

# JESUS AT THE CENTER OF THE CHURCH

**Compromise**  
Message 3  
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## ► Outline

*"... You did not renounce your faith in Me, not even in the days of Antipas, My faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives."*  
**Revelation 2:13b (NIV)**

### A. Introduction

(Revelation 2:12-13a. C/R: Matthew 6:9,11; John 14:6;  
Acts 4:12; Revelation 17:14)

### B. Commends...

1. \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Revelation 2:13b)

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. Confronts...

(Revelation 2:14-17. C/R: Numbers 22-25; 31)

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answers:** B. 1. Bold 2. Faithful C. 1. Compromise

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## ► Discussion Guide

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### Conversation Starter

What external pressures do you find challenging?

### Prayer

Spend a few minutes in prayer, leaving time for God to speak to you. Ask for Him to reveal His truth to you as you study.

### Bible Study and Group Discussion

#### Read Revelation 2:12-17

1. Jesus refers to Himself as *One Who has the sharp, double-edged sword*. In Hebrews, Scripture is referred to as *sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword*. How have the words of Scripture cut into your life?
2. With all the evil and immorality in our society that draws your attention, how do you stay focused on Jesus?
3. Describe a time when you were pressured to do something you knew was wrong. How did you deal with that situation?
4. How do you remain faithful to Jesus in the face of difficulty or evil?
5. Describe a time when you had to stand up for your faith. How did you depend on God as you faced the moment?
6. How do you stay humble in a success-driven culture? Who can help you stay humble?
7. What stumbling blocks keep you from living a Godly life? How do you stay anchored to Jesus as you face them?
8. The Christians in Pergamum stood out from the citizens of the town because of how they lived their lives. How does your life look to those around you? What are ways you can show your faith?

9. Where in your life are you compromising? How is it affecting you? Take a few minutes and pray to God about this. Ask Him to help you to have the strength to stand firm.

10. How does it help you to know that Jesus stands with you?

11. What's an area where you need to be more faithful? How can you grow in that this week?

12. One way to be faithful is to share Jesus with someone else. Look for opportunities this week to tell others about Jesus.

### Daily Devotional

Spend time with God each day this week reading the Daily Devotional. If you do not have a Daily Devotional book, you can pick one up at the Information Desk, the Reception Desk or view it on the Brookwood app.

### Memory Verse

*I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to My name. You did not renounce your faith in Me, not even in the days of Antipas, My faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.*

**Revelation 2:13 (NIV)**

### Daily Reading

Day 1: Joshua 24:15

Day 5: Matthew 26:69-74

Day 2: Deuteronomy 8:10-15

Day 6: Ephesians 4:29

Day 3: Isaiah 5:20

Day 7: 1 Corinthians 15:33-34a

Day 4: 2 Timothy 1:13-14

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 3, we'll continue our series *Jesus at the Center of the Church*. Prepare by reading **Revelation 2:18-29**.



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