

Message Discussion

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This Too Shall Pass // Week 6

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Scripture: Revelation 2:18-29

Welcome & Connection

Pastor Darik reminded us that just Revelation has no “s” at the end, neither does the grocery store Aldi. What grocery store do you shop at most?

Questions

1. The message described the “spirit of Jezebel” as the temptation of “Jesus AND.” Jezebel wasn’t simply saying, “Don’t worship God,” but rather, “Worship God and Baal.” For the Christians in Thyatira, the temptation was to follow Jesus while also participating in the practices of the surrounding culture.

What is your “Jesus AND”? What good thing, desire, relationship, comfort, success, habit, or pursuit can compete with Jesus for your attention, affection, and devotion?

2. The message made the statement, “Saying yes to Jesus means saying no to something.” For the Christians in Thyatira, following Jesus could have affected their careers, income, friendships, and social standing.

What might saying a deeper yes to Jesus require you to say no to right now?

3. Jesus' response to compromise is a call to repent—described in the message as “change your mind.” Rather than expecting perfection, God calls us to be a community of people who continually recognize sin, turn from it, and return to Him.

Is there an area where God may be asking you to change your mind—to stop calling something good, harmless, or necessary that He is asking you to surrender

4. Jesus ends His words to Thyatira with a simple challenge: “Hold fast what you have until I come.” The message connected the promise of the “morning star” to Jesus' presence and the hope of dawn even during the darkest part of the night.

Where do you need to “hold on” right now? What would it practically look like to hold on to Jesus rather than reaching for distraction, escape, or compromise?