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7 Letters (Week 3 of 8)

To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death. Revelation 2:8-11 NIV

1. I\_\_\_\_\_.

I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Revelation 2:9 NIV

2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_.

I lie down and sleep. I wake again because the Lord sustains me. I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side. Psalm 3:5-6 NIV

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9 NIV

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3 NIV

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.1 Peter 1:6-7 NIV

4. I will \_\_\_\_\_ you.

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown. Revelation 2:10 NIV

"Eighty and six years have I served Him and He has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me." – Polycarp

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