

Revelation 2:8-11—the Church of Smyrna:

What this “Tweet” says about Jesus:

1. Jesus knows _____. [v.9]
 - “Suffering” is used to describe a man being _____.
2. Jesus knows _____. [v.9]
 - The believers in Smyrna understood that _____ is not all that matters.
3. Jesus knows _____. [v.9]
 - Religion _____ to their need of God.
4. Jesus doesn’t want us to be _____. [v.10]
 - Jesus has _____ of all that is about to happen to us.
 - Our sufferings are _____.
 - We “fear not” because God _____.
5. Jesus wants us to _____. [vs. 10-11]
 - “Death has become a ‘_____’ for the people of God”.—*John Stott*
- * “In heaven, we’ll remember the day we died with the same fondness we remember graduation day.” - *Max Lucado*

This week ask yourself:

1. How does my perspective on struggles change when I understand that Jesus knows my sufferings, my poverty, and my enemies?
2. What are some of my greatest fears? How does the truth that Jesus has perfect knowledge of all that is about to happen to me change my “fear perspective”?
3. Do I view death as a “trivial episode”? Why or why not? What must I change in order to change my point of view?

Action step:

Hebrews 13:5-6 [NIV] says, “*Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you’.* So we say with confidence, *‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?’*”. Rewrite this text to make it personal. Ask God to remind you of this text next time you are feeling afraid.