

Message Discussion

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This Too Shall Pass // Week 8

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Scripture: Revelation 3:7-13

Welcome & Connection

How many brothers and sisters did you have growing up? Where were you in the birth order?

Questions

1. Jesus tells the church, "I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close" (v. 8). What do you think the "open door" meant for the church in Philadelphia? Where might God be opening a door in your life right now that requires you to trust Him and walk through it?
2. Jesus says, "You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me" (v. 8). God doesn't require us to be strong enough on our own—He asks us to be faithful. Where are you feeling like you have "little strength" right now? What would faithfulness look like in that area?
3. Philadelphia was experiencing opposition, yet Jesus commends them for remaining faithful. What are some pressures today that can slowly cause Christians to compromise, become quiet about their faith, or drift away from following Jesus? Where do you personally feel that pressure most?
4. Jesus tells them, "I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown" (v. 11). What do you think it means to "hold on" spiritually? What is something God has taught, developed, or restored in you that you need to be intentional about holding on to in this season?
5. Jesus promises the one who is victorious, "I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God" (v. 12). A pillar pictures something permanent, secure, and established. How does knowing that your ultimate security and identity are found in Jesus change the way you face uncertainty or instability today?