



Rekindling  
the Agape  
Spirit

~ MY STORY, MY SONG! ~

RECAPTURING  
YOUR FIRST LOVE

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## Revelation 2:4

***But I have this against you,  
that you have abandoned  
the love you had at first.***

## Revelation 2:1

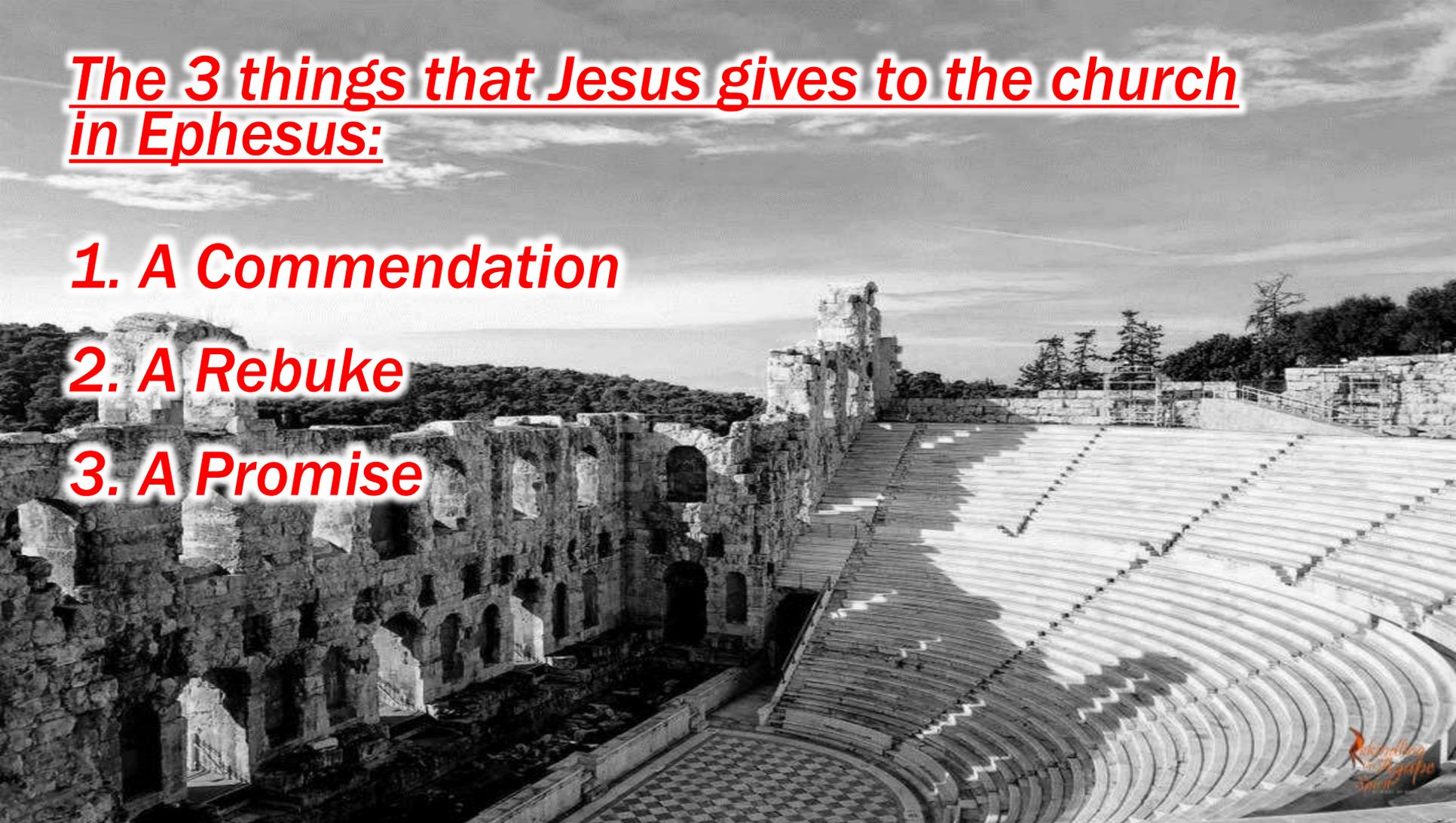
***“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:  
‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in  
his right hand, who walks among the seven  
golden lampstands.’”***

