

STAY TRUE TO JESUS

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Prayerfully read **Revelation 2:12-17** several times and answer the reflection questions that follow.

To the Church in Pergamum

12 *“To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:*

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. 13 I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

14 *Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. 15 Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.*

17 *Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.*



REVELATION 2:12-17

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Write out 5 things this passage (Revelation 2:12-17) teaches you about Jesus.

2. Identify both the external and internal threats to this church? Which one is of greatest concern to Jesus?

3. Does it surprise you to learn that Jesus will “fight against” believers who do not repent (v.16) “Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”

4. How might Christians be tempted to compromise their moral and spiritual convictions in the name of open mindedness and tolerance?

5. What issues or convictions must a person have to “fit in” with our culture today?

6. How do you understand the two rewards Jesus offers to those who remain faithful?

TAKE AWAY ...

1 TAKE AWAY #1

It is Always possible to be faithful to Jesus

– Rev 2:13

2 TAKE WAY #2

It is possible for a church to exist in a hostile environment

– Rev 2:13

3 TAKE WAY #3

Ask God to reveal areas of compromise in your life

– Rev 2:14-15

4 TAKE WAY #4

Make REPENTANCE a way of Life

– Rev 2:16a

5 TAKE WAY #5

Let your understanding of Jesus be well informed

– Rev 2:12,16b

6 TAKE WAY #6

Have a heart that is ready to hear from God

– Rev 2:17





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