

**For the Love of Ephesus**  
**Rev 2:1-7**  
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⇒ Things are bad, they're going to get worse, but nothing is out of God's control and God is sovereign in the midst of any crisis or tragedy.

**Covenant Renewal in Revelation 2-3**

- Kingly pronouncement
- Historical prologue
- Terms and stipulations
- A warning/curse
- Statement of testimony
- Promise/Blessing

*Revelation 2:1-7*

*John 13:33-35*

⇒ If you aren't going to love, you have no right to be considered a church.

⇒ νικάω (Nikao) - To conquer, subdue, overcome, prevail. To gain victory.

⇒ Settle this in your heart: Whether I am up or down, the Lord Jesus is the same. Whether I sing or sigh, the promise is true and the Promiser is faithful. Whether I stand on the summit or am hidden in the vale, the covenant stands fast and everlasting love abides.

**Discussion Questions**

- a. Has there ever been a time or season in your life where busyness or service caused you to put the Lord on the back burner and not prioritize him as much as you should?
- b. Have you ever been to a church where love wasn't the primary agenda?
- c. Have you or do you know somebody that has ever seen or experienced a miracle? (By the way it doesn't have to be to the extent of a man not boiling in oil)
- d. Is there anything in particular about the message to Ephesus that you feel is relevant for the church to hear today?
- e. Is there anyone older in your life who has mentored and discipled you in the faith, who is like your "Apostle John?"