

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**12.29.24 Message | Craig Corzatt & Tyler Myers | Revelation 2:1-7**  
**Keeping Our Eyes on the Ball**

*"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'"*

- Revelation 2:1-7

### **Introduction**

As we close 2024 and anticipate a fresh start in 2025, this message reminds us to reflect on our walk with Jesus, return to our first love and trust God for what's ahead. Craig Corzatt encourages us to pause, pray and give thanks using the *Prayer of Examen* as a tool for reflection and healing. Tyler Myers challenges us to shift our mindset in 2025—surrendering control and saying "Yes" to God's will even before we know his request.

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### **Icebreaker Question**

What is one highlight or significant lesson from this past year that has helped you grow in your faith?

### **Reflect and Remember:**

1. **Re-read Revelation 2:1-7.** What does it mean to "remember your first love?"  
Share a time when you felt close to Jesus.
2. The *Prayer of Examen* invites us to reflect on moments of gratitude, sin and God's presence. As you look back on 2024:
  - What are you most thankful for?
  - Where do you sense God's healing or forgiveness?
  - How has God grown you in this season?
3. Reflect on this statement: "Jesus allows us to look back and find healing from our sin." How does this truth give you hope for moving forward?

**Anticipate and Surrender (Tyler Myers):**

1. Tyler challenged us to say “Yes” to God before asking, “What does that kind of surrender look like practically in my life?”
2. Reflect on this question: *“Now, Lord, what is your request?”* What steps can you take to intentionally pursue God’s will in 2025?
3. Trusting God’s control changes how we anticipate the new year. How does releasing control and trusting his plans impact your mindset for 2025?

**Closing Prayer**

Spend time in prayer as a group:

- Thank God for his faithfulness in 2024.
- Ask him to help you return to your first love.
- Commit to saying “Yes” to his will in 2025.
- Invite him to reveal his requests for your life.

**“Lord, we say yes to you. Now, what is your request?”**