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1"TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN  
EPHESUS WRITE: 'THE WORDS OF HIM  
WHO HOLDS THE SEVEN STARS IN HIS  
RIGHT HAND, WHO WALKS AMONG THE  
SEVEN GOLDEN LAMPSTANDS. 2"'I KNOW  
YOUR WORKS, YOUR TOIL AND YOUR  
PATIENT ENDURANCE, AND HOW YOU  
CANNOT BEAR WITH THOSE WHO ARE  
EVIL, BUT HAVE TESTED THOSE WHO  
CALL THEMSELVES APOSTLES AND ARE  
NOT, AND FOUND THEM TO BE FALSE.  
3I KNOW YOU ARE ENDURING PATIENTLY  
AND BEARING UP FOR MY NAME'S SAKE,  
AND YOU HAVE NOT GROWN WEARY.'"

—REVELATION 2:1-3

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I. EPHESUS WAS A CHURCH  
KNOWN FOR  
SPIRITUAL ENDURANCE

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I. EPHESUS WAS A CHURCH KNOWN  
FOR SPIRITUAL ENDURANCE

• ELITE CULTURAL CITY  
SATURATED WITH IDOL FACTORIES

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ACTS 19:26-28

<sup>26</sup>AND YOU SEE AND HEAR THAT NOT ONLY IN EPHESUS BUT IN ALMOST ALL OF ASIA THIS PAUL HAS PERSUADED AND TURNED AWAY A GREAT MANY PEOPLE, SAYING THAT GODS MADE WITH HANDS ARE NOT GODS.

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ACTS 19:26-28

<sup>27</sup>AND THERE IS DANGER NOT ONLY THAT THIS TRADE OF OURS MAY COME INTO DISREPUTE BUT ALSO THAT THE TEMPLE OF THE GREAT GODDESS ARTEMIS MAY BE COUNTED AS NOTHING,

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ACTS 19:26-28

AND THAT SHE MAY EVEN BE DEPOSED FROM HER MAGNIFICENCE, SHE WHOM ALL ASIA AND THE WORLD WORSHIP. <sup>28</sup>WHEN THEY HEARD THIS THEY WERE ENRAGED AND WERE CRYING OUT, "GREAT IS ARTEMIS OF THE EPHESIANS!"

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I. EPHESUS WAS A CHURCH KNOWN  
FOR SPIRITUAL ENDURANCE

- BECAME A PLACE OF  
TRANSFORMATIONAL LIFE CHANGE

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ACTS 19:17-20

<sup>17</sup>AND THIS BECAME KNOWN TO ALL THE RESIDENTS  
OF EPHESUS, BOTH JEWS AND GREEKS. AND  
FEAR FELL UPON THEM ALL, AND THE NAME OF THE  
LORD JESUS WAS EXTOLLED. <sup>18</sup>ALSO MANY OF THOSE  
WHO WERE NOW BELIEVERS CAME,  
CONFESSING AND DIVULGING THEIR PRACTICES.

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ACTS 19:17-20

<sup>19</sup>AND A NUMBER OF THOSE WHO HAD PRACTICED  
MAGIC ARTS BROUGHT THEIR BOOKS TOGETHER AND  
BURNED THEM IN THE SIGHT OF ALL. AND THEY COUNTED  
THE VALUE OF THEM AND FOUND IT CAME TO FIFTY  
THOUSAND PIECES OF SILVER. <sup>20</sup>SO THE WORD OF THE  
LORD CONTINUED TO INCREASE AND PREVAIL MIGHTILY.

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I. EPHESUS WAS A CHURCH KNOWN  
FOR SPIRITUAL ENDURANCE

- CHURCH COMMENDED FOR ITS  
STRONG DOCTRINAL STANDING

REVELATION 2:3

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## 2. EPHESUS WAS A CHURCH INVOLVED IN A SPIRITUAL CRISIS

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### REVELATION 2:4-7

<sup>4</sup>BUT I HAVE THIS AGAINST YOU, THAT YOU HAVE ABANDONED THE LOVE YOU HAD AT FIRST.  
<sup>5</sup>REMEMBER THEREFORE FROM WHERE YOU HAVE FALLEN; REPENT, AND DO THE WORKS YOU DID AT FIRST. IF NOT, I WILL COME TO YOU AND REMOVE YOUR LAMPSTAND FROM ITS PLACE, UNLESS YOU REPENT.

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### REVELATION 2:4-7

<sup>6</sup>YET THIS YOU HAVE: YOU HATE THE WORKS OF THE NICOLAITANS, WHICH I ALSO HATE. <sup>7</sup>HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES. TO THE ONE WHO CONQUERS I WILL GRANT TO EAT OF THE TREE OF LIFE, WHICH IS IN THE PARADISE OF GOD.

