

SERVING THROUGH THE PAIN

Revelation 2:8-11
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Jesus calls you to keep serving Him even when it hurts by understanding the 5 facts about pain and suffering:

1. SOCIETY WILL HINDER YOU!

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life..'" Rev. 2:8

...As secular SOCIETY becomes more tolerant, it will become less TOLERANT of CHRISTIANS.

2. THE SAVIOR WILL HELP YOU!

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life..'" Rev. 2:8

...No matter what you FACE, Jesus has not only FACED it, but He has CONQUERED it.

3. SUFFERING WILL HURT YOU!

"I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan." Rev. 2:9

...There are 3 ways that you will SUFFER as a Christian:

a. You will face PRESSURE! (tribulation)

...The CULTURE will say, "BECOME like me!"

b. You will face POVERTY! (poverty)

...The culture will say, "Don't let your FAITH COST you!"

c. You will face PERSECUTION! (vs. 9c)

...The culture will say, "Keep our RULES because RELIGION is alright!"

4. SERVICE WILL HUMBLE YOU!

"Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." Rev. 2:10

