



THE BOOK OF  
**REVELATION**  
UNTIL HE COMES

**REVELATION 2:8-11**

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# OVERVIEW

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It's no mystery that the book of Revelation can feel intimidating and confusing. A simplified understanding of Revelation is this, how could the Christians in the first century remain faithful to Jesus even when faced with persecution and death?

Hope. Hope in what? Hope in Jesus. The book of Revelation helps Christians stand firm because we know how it ends, that Jesus will be victorious in the end. The book of Revelation provides the perfect end to the Bible's grand story of God and humanity.

# SERMON

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## SMYRNA CHURCH: FAITHFUL IN SUFFERING

1. How does Jesus seeing your reality comfort you?
2. When you experience pain, how do you typically respond? (Avoid it, Numb it, and/or Project it?)
3. What is one way you can grow in faithfulness to Jesus?

# SCRIPTURE

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## REVELATION 2:8-11 ESV

<sup>8</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

<sup>9</sup> “‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup> Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

# DISCUSSION

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1. How does suffering produce strength?
2. Why is being faithful more important than escaping suffering?
3. How do you stay committed and faithful to Jesus in the midst of suffering?

# PRAYER

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- Take time to pray over peoples needs

## GUIDED CLOSING PRAYER:

Jesus, strengthen our hearts in You. Give us eyes to see how suffering produces endurance and our commitment to You.

Help us to remember that faithfulness to you is more important than escaping suffering.

*Amen.*