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### A labouring church

#### Revelation 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: <sup>2</sup>"I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; <sup>3</sup>"and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. <sup>4</sup>"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. <sup>5</sup>"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>"But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup>"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

### Two sisters

#### Lukas 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup>Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." <sup>41</sup>And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. <sup>42</sup>"But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

### Stay plugged in

#### John 15:1-5

<sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup>"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

#### Matthew 7:21-23

<sup>21</sup>"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup>"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' <sup>23</sup>"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

### Diligence

#### Proverbs 8:17

<sup>17</sup>I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.

#### Hebrews 11:6

<sup>6</sup>But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

#### Mark 1:35

<sup>35</sup>Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

## **Accountability**

### **1 John 1:7**

<sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.