

REMAIN FAITHFUL

(To the Church in Smyrna)

Revelation 2:8-11

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Revelation 2:8-11 And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the First and the Last, who died and came to life. ⁹I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.

I. Remain faithful _____ of the culture, and at the _____ of persecution.

II. Remain faithful to the _____

III. Jesus will _____ to you

Additional Verses:

Luke 21:12-17; Matthew 24:9-13; Revelation 20:12-15; Revelation 1:17-18; Revelation 24:12-14

Questions For Further Discussion:

1. What is your reaction to Jesus telling Christians that they will suffer? How do you prepare for that? Do you find any comfort in knowing Jesus was persecuted, too?
2. Are you willing to associate with Jesus, even if it means you could lose your job, be thrown in jail, be harmed, or even killed?
3. Have you ever been persecuted for standing up for Jesus? Share about that experience.
4. How much would it mean to you if you received a personalized letter from Jesus in the midst of your hardship?
5. How often do you think about the “crown of life” that Jesus promises? How does that motivate you?