

MSG: REMEMBER

BREAK 1: CONNECTING LIKE JESUS

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 2:1-6 NIV, Exodus 32

Revelation 2:1-6 NIV

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lamp stands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lamp stand from its place. But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

1. REMEMBER, RETURN TO YOUR FIRST LOVE

Revelation 2:4-5 NIV

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-He's found in the commitment of your heart to earnestly seek him.

-He's found in the return of your affection for His Presence.

-His Presence is where we return to your first love remember His voice and reignite your passion for prayer.

2. REMEMBER, BE ABOUT THAT ACTION

Revelation 2:6 NIV

“But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

Nicolas- Gentile who was raised in and practiced pagan worship...proselytized to Judaism, then believed in the gospel converted to Christianity. Later began mixing pagan philosophies with the gospel and then began to dilute and mix the truth.

Deeds of Nicolaitans- works, acts from philosophies, thoughts and ideologies that are not of God. Lies and deceptions that attempt to place themselves in the place of truth.

Some talk a good talk but they're not about that action...“We about that action!”

- The Action of Pursing God
- The Action of studying His Word
- The Action of loving people unconditionally

EPH 2:12

Remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

3. REMEMBER, BURN YOUR IDOLS

Exodus 32

GOLDEN CALF WORSHIP

HIS PRESENCE

Following The Tablets

HIS LAW & HIS PRESENCE

1 Corinthians 10:6-7 NIV

“Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

11-13 NIV

“These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

Remember... For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God” (Deuteronomy 4:23-24)