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Sermon Points

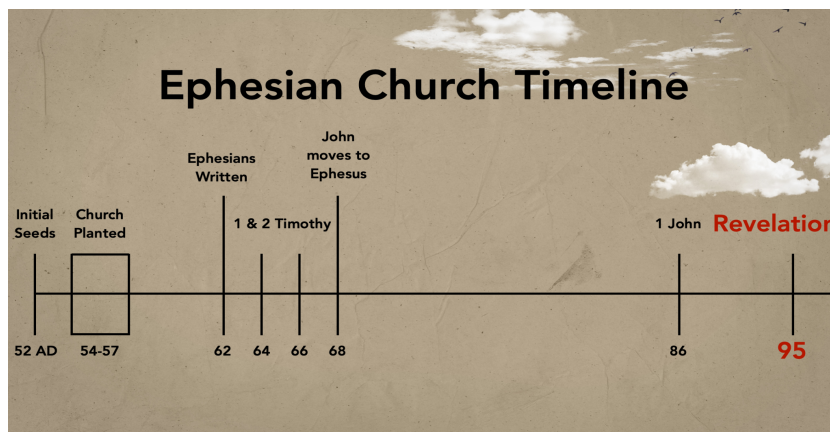
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Title: How to Not Lose Your Love

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7

Main Point: In order to avoid losing our love for Jesus over time like the Ephesian church, we must abide in His love for us by regularly cultivating our relationship with Him.

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7 ESV - "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'



PROS of the Ephesian church by the time of Revelation:

- Productive
- Persevering
- Pure

Where they need to improve:

They've abandoned the love they had at first. They're DOING things for Him, but neglecting BEING with Him.

The essence of the breakdown: DOING without BEING.

They've missed their relationship with Jesus.

Identity-driven activity easily over time becomes activity-driven Identity.

How to get back to the love you had at first:

- #1 - Remember
- #2 - Repent
- #3 - Re-Cultivate

How to not lose your love for Jesus:

- #1 - Relish the Gospel (Eph. 1)
- #2 - Recount your story (Eph. 2)
- #3 - Revel in Jesus' personal love (Eph. 3)
- #4 - Reconnect the gospel to your actions (Eph. 4-5)
- #5 - Reapply the gospel within relationships (Eph. 4-6)
- #6 - Resist the enemy with the gospel (Eph. 6)
- #7 - Rely on the Holy Spirit
- #8 - Reinforce the heart with habits

Habits to help the heart:

- 1 - Win the Morning
- 2 - Seize the Small Minutes
- 3 - End with Him
- 4 - Speak God's Word into Situations
- 5 - Prioritize Praise
- 6 - Stop for Solitude & Sabbath
- 7 - Get with God's People

Diagnostic questions:

Where is your relationship with God in danger of growing cold?

How are you getting caught up doing without being?

Where is God inviting you today to cultivate the fire of love for him?

What habits do you need to support your heart?