of the pathways He has placed before you?

Read Colossians 4:2-6

In the first century, Christians were in danger of losing their jobs, homes and even their lives. How does Paul tell them to focus their prayers?

How do we keep the message clear?

What does it mean to keep our conversations “full of grace, seasoned with salt”?

2. Be Dependent On God’s Power

Read Revelation 3:8b-9

What were they doing well?

What promise does Jesus give for those who are enemies of the church?

Read Acts 4:23-31

What do you learn about the power and will of God?

How do we look at troubling circumstances?

What can you learn from this passage that applies to our current affairs?

How bold are you in sharing your faith?

Read 1 Timothy 1:13-17

Here is a brief outline of Paul's testimony. How would you make it yours?

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God had mercy on me. God has been generous and gracious in Jesus.

Gospel: Jesus came to save sinners -I identify with the worst of them.

God uses me as an example of His great patience.

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What is our reward for being faithful?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

What are God's plans for those who believe and follow Jesus?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

What promise do we have? How about those who have passed away?

How is this different than the second coming of Jesus? Revelation 19:11-21

4. Hold On To Hope

Read Revelation 3:11-13

What does the crown represent?

What does the pillar represent?

What is the Spirit saying to you?

Close in Prayer: _____