

DUMBER THAN A DONKEY

Revelation 2:12-17

Pergamum

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- Affirmation and rebuke

Compromise—what is it?

Why we compromise

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- Life without a map . . . Satan's city
 - God is a liar . . . we get to decide truth
 - God is not good . . . so grab what you can
 - God is threatened . . . be independent and rebel

What happens when we compromise

vv. 14-15

- Give up who God designed us to be
- Seduced and blind
- People die
- Prayers and sadness are empty

Numbers 22-25

Living an uncompromising life—faithfulness, truth and freedom

“Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.” Revelation 2:16

- Courageous biblical convictions—truth
 - Courageous radical obedience—Phinehas

- Know your danger areas—faithful

“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” Hebrews 4:16

- Depend on your resources—freedom

“For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.” Romans 6:4

It's your choice

“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 some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.” Revelation 2:17

- Courageous radical obedience
 - Heavenly manna
 - White stone with a new name
- Dumber than a donkey . . . at war with Jesus

