

## Call to Action

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### Recap Revelations 2:3-7

- I know all you do & see all your hard work
- Commendations: patient endurance, expose liars, don't tolerate evil people
- Complaint: you don't love Me or each other as you did at first
- Command: Repent & Return: Do what you did at first
- "He who has ears, hear what the Spirit is saying"

### Do what you did at first

- Intimacy requires intentional investment
- Investment: time, energy, treasures, talents, thoughts

### Unexpected. Uncertain. Unknown: 1 Peter 1:6-7

- Trials reveal your faith; test & purifies
- Fire exposes what is already inside & brings impurities to the surface
- Impurities must be removed in order for the gold to become more pure & therefore more valuable
- Your faith is more precious (valuable) than gold
- What has God been showing you through your trials?
- What does He want you to repent of (impurities)? To return to doing what you did at first?

### Commendations: 1 Peter 1:8-9

- Love & Trust God without seeing Him
- Inexpressible joy: not outward, but inward
- JOY: "in spite of" & "in light of"

### Call to Action: 1 Peter 1:13-16, Matthew 7:24-27

- Prepare your minds for action & exercise self-control
- Be aware of what the Holy Spirit is saying - listen, understand and respond accordingly
- Put all your HOPE in the promises of God - "in light of"
- Hope: confident expectation in God
- Live as obedient children of God - new way of living in Christ
- Be intentional not to slip into old ways
- Be holy as God is holy - Imitate God, your Father
- Don't miss the opportunity of this season to repent and return to your first love
- Hear *and* do