

All In with Jordan Easley

Laodicea

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INTRODUCTION

NOTES

Laodicea was a religious city, but it was also a booming city that was extremely wealthy and affluent. The citizens of Laodicea were some of the most powerful, well-to-do people in this part of the world. These were highly educated people who were influential, important, and extremely wealthy. But ultimately, this church had saviors that didn't save. They had the saviors of success and comfort and pleasure and wealth... and Jesus was telling them, "None of that will save you."

KEY POINTS

1. God disciplines those He knows and loves.

Discipline isn't fun, but every child of God has to undergo discipline from Him. Proverbs 3:11-12 says, "Do not despise the Lord's instruction, my son, and do not loathe his discipline; for the Lord disciplines the one he loves, just as a father disciplines the son in whom he delights."

This makes it clear that if you're living a life of sinful rebellion and you're driven by the flesh and you're chasing things that don't please the Lord, and if you're living that kind of life and God isn't disciplining you or rebuking you, then you probably don't belong to Him.

That might sound harsh, but the truth is, God promises that He will discipline those He loves. In other words, if you know Christ and you slip into sin, you're not going to get away with it. You're going to suffer a consequence unless you repent. God promises to discipline His children. Why? Because God loves His kids.

2. Jesus doesn't give up on His church.

Jesus is outside of His Church, and He's knocking on the door waiting for a response. He's thinking, "Will they let Me in? Will they open the door?"

Every invitation demands a response. And with that in mind, how will you respond to Jesus? Maybe Jesus has been knocking on the door of your heart for a while now and you're saying, "Man, I'm just not ready to open the door."

But just to be clear, Jesus doesn't give up. As long as you are on this earth, He is going to keep knocking, continuing to pursue you. He never gives up on His church.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What are the benefits of discipline?
2. When was a time you were disciplined by God? What was the outcome of that situation?
3. How have you seen Jesus' persistence show up in your own life?
