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SERMON NOTES

*"He that hath an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit saith unto the churches."*

Revelation 3:6



WORSHIP



THE WORD



COMMUNITY



OUTREACH

EXALTING JESUS. EQUIPPING BELIEVERS. EXPANDING THE KINGDOM.

DON'T LET GO NOW!

Text: Revelation 3:10–12

Theme: Hold fast to your faith because Jesus is coming, God is keeping you, and your crown is waiting.

Key Text

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Revelation 3:11

Jesus is speaking to the church at Philadelphia. They did not have great strength, but they had **great faithfulness**.

Revelation 3:8 **Thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.**

You may have **little strength**, but you are still:

- Praying
- Worshiping
- Believing
- Standing
- Holding onto His Word

God is not only looking at **how strong you are**. He is looking at whether you will **remain faithful when you are weak**.

Declaration:

I MAY BE TIRED, BUT I'M STILL HOLDING ON!

1. GOD REMEMBERS YOUR FAITHFULNESS

Revelation 3:10 — **Because thou hast kept the word**

The word **because** tells us Jesus had been watching.

He saw every time you:

- Obeyed when obedience was difficult.
- Stood when others compromised.
- Prayed when you did not feel like praying.
- Worshiped through your tears.
- Refused to walk away.

Hebrews 6:10 — God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love.

People may forget your sacrifice.

People may never call your name.

People may never recognize what it cost you.

BUT GOD REMEMBERS!

The Philadelphia church was commended because they **kept His Word**.

When culture changes **KEEP THE WORD!**

When society changes **KEEP THE WORD!**

When holiness becomes unpopular **KEEP THE WORD!**

When righteousness is mocked **KEEP THE WORD!**

Heaven and earth will pass away, **but God's Word will stand forever!**

2. THERE IS POWER IN-PATIENT ENDURANCE

the word of my patience Revelation 3:10

This speaks of **patient endurance**.

It means:

I WILL NOT QUIT UNDER PRESSURE!

Anybody can praise God when everything is going right.

But can you:

- Praise when you do not understand?
- Trust when the answer has not come?
- Worship when the door has not opened?
- Believe when you have prayed for years?

Patience says:

God, I don't understand, but I trust You.

I do not know when, but I know You are able.

I do not know how, but I know You will make a way.

Isaiah 40:31 They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength

The enemy says, **It will never happen.**

But the Holy Ghost says:

WAIT ON THE LORD!

God has not forgotten you.

GOD IS WORKING WHILE YOU ARE WAITING!

3. GOD KNOWS HOW TO KEEP HIS PEOPLE

Revelation 3:10 I also will keep thee

You kept His Word.

NOW HE SAYS HE WILL KEEP YOU!

The God who kept:

- Noah through the flood
- Daniel in the lions' den
- The Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace
- Israel through the Red Sea

CAN KEEP YOU!

Jude 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling

When your mind is under attack **JESUS WILL KEEP YOU!**

When your family is under attack **JESUS WILL KEEP YOU!**

When your finances are under attack **JESUS WILL KEEP YOU!**

When sickness touches your body JESUS **WILL KEEP YOU!**

Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.

You do not survive because the valley is harmless.

YOU SURVIVE BECAUSE JESUS IS WALKING THROUGH IT WITH YOU!

4. JESUS IS COMING DON'T LET GO NOW!

Revelation 3:11 Behold, I come quickly

This world is **not the end of the story!**

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!

Acts 1:11 This same Jesus shall come again.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout.

Jesus says:

Hold that fast which thou hast.

Do not release what God gave you!

HOLD ONTO:

- Your faith
- Your prayer life
- Holiness
- Righteousness
- God's Word
- Your testimony
- Your worship
- Your relationship with Jesus

Tell the devil:

YOU CANNOT HAVE MY FAITH!

Attack my finances **I'M HOLDING ON!**

Attack my body **I'M HOLDING ON!**

Attack my reputation I'M **HOLDING ON!**

Attack my family **I'M HOLDING ON!**

5. DON'T LET ANYBODY TAKE YOUR CROWN

that no man take thy crown. Revelation 3:11

You have come **too far to quit now!**

Do not let:

- Disappointment steal your crown.
- Bitterness steal your crown.
- Unforgiveness steal your crown.
- Temptation steal your crown.
- Church hurt steal your crown.

People may hurt you.

People may disappoint you.

People may misunderstand you.

People may mistreat you.

BUT THEY DIDN'T DIE FOR YOU JESUS DID!

