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Message #2: Start At Home EPHESUS—part 1 of 8

My favorite Cable Stations which are: ESPN, The Food Network, The NFL Network, CNN, and HGTV

“There’s No Place Like Home”.

“Now write down everything you see: things that are, things about to be.”

TO EPHESUS

Write this to Ephesus, to the Angel of the church. The One with Seven Stars in his right-fist grip, striding through the golden seven-lights' circle, speaks: "I see what you've done, your hard, hard work, your refusal to quit. I know you can't stomach evil, that you weed out apostolic pretenders. I know your persistence, your courage in my cause, that you never wear out. "But you walked away from your first love—why?

What's going on with you, anyway? Do you have any idea how far you've fallen? A Lucifer fall! "Turn back! Recover your dear early love. No time to waste, for I'm well on my way to removing your light from the golden circle. "You do have this to your credit: You hate the Nicolaitan business. I hate it, too. "Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. I'm about to call each conqueror to dinner. I'm spreading a banquet of Tree-of-Life fruit, a supper plucked from God's orchard." Revelation 2:1-7 (MSG)

EPHESUS: WHAT JESUS SAYS TO A BUSY CHURCH... Keep first things first

#1. LISTEN UP

“The One with Seven Stars in his right-fist grip, striding through the golden seven-lights' circle, speaks ...”

“How blessed the reader! How blessed the hearers and keepers of these oracle words, all the words written in this book! Time is just about up.” Rev 1:3

2. BUSY ISN'T BLESSED

“I see what you've done, your hard, hard work, your refusal to quit. I know you can't stomach evil, that you weed out apostolic pretenders. I know your persistence, your courage in my cause, that you never wear out.” Revelation 2::2-3 (MSG)

3. CLAIM YOUR NUMERO UNO LOVE

But you walked away from your first love—why? Rev. 2:4

“Every Christian would agree that a man's spiritual health is exactly proportional to his love for God.” -C. S. Lewis

4. REKINDLE THE PASSION