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**The Challenge Of Holding On**

Revelation 2:18-29

**Key Truth**: Living out God’s purpose for your life will require \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The Encouragement:**

1. Their love and faith were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. They were known more for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Revelation 2:19

**The Diagnosis:**

1. They had false teachings that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the church.

Revelation 2:20, 1 Kings 16:29-33

2. They chose sexual immorality over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The Invitation to Repentance:**

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His people to turn back to Him. Revelation 2:21

2. Jesus displays His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The Consequence of Rebellion:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ accountability is held in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to

God. James 3:1, Matthew 18:6-7

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is reserved for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hearts.

**The Promise of Victory:**

1. There’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the faithful. Revelation 2:26-27

2. God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those who holds fast to His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**What We learned:**

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_living out God’s plan and purpose for your life.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Live out your faith and purpose in everyday life, not just in a church setting. Actively connect with God on a daily basis to strengthen your ability to discern.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

How would you describe our culture’s view of sex? How is sex portrayed in various forms of media (social, movies, blogs, etc.)?

What do you think is the primary source that people in our community end up trusting for their convictions about sexual behavior?

What does the symbolic name “Jezebel” reveal about the women in this church (see 2 Kings 9:7-37)?

Verses 21-23 include Jesus’ harsh word of warning to the guilty in Thyatira. Why is sexual immorality so serious in God’s eyes?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. How do each of the sexual sins Paul describes in verses 9-10 go against God’s plan for sex?

How should our actions regarding sexual immorality be different, according to verse 11? What role does the gospel play in our understanding of biblical sexuality?

Now read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. How do we see the truth of the gospel confirmed in verses 18-20? What does it mean that our bodies are not our own?

Do you agree that sexual sins have a more personal impact than “every other sin”?

How might Christians appear different to a fallen world if we lived up to a higher calling in regard to sex, as Jesus challenged the church at Thyatira to do?