Do not allow what somebody did to you to make you lose what **Jesus has prepared for you!**

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

There is a **crown of righteousness** waiting.

I DON'T JUST WANT TO START SAVED; I WANT TO FINISH SAVED!

I DON'T JUST WANT TO PREACH WELL; I WANT TO FINISH WELL!

I WANT TO CROSS THE FINISH LINE!

6. THE OVERCOMER BECOMES A PILLAR

Revelation 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God

Philadelphia was in an earthquake-prone region. They understood shaking and instability.

Jesus promises the overcomer:

I WILL MAKE YOU A PILLAR!

A pillar does not run when things start shaking.

A PILLAR STANDS!

God needs pillars who will:

- Stand when doctrine is challenged.
- Stand when holiness is mocked.
- Stand when prayer becomes unpopular.
- Stand when everybody else bows.

Like the Hebrew boys:

WE WILL NOT BOW!

Like Joshua:

“As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

You have been through things that should have destroyed you.

You cried, **BUT YOU'RE STANDING!**

You were disappointed, **BUT YOU'RE STANDING!**

You were wounded, **BUT YOU'RE STANDING!**

You were attacked, **BUT YOU'RE STANDING!**

You lost some things, **BUT YOU'RE STANDING!**

Why?

BECAUSE JESUS HAS BEEN HOLDING YOU UP!

7. HE SHALL GO NO MORE OUT

Revelation 3:12

What a promise of **permanence and security!**

One day:

- The struggle will be over.
- The tears will stop.
- Pain will be gone.
- Death will be defeated.

Revelation 21:4 God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

No more death.

No more sorrow.

No more crying.

No more pain.

I'M GOING SOMEWHERE!

THIS WORLD IS NOT MY FINAL DESTINATION!

I'VE GOT A HOME IN GLORY!

8. GOD IS GOING TO PUT HIS NAME ON YOU

Revelation 3:12

Jesus promises to write upon the overcomer:

The name of my God

The name of the city of my God

My new name.

This speaks of **identity, belonging, and ownership.**

Jesus is saying:

YOU BELONG TO ME!

The world may label you.

Your past may try to define you.

Your mistakes may try to name you.

But Jesus gives you a **new identity!**

You are:

REDEEMED!

FORGIVEN!

CHOSEN!

ADOPTED!

SANCTIFIED!

WASHED IN THE BLOOD!

A CHILD OF THE KING!

CLOSING, HOLD ON A LITTLE WHILE LONGER!

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast.

Church, **HOLD ON!**

When you are tired; **HOLD ON!**

When you do not understand; **HOLD ON!**

When you have prayed and still have not seen the answer; **HOLD ON!**

When the enemy tells you to quit; **HOLD ON!**

Because:

There is a crown waiting!

There is a promise waiting!

There is a victory waiting!

There is a city waiting!

And most importantly:

JESUS IS WAITING!

You may only have **little strength** left.

But God is not asking how much strength you have.

He is asking:

WILL YOU HOLD ON WITH THE STRENGTH YOU HAVE?

If all you can do is whisper **Jesus**; HOLD ON!

If all you can do is crawl to the altar; HOLD ON!

If tears are running down your face; HOLD ON!

Because Jesus promised:

I WILL KEEP THEE!

ALTAR CALL

If you feel like you are barely holding on, **COME**.

If you are tired, **COME**.

If you are discouraged, **COME**.

If your faith has been under attack, **COME**.

If you have drifted away from God, **COME HOME**.

And if you do not know Jesus as Savior, do not leave without Him.

Jesus stretched out His hands on **Calvary**.

He bled.

He died.

They buried Him.

BUT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, JESUS GOT UP WITH ALL POWER IN HIS HANDS!

Because Jesus lives; **WE CAN LIVE!**

Because Jesus overcame; **WE CAN OVERCOME!**

Because Jesus conquered the grave; **DEATH DOESN'T GET THE LAST WORD!**

So, declare:

LORD, I'M HOLDING ON!

I am holding onto **Your Word!**

I am holding onto **Your promises!**

I am holding onto **my faith!**

I am holding onto **my crown!**

And by the power of the Holy Ghost:

I WILL NOT LET GO!

I WILL NOT TURN BACK!

I WILL NOT GIVE UP!

Until Jesus comes; **HOLD FAST!**

Until Jesus comes; **KEEP THE FAITH!**

Until Jesus comes; **KEEP HIS WORD!**

Until Jesus comes; **STAND!**

And when the battle is over:

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

DON'T LET GO NOW, YOUR CROWN IS COMING!