



AMONG THE LAMPSTANDS
- JESUS SPEAKS TO HIS CHURCH -



HOLDING FAST AMIDST COMPROMISE

Revelation 2:12-17

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Jesus calls us to hold fast.**

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Revelation 2:13 CSB

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We are under pressure to:

Crush rather than love our enemies

Care for ourselves rather than others

Give our allegiance equally to Jesus and other things

Affirm modern ideas about sexuality and gender

Keep our beliefs to ourselves

“But I have a few things against you. You have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to place a stumbling block in front of the Israelites: to eat meat sacrificed to idols and to commit sexual immorality. In the same way, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.”

Revelation 2:14–15 CSB

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Cling to Jesus.

“Write to the angel of the church in Pergamum: Thus says the one who has the sharp, double-edged sword:”

Revelation 2:12 CSB

“For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12 CSB

Know the truth.

“So repent! Otherwise, I will come to you quickly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”

Revelation 2:16 CSB

Accountability

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