# The 3 things that Jesus gives to the church in Ephesus:

**1. A Commendation**

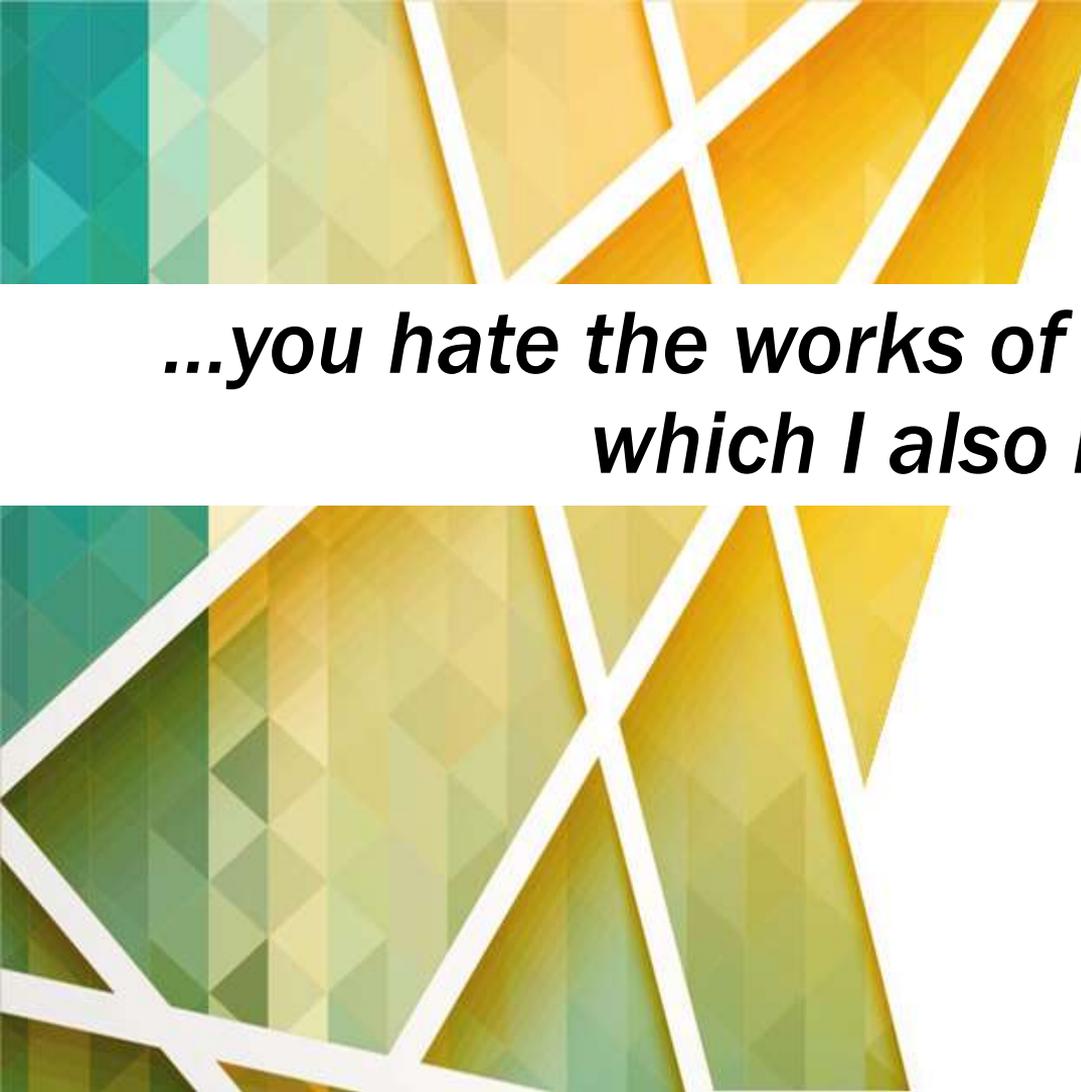
**2. A Rebuke**

**3. A Promise**



## Revelation 2:2-3

***<sup>2</sup>I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup> I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.***



