

# LETTERS FROM JESUS

## PART 4: BEGAN TO DRIFT

REVELATION 2:12-17



## **Sermon Overview**

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*<sup>12</sup> “To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, doubleedged sword.*

*<sup>13</sup> 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, even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.*

*<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality.*

*<sup>15</sup> Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.*

*<sup>16</sup> Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.*

*<sup>17</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.*

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## **DIAGNOSIS**

Pergamum was a hub of emperor worship, and Jesus assures the church that He is aware of their circumstances as a church in a city controlled by Satan. They have held to their faith under very difficult circumstances.

## **DISAPPOINTMENT**

Despite Jesus's commendation, He expresses disappointment that the church in Pergamum has fallen into compromise. They had grown accepting of the Nicolaitans, who endorsed sexual immorality in the church.

## **DECISION**

Jesus makes it clear that the only remedy to the situation is repentance. They must turn away from compromise before Jesus takes action to remove the compromise Himself.

## **REWARDS FOR REPENTANCE**

Paul warns believers not to confuse God's patience with acquiescence. The time to repent is now, and the reward for doing so is Jesus Himself, symbolized in verse 17 as "the hidden manna" and "white stone."