

# Message Discussion

## MESSAGE DISCUSSION | 9.13.26

This Too Shall Pass // Week 7

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Scripture: Revelation 3:1-7

### Welcome & Connection

What time do you usually wake up and do you use an alarm clock?

### Questions

1. Reputation vs. Reality: Jesus tells the church in Sardis, "You have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead." Where can there be a gap between how we appear spiritually to others and what is actually happening in our relationship with God?
2. Comfort → Complacency: Sardis was a comfortable place—prosperous, prominent, proud of its past, and filled with pleasure. The message gave this warning: "Comfort leads to complacency. Complacency kills." How can comfort slowly make us less dependent on God? Have you ever noticed yourself becoming closer to God during difficulty but drifting when life became easier?
3. Recognizing the Drift: The message compared spiritual drift to being caught in a rip current: you may not realize you're moving until you're far from where you started. What are some warning signs that you are beginning to drift spiritually? Where do you see those signs in your life right now?
4. Wake Up – Remember and Respond: Jesus doesn't simply tell Sardis what is wrong; He tells them to "Wake up," "strengthen what remains," and "go back to what you heard and believed at first." What is something God has been nudging you toward that you may have been hitting "snooze" on? What would it look like to actually respond this week?
5. "Couldn't You Watch With Me?": In Gethsemane, Jesus used the same idea of staying awake and watchful when He asked His disciples to keep watch with Him, but they fell asleep while a spiritual battle was unfolding around them. Where might Jesus be asking you to stay awake and stay in the fight with Him in this season? How can your group help you do that?