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Ready for Either

Revelation 2:8-11

To the Church in Smyrna

⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. ⁹ “ ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

What does the Spirit say to the American Church about the Persecuted Church?

1. Live _____.

2. _____ Intentionally.

3. Love _____.



Resources

1. Open Doors International - opendoors.org

Founded by *Brother Andrew*, Open Doors tracks global persecution and provides practical support like Bibles, trauma care, and safe housing.

2. Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) - persecution.com

Offers prayer guides, prisoner letter campaigns, family support, and frontline ministry grants.

3. International Christian Concern (ICC) – persecution.org - Engages in direct aid, international advocacy, and public awareness campaigns.

4. Barnabas Aid - barnabasaid.org

Focuses on practical aid: food, shelter, medical help, Christian schools, and rebuilding churches in Muslim- and Hindu-majority regions.

5. Global Christian Relief - globalchristianrelief.org A new initiative with a global network focused on high-impact, urgent relief to persecuted believers.

