

Sunday, May 13, 2018  
Apocalypse Now: The Lion Roars Series  
Smyrna: Faithful Unto Death  
Revelation 2:8-11  
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focal v10d: 'Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life'

Are we prepared to stand true to Christ and his Word? Already, many are seeking to avoid suffering by compromising and sacrificing the truth. We want to be respectable, conventional, and inoffensive. But the church at Smyrna, in Revelation 2:8-11, drew a line for the truth for Christ's sake. She obeyed Christ's counsel not to compromise with the world. The cost of that obedience was great. So it is today, for when we walk the straight and narrow paths of inspired Scripture, many people regard us as puritanical, old-fashioned, rigid, or impractical. They ridicule and despise us – and, at times, even seek to do us grievous harm. But when we hear the truth of God's Word with faith and seek to live according to it, we become rich in Christ Jesus.

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