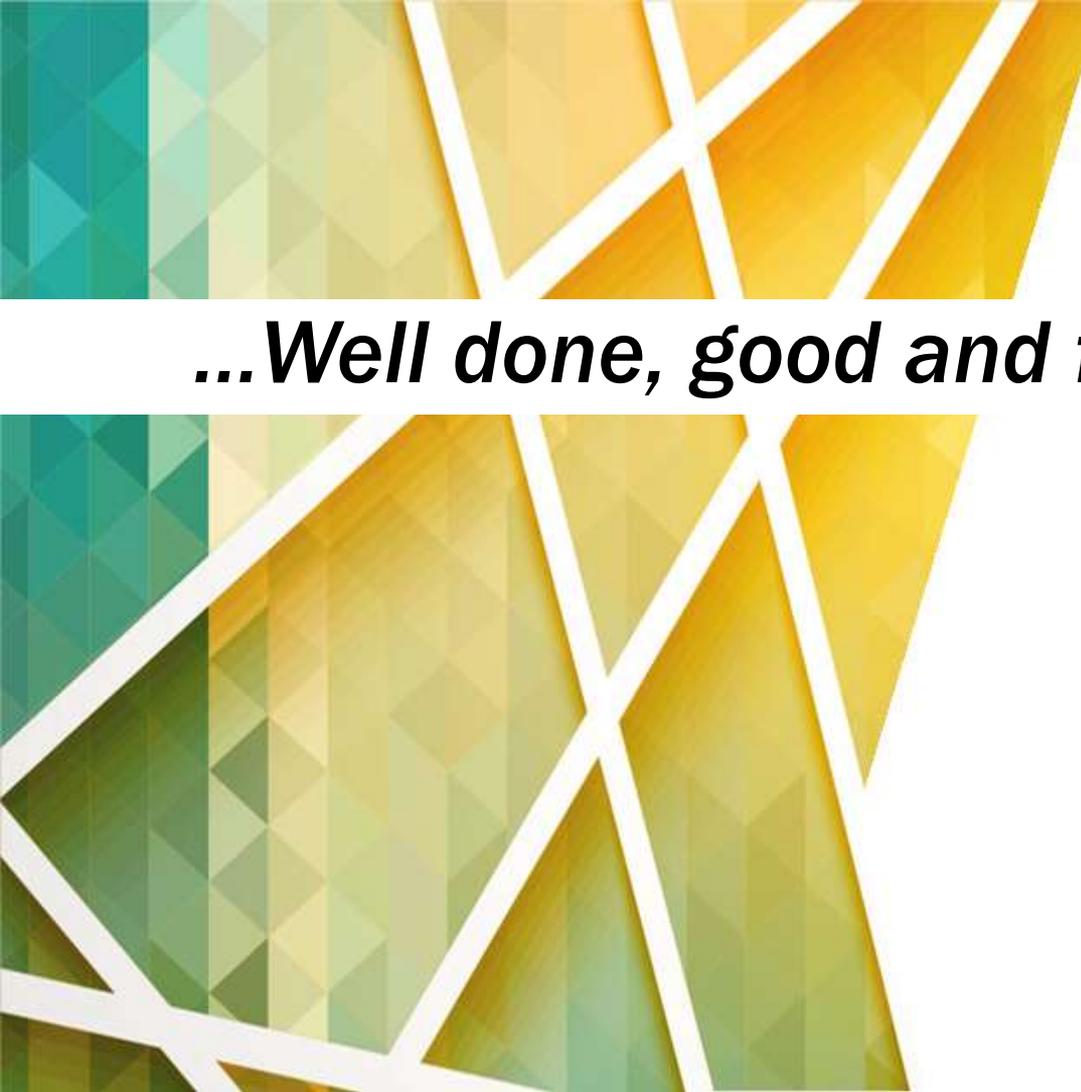
**Revelation 2:6**

***...you hate the works of the Nicolaitans,  
which I also hate.***

Jesus graciously commends us  
based on what we do

by

*Faith.*



**Matthew 25:23**

***...Well done, good and faithful servant...***

No *condemnation* from  
Christ  
does not mean  
no *commendation* from  
Christ.



