



**Part 6:
...to Those Who Feel
Discouraged
Rev. 3:7-13**

Discouragement can make me:

- Blind to _____
- Vulnerable to _____
- Pessimistic about my _____

**Three promises of God for those who feel discouraged
Jesus replaces my...**

1. _____ with _____
To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. Rev. 3:7,8a

2. _____ with _____
I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. Rev. 3:8
Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. Rev. 3:10,11 (See Rom. 8:35,37)

3. _____ with _____
I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars --I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. Rev. 3:8,9
Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. Rev. 3:12

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. Rev. 3:13

Two key questions to ask when I feel discouraged:

1. Who am I _____ ?
2. Am I looking at the _____ doors or the _____ doors?

Daily Meditations

This week's memory verse:

See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. Rev. 3:8a

Monday

Look back over your notes and read Revelation 3:7-13. What is the weakest you've ever felt?

What makes you feel defeated or discouraged?

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| ___ My work | ___ My family | ___ Unanswered prayer |
| ___ Finances | ___ Health | ___ School |
| ___ My spiritual life | | ___ Unmet goals |
| ___ Unconquered habits | | ___ My hope of being married |
| ___ Other: | | |

How do Jesus Christ's words to this weak, discouraged church help you?

What point or points in this weekend's message meant the most to you?

Ask Jesus to help you not be discouraged, but instead to look to Him and His promises!

Tuesday

Eleven times the Bible says "do not be afraid and do not be discouraged". Why do you think this is such a common emphasis of Scripture?

Which effect of discouragement do you tend to feel?

I become...

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| ___ Blind to opportunity | ___ Vulnerable to temptation |
| ___ Pessimistic about my future | ___ Damaging to my present |

Read 2 Chronicles 32:1-7. How are King Hezekiah's words to his people applicable to your life?

Why is this sometimes hard to believe?

What “enemies” are you facing that discourage you?

Ask God to help you realize that “greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world”!

Wednesday

Part of Jesus’ encouragement to the church at Philadelphia: “I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the world.” While this is a promise specific to the church there, it is also applicable to you in a general sense: Jesus promises that although you are not spared from all trial, no trial will conquer you. Read Romans 8:28-38. What are the five questions in verses 31-35 and their answers?

How do these encourage you about specific trials you face today?

Bring to God the specific trials you are experiencing right now, and ask Him to help you claim the promises in these verses as your own.

Thursday

The most predominant metaphor in Jesus’ words to Philadelphia in Rev. 3 is the image of an open door. God is opening doors for you all the time. Read the following verses about different kinds of doors God opens, and write down what each “door” refers to...

Passage What is the “door” in this passage?

Matt. 7:7,8

Luke 11:9,10

Acts 14:27

1 Cor. 16:9

2 Cor. 2:12

Rev. 3:20

Do you tend to see God as one who opens doors, or closes doors?

In these verses, how does God characterize Himself?

How could it help your walk of faith to see God in this way?

Ask God to help you see Him as One who opens doors of answered prayer, doors of opportunity to share your faith, doors of fellowship with Him, and doors to eternal life.

Friday

Read next week’s “postcard from Jesus”, Rev. 3:14-22. What about this passage hits home for you? What would you like to have explained?

Ask God to give you insight as you listen to the message this weekend, and to enable us to teach this passage clearly!

Saturday

Complete any devotions you may have missed and polish up the memory verse. Please pray for the services this weekend. Thanks!