

You've Got Mail - Pergamum

Scripture: Revelation 2: 12-17

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CHALLENGES

TEACHING

Pergamum was part of a Roman culture that demanded allegiance to the culture and even more so to the Emperor. For some they could avoid the verbal allegiance but the physical allegiance was harder to avoid. Temple festivals included food and drink offered to foreign gods and many Christians found themselves compromising their words with their actions.

REFLECTIONS

Where in your world are there temptations to act more like the world than like Jesus?

Where in your world does it not matter that Jesus is the reason why you do what you do – even if the actions are morally good?

CALLING

TEACHING

Jesus called the Pergamum church – and us – to repent and turn away from actions that are contrary to His calling of love and obedience to Him and Him alone. He promised a nourishment in life and faith and a marker that gave a new life and a new identity.

REFLECTIONS

Where in your life do you need to repent and start acting differently so that you better reflect the image of Jesus?

What parts of scripture are helpful for you to identify your calling from God?

If you could give yourself a new name that would represent your calling from God – what would it be?