

A FIRM FOUNDATION

Timeless Truth In Uncertain Times

**MARCH 20, 2022 / THE CHRISTIAN LIFE / REVELATION 2:1-5
GOD LOVES ALL PEOPLE AND WANTS THEM TO BE SAVED.**

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS MORE THAN AN INTELLECTUAL EXERCISE OR A LIST OF THINGS TO DO. THE FOUNDATION OF ALL OUR ACTIVITY SHOULD BE A LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. THE EPHESIAN CHURCH (ROMANS 2:1-5) WAS UNDER IMMENSE PRESSURE TO CONFORM TO THE CULTURE AROUND THEM. THE LIFESTYLE CHRISTIANS IN THIS CITY CHOSE DIRECTLY OPPOSED TO THE VALUES OF THEIR SOCIETY. JESUS COMMENDS THIS CHURCH FOR THE BELIEFS AND BEHAVIORS, BUT HE ALSO WANTS THEM TO EXPERIENCE SOMETHING MORE. OUR LAST MESSAGE IN “A FIRM FOUNDATION” SERIES FOCUSES ON THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE THAT EXTENDS FROM OUR HEARTS, HEAD, AND HANDS.

1. What's the difference when your heart is in a project, decision, or situation? What happens when it's not there?
2. Read Revelation 2:1-5. What's positive about the Ephesian church? What's negative?
3. How would you describe the hazard of a faith with no heart? What does that look like in the church today? (Revelation 2:4)
4. When we're "lukewarm," this passage invites us to "remember, repent, and return." (Revelation 2:5) Practically, what does that look like in our lives?
5. Perhaps, the most challenging habit for us at Browncroft is, "Share your faith." How can we practice this habit with heart? What happens when we don't practice this habit with our hearts?
6. We have just completed an eleven-week series on the essential doctrines of the church. How do we hold the tension of right theology and a healthy heart in a world that desperately needs the Gospel?

PRAY EPHESIANS 3:16-19 IN YOUR GROUP TO CLOSE THIS SERIES.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Below are some additional resources to help you deepen your knowledge and experience with the core truth in today's sermon. These resources include book references, articles, videos, podcasts, and RightNow Media material that can use by yourself or with a group. If you are not currently registered for Right Now Media, **click here**. Each resource is hyperlinked below, so you can click it.

- **Martus/Witness by the Bible Project**
- **Open – Share Your Faith Like Jesus series at Browncroft**
- **Why am I embarrassed to share my faith? By John Ginnan**
- **Reaching Out by John Stott**
- **Working and Witnessing in Secular Environments by RightNow Media**