DAY 38 - RAISE THE TEMPERATURE

Read Revelation 3:14-22

As a result of a bad meal, a curvy road, or a contagious virus, you feel sick at your stomach. Feeling nauseated is uncomfortable. Jesus challenged the Laodicean church on several points. However, the church's real condition left Him nauseated. A lukewarm church makes Jesus sick to His stomach. What led the Laodicean church to be lukewarm? God's people thought they were self-sufficient. Jesus wasn't really needed on a day-to-day basis. In fact, He was standing outside of the church, knocking on the door, and hoping to be invited back in.

Generally, not in words, but at least in actions, many churches rely on their structures, staff, and strategies rather than on Christ Jesus. The church's Redeemer is left standing outside the fellowship, desiring to be welcomed back in. There's hope for a lukewarm church. Jesus gives His people an opportunity to repent and change directions.

Is the church you serve dependent on the presence and power of Jesus Christ? Is your church's behavior causing Jesus to be nauseated?

PRAYER
Position yourself to discover what Jesus thinks about your church. If you and your faith family are nauseating Jesus, hear His knock, open the door, and invite Him in. He longs to fellowship with you!