

Family Theme | **Steadfast Faith** Date | **August 9, 2026**

Study Text | **Revelation 2:1—3:22**

Read the Word: Revelation 2:1—3:22

Disciple Your Family: Discuss developing a strong faith that overcomes persecution, false teaching, and temptation.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: Steadfast Faith Overcomes Persecution
(Revelation 2:8-10, 12-13; 3:10-12)

APPLY: Expect persecution and remain faithful to Christ when it comes.

- *What small pressures today test our faithfulness?*
- *How can we stand firm in minor opposition so we are prepared for greater trials?*

APPLY: Look to God for grace and strength to endure persecution.

- *What would remaining faithful look like if obedience cost you reputation, comfort, or safety?*
- *How should knowing that Christians around the world suffer far more intensely shape our prayers and perspective?*



Key Truth: Steadfast Faith Overcomes False Teaching
(Revelation 2:2, 14-16, 20-24)

APPLY: Be on guard against false teaching and reject sinful behavior.

- *Where are churches today most tempted to “tolerate” what Scripture clearly calls sin? What small doctrinal compromises eventually lead to moral compromise?*
- *What is the best defense against false teaching? (Knowing God's Word; comparing teaching to what the Bible says; etc.)*



Key Truth: Steadfast Faith Overcomes Temptation (Revelation 2:4; 3:1-2, 15-18)

APPLY: Recognize temptations you struggle with and take practical steps to overcome them.

- *What small compromises today could weaken our ability to stand firm against future temptation?*
- *What are some practical steps we can take to overcome temptation?* (Live in the power and control of the Holy Spirit; avoid tempting situations; turn away immediately when tempted; pray for strength; quote Scripture; be accountable to someone for weak areas; etc.)

APPLY: Love as Christ loved and gave Himself for others.

- *Our world talks a lot about self-love. What is the difference between self-love and sacrificial love?*

APPLY: Walk in a close relationship with Christ.

- *How does knowing that Christ pursues fellowship with His church—even when we fail—encourage you to draw near to Him?*

Build a foundation: Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- Even though Jesus' words were for the churches, what would Jesus say you are doing well if He wrote you a letter? What would He say you need to work on?
- Why is it important to remember that God is faithful to forgive our sin (1 John 1:9)?
- What does steadfast faith mean? (standing strong for Jesus no matter what is happening around us or to us)
- How is steadfast faith related to your ongoing, growing relationship with Jesus?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: *John 11:25*



Discuss this week's Building Block:

Revelation is the New Testament book of prophecy.

Everyday Extras:

Allow family members to use markers to write words of encouragement to stay faithful to Jesus on different size pieces of construction paper. For younger children, you might need to write their words and let them decorate around the words. As your family is out and about this week, look for examples of faithful actions others are doing (helping another person carry something, a worker doing their job carefully, a parent caring for a child, someone showing kindness) and consider giving them an encouragement card. Also, look for opportunities to share your words of encouragement with someone who might be having a bad day.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned even though Peter and John were put in jail for telling others about Jesus, they kept doing so. Later, Peter was put in jail again for sharing about Jesus, but God sent an angel to rescue him. Peter shared his story with the other Christians and told them to tell others how God had rescued him. **I Can Share With Others like Peter did.**