

"Can you hear Me?"

LETTERS FROM GOD

God's Letter to the Compromising Message 3

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► Outline

Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

James 4:17 (NLT)

A. Introduction

B. The Message to the Church in Pergamum: (Revelation 2:12-17)

1. _____:
(Revelation 2:12. C/R: Acts 19:10; Ephesians 6:17;
Hebrews 4:12; Revelation 19:15)
2. _____:
(Revelation 2:13. C/R: Matthew 16:18, Mark 8:34-35;
1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Timothy 2:3-4; Hebrews 12:1)
3. _____:
(Revelation 2:14-15. C/R: Romans 6:1-4;
2 Corinthians 6:14-17; Colossians 3:5-10; James 4:4)
4. _____:
(Revelation 2:16a. C/R: Proverbs 28:13; Luke 5:31-32; Acts
3:19; 1 John 1:8-9)
5. _____:
(Revelation 2:16b. C/R: 1 Corinthians 5:6-7;
Ephesians 4:15; 2 Timothy 2:24-26)
6. _____:
(Revelation 2:17. C/R: John 6:48-51; Ephesians 1:3;
1 John 5:4-5)

Answers: 1. Greeting 2. Affirmation 3. Concern 4. Challenge 5. Consequences 6. Rewards
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Use this guide by yourself or with friends to discover more about God and develop a deeper relationship with Him. To get connected in a Small Group, visit brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

What activities did you love to do when you were a kid?

Opening in Prayer

Spend a few minutes in silence. Quiet your heart and mind, and ask God to help you hear His voice during this week's study and reflection.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Revelation 2:12-17](#).

1. Christians in Pergamum who refused to worship the Roman emperor were in danger of punishment, even to the point of death. As a result, many Christians compromised their faith. Have you ever felt the pressure to compromise your biblical convictions? Describe what happened.
2. Being loyal to Jesus (vs. 13) means _____.
(Give some examples of what loyalty looks like.)
3. What does it mean that Jesus has a *sharp two-edged sword*? What does this imagery reveal about God's view of sin? (See also: [Hebrews 4:12-13](#); [Revelation 19:15](#))
4. Have you ever felt free to sin, knowing you could ask God for forgiveness? (See also: [Romans 6:1-4](#))
5. How willing are you to graciously confront a person who is living disobediently? (See also: [1 Corinthians 5:6-7](#))

6. What does it stir in you to think that one day, God will give you a new, personal, individual name that expresses His heart toward you?

Soul Training

During this series through March 1, we'll focus on learning to hear God's voice using the pattern in the letters to the churches in [Revelation 2-3](#). Visit brookwoodchurch.org/hearingGod to discover what the Bible teaches about hearing God, view an outline of the letter we're seeking to receive from God, as well as additional resources to help you hear from God.

So far we've asked God for a personal *greeting* and words of *affirmation*. This week let's ask God to reveal **CONCERNS** He has about our lives.

This section isn't meant to stir up shame and make you feel bad about yourself. God is a perfect, loving Father who not only affirms us, but also reveals to us our sin and brokenness. This is one of the ways He loves us. Only when these things are addressed can we more fully experience new life in Christ.

Begin this section by writing, *The concerns I have about you are* _____.

He may remind you of a particular sin, of someone you haven't forgiven, or of something you know He's asking you to do but you're putting off. Whatever He reveals to you, write it down. Let's listen to God with our whole heart, even when He has hard things to say.

Memory Verse

Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Colossians 3:5-10](#)

Day 4: [Proverbs 28:13-14](#)

Day 2: [Hebrews 12:1-11](#)

Day 5: [2 Timothy 2:24-26](#)

Day 3: [2 Corinthians 7:5-10](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 9, we'll continue our series by looking at the letter God wrote to the church in Thyatira. They were full of love and faith, but they also allowed in _____ God's direction in our own lives so we _____! To prepare, read [Revelation 2:1](#):