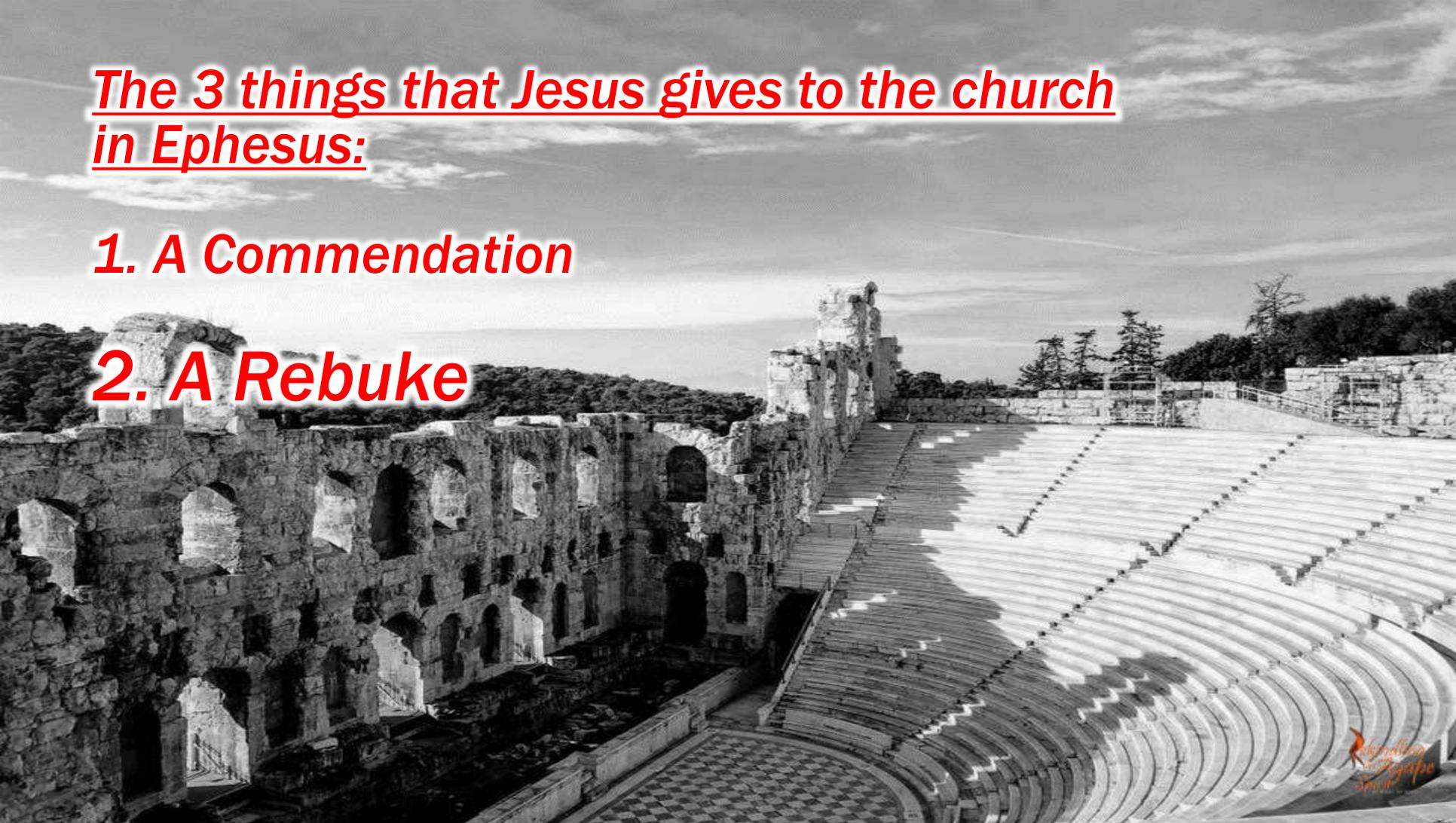
**A true understanding of grace  
always fuels a life of loving  
obedience.**

**What God desires for us is  
the Agape spirit:  
obedience out of love.**

*The 3 things that Jesus gives to the church  
in Ephesus:*

*1. A Commendation*

*2. A Rebuke*



## Revelation 2:4-5

*But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.*

## Proverbs 27:7

*Faithful are the wounds of a friend...*

**Revelation 2:4**

**But I have this against you, that you have  
abandoned the love you had at first.**

**Romans 8:31**

**If God is for us, then who can be against us?**



**You truly know the covenantal love of Christ when you know him as someone who is so clearly for you, that you are able to hear what he has against you.**

