



I. **Our Only Hope**

Key Truth: It's Not Too Late

II. **The Church in Sardis**

Revelation 3:1-6

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Rebuke

Point: Reputation Isn't Necessarily Reality

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Exhortation

Point: Reform Or Be Judged

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Promise

Point: This Is Our Chance

III. **Our Neighbors and Nation**

Mid-Week Devotion *(Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)*

Our neighbors and our nation need the American Church to come alive and stay awake. The incredible rate of moral decay, skyrocketing financial instability, global geopolitical tension, and a host of other factors are tearing at the fabric of society. American Christians need to see the situation as it truly is, hear the voice of the Lord through the noise, and start carrying out His will. It's not too late to make a difference.

The Church is the only institution in society that can improve the situation in any lasting or significant way. Why? Because it alone has the power of God as its means and the surety of His indomitable will as its guide. Through the power of God, the Church shines the light of truth in the dark, calls people together in a community based on the principles of love and equality, and dares to hold governing authorities accountable for their policy and practice. These duties are vital for the health of the nation. After all, it is exceedingly difficult to be hopeful about the future and live at peace in the present when everyone thinks someone else is to blame for their hardships and struggles.

Do you see it as worth it to try to make the world a little bit better place? Have your optimism and hope been trampled under a stampede of fear, worry, or anger? Could it even be that you have been too distracted to notice or care that your neighbors and nation desperately need the Lord?

Pray for America. Ask the Lord to revive the American Church and awaken its desire to reach our neighbors with the Gospel. Express thankfulness to God for giving you this time and place to serve Him. Commit to being focused on this mission each new day that He gives.