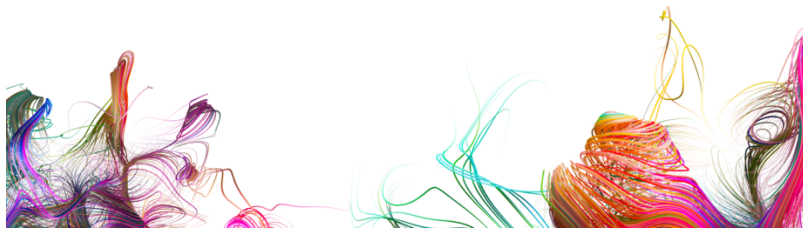


REVELATION

FINDING PEACE IN A
WORLD OF CHAOS




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AWAKENING
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Week 8: Letter 6: A Faithful Church

Date: Week of 2/25/24

Scripture: Revelation 3:7-13

Bridgebuilder Opening

1. What is something that you have done or are doing because you had a clear reward or goal waiting at the end? How did having that expectation help keep you on track?

Observations and Interpretations

1. Read (Rev. 3:7-13), and circle or highlight any words that stand out to you. What are some of your observations from this initial reading of the text?
2. God promises the church in Philadelphia an open door that no one can shut. Why is this a comfort to them, what were they being excluded from?
3. In what way is verse 9 a vindication and hopeful future for the early church?
4. How did God's promise to make believers a pillar in his Temple and new city provide motivation for the church at Philadelphia?

5. What is the main thing John is trying to teach us in these verses? (final question)

Applications

1. This year our church is focusing on the theme of helping to bring *peace* into our lives and city. How can this text help give you *peace*, as you live in a world of chaos?
2. What doors seem to be closed to you in this life? What promises from God do you hold on to in order to make it through this difficulty?
3. What open doors or opportunities has God put in your life that you need to take advantage of?
4. In one sentence, state one thing the Lord wants you to take away from this study?

The Gospel and Prayer

Jesus called the church to stand firm for him and to be actively ready for his return (parable of the talents). He reassured us that He has the ultimate authority over the world and not those that may be opposed to Christianity. Pray that we will have our eyes open to the doors that He has opened for us to both endure difficulty and to advance the Gospel so that the gates of Hell themselves will not prevail against the Gospel. Let us not be like those of the synagogue that rejected God's power and message to their detriment.