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EPHESIANS 3:14-17

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"IN REALITY, THE CHRISTIAN LIFE  
IS ABOUT LOVING CHRIST.  
IT IS ABOUT LOVING HIM SINGULARLY.  
IT IS ABOUT LOVING HIM TOTALLY.  
IT IS ABOUT LOVING HIM SACRIFICIALLY.  
IT IS ABOUT LOVING HIM OBEDIENTLY.  
IT IS ABOUT LOVING HIM WORSHIPFULLY.  
IT IS ABOUT LOVING HIM  
IN TERMS OF SERVICE.  
IT REALLY IS ABOUT LOVING JESUS CHRIST.  
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE  
A CHRISTIAN. IT'S THAT YOU NOW  
COMMIT YOUR LIFE TO LOVING HIM."  
—JOHN MACARTHUR

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3. EPHESUS IS A CHURCH  
WITH A SPIRITUAL MESSAGE  
FOR US

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3. EPHESUS IS A CHURCH  
WITH A SPIRITUAL MESSAGE FOR US

- CONFRONT YOUR HABITUAL TENDENCY  
TOWARD FORGETFULNESS—  
"REMEMBER"

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"IF THE PRICE PAID BY EPHESIANS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF TRUE CHRISTIANITY WAS THE LOSS OF LOVE, THE PRICE WAS TOO HIGH, FOR CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT LOVE IS A PERVERTED FAITH." —BEASLEY MURRAY

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"A GOOD MEMORY IS ESSENTIAL TO FAITHFUL CHRISTIANITY."

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3. EPHESUS IS A CHURCH WITH A SPIRITUAL MESSAGE FOR US

- CONFESS YOUR PERSONAL NEED FOR FORGIVENESS—  
"REPENT"

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YOU SEE, IF GOD IS NOT IN HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN MY HEART AND LIFE, GUESS WHO I INSERT IN HIS PLACE? THE ANSWER, OF COURSE, IS ME. I MAKE MY RELATIONSHIPS ALL ABOUT ME. RATHER THAN LOVE FOR GOD SHAPING MY RELATIONSHIPS AND MOTIVATING ME TO SAY AND DO THE THINGS I DO, LOVE OF SELF DRIVES ME. RATHER THAN BEING A PATIENT SERVANT IN THOSE RELATIONSHIPS, I LIVE IN THEM AS A DEMANDING KING. AND BECAUSE GOD IS NOT AT THE CENTER OF MY THOUGHTS AND DESIRES, I EXPECT TO GET FROM PEOPLE IN MY LIFE WHAT ONLY GOD CAN DELIVER.

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THIS ALWAYS LEADS TO DISAPPOINTMENT  
AND ACRIMONY IN MY RELATIONSHIPS.  
SO I PRAY HARDER AND WORK HARDER  
TO MAKE THOSE RELATIONSHIPS  
WHAT THEY WILL NEVER BE.  
I LOOK FOR HELP TO *MATCH.COM* JESUS,  
BUT WHAT I AM ACTUALLY ASKING GOD  
TO DO IS TO REPLACE HIMSELF WITH  
OTHER MESSIAHS IN MY LIFE—  
MESSIAHS I CAN SEE, HEAR, TOUCH.  
THIS IS THE SOURCE OF SO MUCH  
RELATIONAL DYSFUNCTION  
AND HEARTACHE.

—PAUL DAVID TRIPP

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3. EPHESUS IS A CHURCH  
WITH A SPIRITUAL MESSAGE FOR US

• CONCENTRATE ON A  
RENEWAL OF FAITHFULNESS—  
“REKINDLE”

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1 JOHN 5:2-5

<sup>2</sup>BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE LOVE THE CHILDREN  
OF GOD, WHEN WE LOVE GOD AND OBEY HIS  
COMMANDMENTS. <sup>3</sup>FOR THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD,  
THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.  
AND HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT BURDENSOME.

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1 JOHN 5:2-5

<sup>4</sup>FOR EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD  
OVERCOMES THE WORLD. AND THIS IS THE VICTORY  
THAT HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD—OUR FAITH.  
<sup>5</sup>WHO IS IT THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD EXCEPT THE  
ONE WHO BELIEVES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD?

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NOTE TO MEDIA:

THE FOLLOWING TWO SCREENS ARE TO BE  
SHOWN DURING THE LORD'S SUPPER WHEN  
PASTOR INTRODUCES THE ELEMENTS

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I JOHN 4:9-10

<sup>9</sup>IN THIS THE LOVE OF GOD WAS MADE MANIFEST  
AMONG US, THAT GOD SENT HIS ONLY SON  
INTO THE WORLD, SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE  
THROUGH HIM. <sup>10</sup>IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE HAVE  
LOVED GOD BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT  
HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS.

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"HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT  
THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES."

REVELATION 2:7, 11, 17, 29 and 3:6, 13, 22

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