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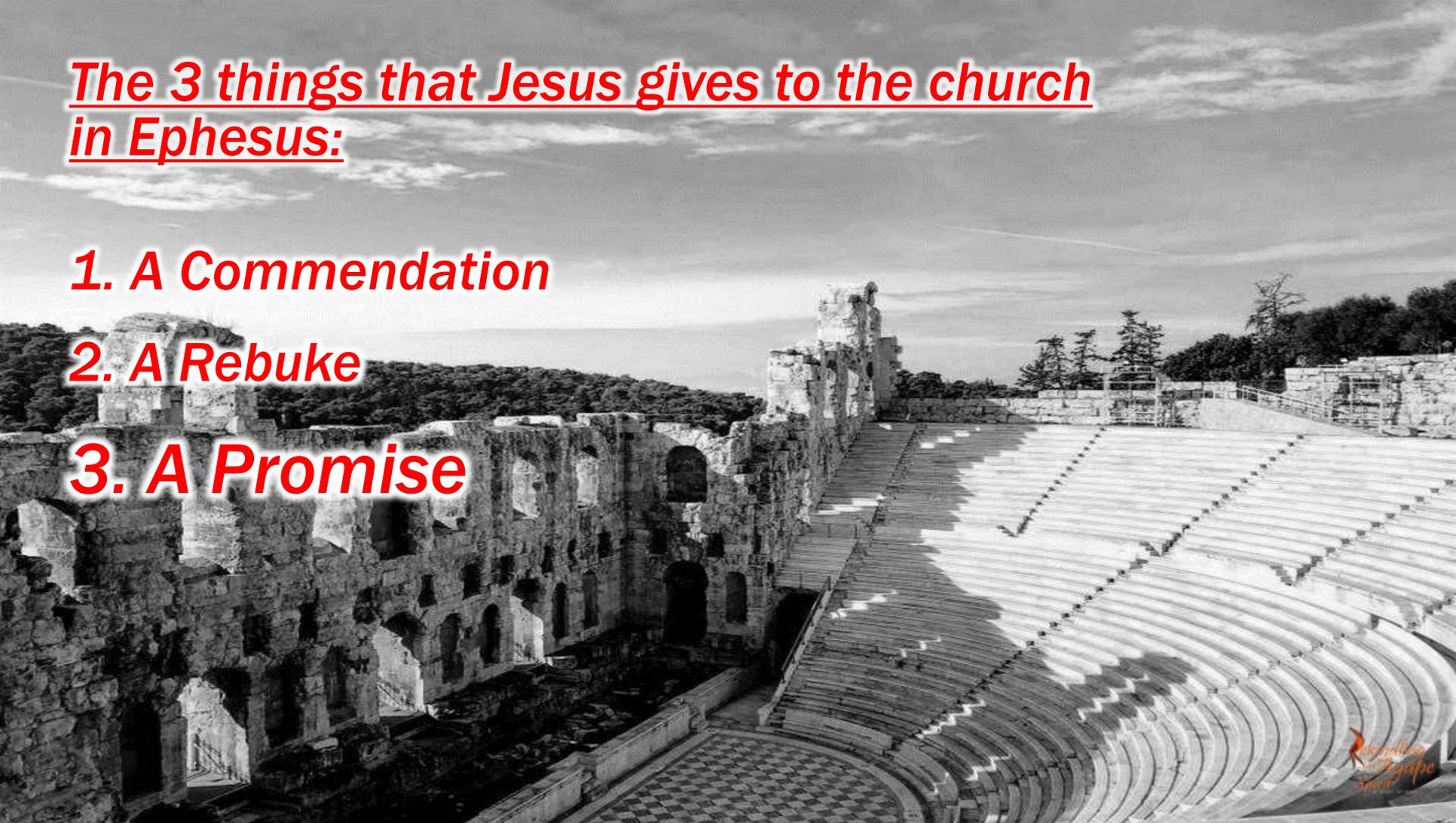
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## Revelation 2:7

*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.*

**John 16:33**

***...take heart,  
I have overcome the world.***



The enemy  
is the eternal loser  
because Christ is  
our eternal victor.

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## **3 applications**

**1. Deepen your devotional life**

**2. Deepen your evangelistic fervour**

**3. Pray for Pastor Guna and his family** ←