



## **SMYRNA: THE SUFFERING CHURCH**

### **REVELATION 2:8-11**

#### **What to do When Suffering for Jesus**

1. Do not be afraid.

#### **2 Reasons to Not Be Afraid**

a. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith.

*1 Peter 1:6-7*

b. It \_\_\_\_\_ our faith.

*Romans 5:3-4*

2. Remain faithful to Christ.

#### **3 Incentives to Remain Faithful**

The Faithful:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ real wealth

b. \_\_\_\_\_ the victor's crown

c. \_\_\_\_\_ the second death

### **A Prayer for this Week**

Lord, I don't like thinking about suffering for You, but I ask that You begin to prepare me now for the trials I must endure because I follow You. I know You will not let me go through any trouble without Your presence. Help me to remember that the testing of my faith is proof that I have faith. Let my endurance, character, and hope mature for Your name's recognition. When those trials come, open my eyes to see eternal rewards I will receive for remaining faithful to You. I know there are many suffering for Your name's sake right now. Help them Lord. Let them hear Your words of hope, promise, and reward. Remove their fear and let them remain faithful to You. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.