

**Series: "GROWING PAINS"**  
**Part 3: "CATASTROPHIC COMPROMISE"**  
**Crossroads Community Church**  
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<sup>12</sup> "To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup> Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> 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 (NIV)

**The Problem:**

➤ A \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

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**What you believe matters because.....**

➤ What you \_\_\_\_\_ will eventually determine how you \_\_\_\_\_.

**3 Ways to Avoid Catastrophic Compromise:**

1. Know who \_\_\_\_\_ is

<sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Isaiah 40:28-29 (NIV)

2. Get \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Romans 6:1-2 (NIV)

3. Know \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. Revelation 2:16 (NIV)

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**Sermon Notes:**

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