

Think It Over: This section is about turning what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your own next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- Can you think of a time where you saw someone trying to live on the fence regarding a specific issue in their life? How did it go? When have you tried to do something like that? When is it ok to live on the fence (to compromise)? When is not a good idea because it becomes compromising? How do you determine the issues, concerns, and practices that need a line (not to cross) and when it might be ok?
- Read Revelation 2:12-17. What was the church at Pergamum doing well? Why does doing something well not cover doing something else not well? Compromise is very insidious, making it very dangerous. Who is there in your life that can speak into your life like John, inspired by Jesus to speak into the church in Pergamum? What does that person look like? What can you be doing so you are "qualified" or ready to be that kind of person for someone else?
- Reread Revelation 2:12-13. What are some of the guards you can put in place to minimize a world that is fueling compromise? Are you regularly welcoming God's Word to be used by the Holy Spirit to judge your thoughts and feelings? How does compromise in the lighter things set a person up for life-damaging compromise down the road?
- How can you leverage the truth of Romans 12:1-2 in your everyday life? Why do we often wait till things get unbearable before we take a serious look at integrating Romans 12:1-2 into life?
- What are the thoughts and then behaviors that set life up for compromise? How do we let the bad behavior of a Christian or church become an excuse to give up guarding against compromise? When we do such things, who is the person really being hurt?
- Joseph (not Jesus' earthly dad) is a prime example of someone who fled compromise. How did he mirror 1 Corinthians 10:13? What is personally helpful in Joseph living out the principle for you?
- How do you regularly repent? Is it a decaffeinated repentance or a genuine repentance? How do you know the difference?

Next Steps: How will you hold onto the three benefits living compromised free? That doesn't mean temptation disappears. What would be wonderful about the Bottom Line being more realized in your life? What can you do to move in that direction?

Changing Your Mind: Choose one of the verses listed in the Message Guide and commit it to heart.



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¹²To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword, whose words pierce the hearts of men and women. ¹³I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not deny your faith in me even in the days of my faithful martyr Antipas, who was executed in your city, where Satan lives. ¹⁴Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. ¹⁵Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. ¹⁷Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is [overcomes], I will let him feast on the hidden manna and give him a shining white stone. And written upon the white stone is inscribed his new name, known only to the one who receives it.

Revelation 2:12–17 NIV, TPT

_____ on the _____

➔ _____ compromise (*Revelation 2:12–13 NIV*)

¹²God's word is alive and working. It is sharper than the sharpest sword and cuts all the way into us. It cuts deep to the place where the soul and the spirit are joined. ...It judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts.

Hebrews 4:12 ERV

²⁹God, our God, will take care of the hidden things but the revealed things are our business. It's up to us and our children to attend to all the terms in this Revelation.

Deuteronomy 29:29 MSG

➔ _____ compromise (*Revelation 2:13 NIV*)

_____ in the _____ things will never lead to _____ in _____ things.

²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2 NIV

¹So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Romans 12:1 MSG

➔ _____ compromise. (Revelation 2:14–15 ESV)

Numbers 22-24

Anyone who has a different teaching does not agree with the true teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that shows the true way to serve God. This person is full of pride and understands nothing, but is sick with a love for arguing and fighting about words. This brings jealousy, fighting, speaking against others, evil mistrust, and constant quarrels...

1 Timothy 6:5 NCV

¹So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving? ²I should hope not! If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there? Romans 6:1–2 MSG

²Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. Romans 12:2 MSG

➔ _____ compromise (Revelation 2:16 NIV)

¹¹On one of these days he came to the house to do his work and none of the household servants happened to be there. ¹²She grabbed him by his cloak, saying, "Sleep with me!" He left his coat in her hand and ran out of the house. Genesis 39:11–12 MSG

¹³We all experience times of testing, which is normal for every human being. But you can trust God. He will screen and filter the severity, nature, and timing of every test or trial you face so that you can bear it. And each test is an opportunity to trust him more, for along with every trial God has provided for you a way of escape that will bring you out of it victoriously or he will make you able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 TPT, ERV

It may _____ like it and _____ like it

but it isn't real _____.

³Then Judas... repented himself...

Matthew 27:3 ASV

The _____ repentance (metamelomai) conveys a _____ of mind, such as to produce _____ or even _____ on account of _____ but not necessarily a _____ of _____.

²⁵... You wash clean the outside of your cups and dishes. But inside they are full of what you got by cheating others and pleasing yourselves. ²⁶... First make the inside of the cup clean and good... Matthew 23:25-26 ERV

¹⁰Distress that drives us to God does that. It turns us around. It gets us back in the way of salvation. We never regret that kind of pain. But those who let distress drive them away from God are full of regrets, end up on a deathbed of regrets. ¹¹And ... you've come out of this with purity of heart.

2 Corinthians 7:10–11 MSG

➔ _____ _____ compromise (Revelation 2:17 NIV)

➤ Manna

_____, _____, _____

Psalm 34:8-10 NIV, ERV, MSG; John 4:34 MSG; John 6:51 TPT

➤ White _____

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➤ New _____

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Ephesians 1:11–13 MSG

Bottom Line:

In _____ I can _____ of all I _____

because in _____ I have all that I _____.

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