



## KEEP FORWARD!

<sup>8</sup>Write this letter to the angel of the church in Smyrna. This is the message from the one who is the First and the Last, who was dead but is now alive: <sup>9</sup>I know about your suffering and your poverty but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they are not, because their synagogue belongs to Satan. <sup>10</sup>Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup>Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death." [Revelations 2:8-11](#) nlt

### Introduction:

<sup>9</sup>I know about your suffering and your poverty but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they are not, because their synagogue belongs to Satan." [Revelations 2:9](#) nlt

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<sup>6</sup>This is what the Lord says Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord of Heaven's Armies: I am the First and the Last; there is no other God."  
[Isaiah 44:6](#) nlt

<sup>33</sup>I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."  
[John 16:33](#) nlt

<sup>3</sup>All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, <sup>4</sup>and we have a priceless inheritance an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay." [1 Peter 1:3-4](#) nlt

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*“<sup>17</sup>But I am poor and needy; Yet the Lord thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.” Psalm 40:17*

*“<sup>6</sup>So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. <sup>7</sup>These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.” 1 Peter 1:6-7 nlt*

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*“<sup>10</sup>Don’t be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.”  
Revelations 2:10 nlt*

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**Conclusion:**

*“<sup>5</sup>And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.” 1 John 5:5 nlt*