

Series: *The End Begins – Part 2*

“Letters from the King”

Main Text: Revelation 2:1-7

Anchor Verse: *“You have forsaken the love you had at first.” – Revelation 2:4 (NIV)*

Big Idea: Before Jesus returns to the world, He returns to His Church. Revelation isn’t just about signs of the end—it’s about a spiritual checkup. These letters weren’t written to scare—they were written to search hearts and revive passion.

“He’s not coming back for a lukewarm church—He’s coming back for a ready bride.”

Jesus' Letter to the Church in Ephesus (Rev 2:1–7)

- This church had good theology. Strong work ethic. Clear boundaries.
- But they lost the fire.
- They didn’t stop working—but they stopped loving.
- Jesus wasn’t impressed with what they *knew*—He cared about how they *burned*.

5 Principles from the Letters of Jesus

1. Jesus Sees Past the Stage and into the Heart

“I know your deeds...” – Rev 2:2

- He’s not fooled by performance. He’s after real devotion.
- There’s no hiding from the One who walks among the lampstands.

2. You Can Have Church Without Having Christ

“You have forsaken your first love.” – Rev 2:4

- Ephesus had everything... but Jesus said something’s missing.
- You can serve Jesus and still drift from Him.

“Busy for God is not the same as burning for God.”

3. He’s Not Mad—He’s Mercy

“Consider how far you’ve fallen. Repent...” – Rev 2:5

- Jesus doesn’t cancel them—He calls them back.
- This is grace disguised as a rebuke.

“Conviction is how heaven invites you home.”

4. Revival Is a Return, Not a Conference

“Do the things you did at first.” – Rev 2:5

- Passion isn’t found in a hype service—it’s found in simple obedience.
- Prayer, worship, faithfulness, sacrifice... go back to what lit your heart on fire.

5. Every Church Has a Choice

“To the one who is victorious...” – Rev 2:7

- Will we coast? Or will we conquer?
 - Jesus doesn’t want a popular church. He wants a pure one.
- “He’s not asking for perfect—but He is asking for pursuit.”

What Do We Do With What We've Just Heard?

Jesus didn’t just rise to show power—He rose to give us a path. The Lamb who won invites us to follow Him with our whole lives.

Here are some next steps you can take today:

- Accept Christ – Begin a relationship with the risen Savior. Say yes to Jesus today.
- Join a Small Group – Faith grows in community. Get connected and grow with others.
- Go Through Growth Track – Discover your purpose and get equipped to make a difference.
- Serve on a Team – The Lamb gave His life for you. Now give your gifts to serve others.

The tomb is empty. The throne is occupied. The question is—what will you do with the Lamb who won?