#7“Philadelphia- The Faithful Church” [Revelation 3:7-13]

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of ***the holy one***, ***the true one***, who ***has the key of David***, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.[3:7]

* The HOLY One.
* The TRUE One.
* The One Who Has The KEY of David

“‘I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an ***open door***, which no one is able to shut. [3:8]

* The Open Door of EVANGELICAL Opportunity [Colossians 4:3]
* The Open Door of SALVATION [Ephesians 2:8-9]
* The Open Door of PRAYER [Hebrews 4:15-16]

I know that you have but ***little power***, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. [3:8]

*“Biblical Strength Is God-Given Spiritual Power, That Is Found Through Humility And Reliance On Jesus To Serve Others And To Endure Trials”*

* Biblical Integrity
* Boldness To Proclaim The Name Of Jesus

**Five Stunning Promises to The Faithful**  
  
#1. Jesus Promises to VINDICATE The Persecuted   
Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie behold, I will make them come and ***bow dow*n** before your feet, and they will ***learn that I have loved you***. [3:9]

#2. Jesus Promises To KEEP Those Who Keep His Word  
**10**Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, ***I will keep you from the*** ***hour of trial*** that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. [3:10]

#3. Jesus Promises That He Will RETURN  
***I am coming soon***. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. [3:11]

* A Warning to Unbelievers Who Refuse to Repent
* A Warning Believers That It Is Possible to Lose Your Crown (Reward)

#4. Jesus Promises ETERNAL Security & StabilityThe one who conquers, I will make him ***a pillar in the temple of my God***. Never shall he go out of it,

#5. Jesus Promises To Give The Faithful Three New NAMES

and I will write on him ***the name of my God***, and ***the name of the city of my God***, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and ***my own new name***.

* The Name of My God - A Symbol OWNERSHIP
* The Name of The City of my God – A Symbol Of BELONGING
* My New Name- A Symbol of Shared VICTORY & A Shared INHERITANCE With Jesus

**3**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’Life Group Questions  
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Read Revelation 3:7-13

* What are somethings that stand out to you in this passage?
* Discuss the three titles jesus uses to introduce himself to the church. Why do you this these were particularly significant to this church. Why are they significant to us today?
* Jesus speaks of open doors [see vs8] What do you think this means? Discuss the three-suggestion presented in the message.
* What doors may Jesus be opening or shutting for you?
* Jesus say the church has “little power/strength” Why is this a good thing from His perspective?
* Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. How have you seen God’s power perfected in your weakness?
* Jesus praises the church for having “kept my word and have not denied my name”.  
  Pastor Shaun described this as 1) Biblical Integrity 2) Boldness To Proclaim His Name. In what ways can we be more faithful to these two areas of ministry?
* Consider the 5 promises Jesus makes to this church.

1. The promises to vindicate the persecuted
2. The promise to keep those who keep His word
3. The promise to return
4. The promise of eternal security and stability
5. The promise of three new names  
   What meaning does each one hold for you? Which one gives you the most hope & encouragement?

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