

**Dear Thyatira:**

The Tolerant Church

Revelation 2:18-29

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**CONNECT**

In what area of your life are you unwilling to compromise? Would it be in something you will not eat? Would it be a genre of movie that you would not watch? Would it be a style of clothes you would not wear? What about in your walk with Christ? Share your answers with your group.

**COMPREHEND**

Read: Revelation 2:18-29.

**CONSIDER**

**What is something from these verses or from today's lesson that either encourages or challenges you?**

Here are some common definitions of the word compromise:

- to settle a dispute by mutual compromise
- to accept standards that are lower than is desirable

**Do you view compromise as a positive or negative word? In what situations might it be good to compromise? In what situations is compromise not acceptable? Explain.**

The church at Thyatira is being misled by a woman Jesus calls Jezebel. This woman is a self-proclaimed prophetess whose teachings are leading people into sexual immorality. However, even with the very serious sins she has committed, Jesus still says in verse 21, "I have given her time to repent of her immorality." **What does this tell you about the character of Christ?**

Even though Jesus gave this "Jezebel" time to repent, she refused to do so. Because of her refusal Jesus in verses 22-23 says He is going to cast her on a "sickbed" or "bed of suffering" and that He will "make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely unless they repent." He even goes further by saying He will "strike her children dead." Again, we see Jesus providing a way to reconciliation by giving a stern warning of severe consequences if they don't turn from their ways and strong punishment for those who decide not to. **Would you say you have a healthy understanding of the consequences of our sin?**

In verse 23, Jesus says, "I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each according to your works." **How does your understanding of this change how you live your life? Discuss.**

- Now read James 2:14-16 together as a group. **Does this change your understanding of Revelation 2:23?**

**COMMUNICATE**

**Prayer: Take time to pray for each other and to pray for the wisdom to know the line where tolerance crosses into sinfulness.**