

THE SEVEN

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I. Jesus loves us **DEEPLY**

- He **HOLDS** us and **WALKS** among us

II. Jesus knows us **TRULY**

He applauds...

- Good **DEEDS** I Pet 2:12

- Faithful **DEDICATION**

- Sound **DOCTRINE** II Tim 1:13-14

III. Jesus guards us **ZEALOUSLY**

- He is **HONEST** with us and **JEALOUS** for us Ex 34:14

IV. Jesus corrects us **EFFECTIVELY**

How to return to your first love:

- Step One: **REMEMBER** Rom 2:4

- Step Two: **REPENT**

- Step Three: **RETURN**

V. Jesus calls us to live **PERSISTENTLY**

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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DISCUSSION:

1. Review Revelation 2:2-3. What "deeds, toil, and perseverance" have you seen Bethel as a body exhibit? How about you individually?
2. The Lord commends the Ephesians for their endurance. How does it make you feel that the Lord is aware of what you endure for His name?
3. Look at Revelation 2:4 again. What is meant by "first love"? See Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Mark 12:28-34, 1 John 5:1, and 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.
4. a. In verse five, the Ephesian church is told to "repent and do...or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place — unless you repent." What are the implications for any church fellowship that has lost its first love? Why do you think the warning was repeated?

b. Read Matthew 7:21-23. What is the consequence of an individual believer losing their first love for Christ and consequently not doing the will of the Father?
5. Read Revelation 2:7. What does it look like to "overcome"?

APPLICATION::

1. Do you remember being on fire for the Lord when you were a new Christian? To rekindle this fire, partner with a new Christian who has that fire for the Lord. Encourage, mentor, and fellowship with them. Remember, passion is contagious!