

OUTLINE & BLURB

INTRO: REVELATION...

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Message #3: Start At Home SMYRNA —part 2 of 8

Blurb:

This week's message deal with what how we respond under intense pressure and persecution. What happens when you are squeezed? How do you respond to the tough stuff in life? Jesus' revelation/messages to the suffering church in Smyrna is a message for all of us. He is near to those hurting, no need for fear and don't quit. Sounds like good advice to me. Join us online or unperson and invite a friend.

TO SMYRNA

Write this to Smyrna, to the Angel of the church. The Beginning and Ending, the First and Final One, the Once Dead and Then Come Alive, speaks: "I can see your pain and poverty—constant pain, dire poverty—but I also see your wealth. And I hear the lie in the claims of those who pretend to be good Jews, who in fact belong to Satan's crowd. "Fear nothing in the things you're about to suffer—but stay on guard! Fear nothing! The Devil is about to throw you in jail for a time of testing—ten days. It won't last forever. "Don't quit, even if it costs you your life. Stay there believing. I have a Life-Crown sized and ready for you. "Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. Christ-conquerors are safe from Devil-death." Revelation 2:8-11 (MSG)

SMYRNA: WHAT JESUS SAYS TO A SUFFERING CHURCH...Look up and look out.

1. "I CAN SEE & HEAR"

"I can see your pain and poverty—constant pain, dire poverty—but I also see your wealth. And I hear the lie in the claims of those who pretend to be good Jews, who in fact belong to Satan's crowd."

Can you see him staring you in the eyes and saying, *"I know."* I hope you also hear Him saying a second thing...

2. "FEAR NOTHING."

"Fear nothing in the things you're about to suffer—but stay on guard! Fear nothing!"
Revelation 2:10 (MSG)

Have No Fear! Underdog Is Here!

"Fear nothing in the things you're about to suffer..."

3. "DON'T QUIT."

"Don't quit, even if it costs you your life. Stay there believing." Revelation 2:10 (MSG)

"Eighty and six years have I served Him and He has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?" -Polycarp Pastor of Smyrna

IV. THIS CROWNS FOR YOU.

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