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**What Jesus Is saying to His church:
Seven Words that Lead to Victory
Part 1: The Church at Ephesus—Love Me!
(Revelation Chapters 2:1-7)**

Jesus wants His church to be victorious (Rev. 1:10-20)

"Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God." - Revelation 2:7 NLT

- Listen to the Spirit
- Apply His Word to our lives

Jesus knows and sees what we are doing for the His kingdom

"I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people...." - Revelation 2:2 NLT

- Jesus sees what you do when no one else does
- Jesus knows the struggles you endure
- Jesus commends us keeping to the truth

Jesus calls us to love Him first

"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love."
- Revelation 2:4 NKJV

- Remember why you do what you do

"Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first."
- Revelation 2:5 NLT

- Return to the simple things that help you to grow in relationship with Jesus

God rewards those who obey His Word

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- Revelation 2:7 NLT