

Series: Evaluating the Health of Your Heart
Message Title: *Serving God Without Your First Love*
Primary Texts: Revelation 2:1-7
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1. Compliment: _____.

2. Crisis: _____.

2. Cure: _____.

Revelation 2:1-7

¹ To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: ² “I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false; ³ and you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵ Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place — unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Acts 18:24-28; 19:11-20; 20:1**. In what city was the apostle Paul in these chapters? What happened? Read **Acts 20:17-38**. Who visited Paul in Miletus? What did Paul encourage these elders to do according to verses 31-32? Read **1 Thessalonians 2:13**. As we read Scripture what does it do to believers? What do you think it does to unbelievers?
2. Read **Revelation 2:1-3, 6**. What compliment did God give to the Ephesian church 40 years later? Read **Revelation 2:4**. Why did God rebuke those in the church? Why do you think this happened?
3. Read **Deuteronomy 6:5; 11:1, 13, 22; 13:3**. What does God want from those who believe in Him? How are these verses different? Read **Joshua 23:11**. What does this verse imply that God wants us to do? Read **Matthew 22:34-40**. What do these verses imply that you should do? What do all of the verses in this paragraph reveal happened in Revelation 2:4?
4. Read **Revelation 2:5**. What is God's solution to reigniting your first love? Read **Matthew 24:12**. What is the root cause to losing your first love? What should we do to avoid losing our first love? Read **1 John 1:9**. What should we do when we sin? According to **Deuteronomy 6:5; 11:1, 13, 22; 13:3** and **Joshua 23:11**, is loving God a choice?
5. Read **Psalms 18:1**. What did David say to the Lord? Read **1 John 4:20; 5:2** and **Hebrews 6:10**. What are the signs that a person loves God? Do you love the Lord? What should you do if you love Jesus?