

What to do when...**YOU HAVE FALLEN OUT OF LOVE**  
Revelation 2:1-7

**JESUS KNOWS WHAT IS GOING ON.**

1. **Above** the surface things **looked great**.

📖 Revelation 2:1–3 (NIV) “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: <sup>2</sup> I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup> You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.”

- Jesus saw their **actions**.
- Jesus saw their **hard work**.
- Jesus saw their **intolerance for wickedness**.
- Jesus saw their **perseverance**.
- Jesus saw their **doctrinal accuracy**
- Jesus saw their **moral purity**.

📖 Revelation 2:6 (NIV), “...you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

2. **Below** the surface things **were falling apart**.

📖 Revelation 2:4 (NIV) “Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.”

**Heart Drift:**

- Heart drift **is seldom intentional**.
- Heart drift **starts when focus shifts**.
- Heart drift **is noticed first by the one being neglected**.

**JESUS KNOWS WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.**

📖 Revelation 2:5 (NIV) “Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.”

**What to do when YOU HAVE FALLEN OUT OF LOVE:**

- **Remember** what it used to be like.

📖 Revelation 2:5a (NIV) “Remember the height from which you have fallen!”

📖 Lamentations 3:40 (Msg) “Let’s take a good look at the way we’re living and reorder our lives under God.”

- **Repent** for what you have done.

📖 Revelation 2:5b (NIV) “Repent...”

- **Return** to doing the things you used to do.

📖 Revelation 2:5c (NIV) “...and do the things you did at first.”

📖 Philippians 3:16 (Msg) “Now that we’re on the right track, let’s stay on it.”

**Digging Deeper:** Does your walk with God include the things that Jesus commended the church in Ephesus for doing? Are you pouring yourself into the life of this church? Is your service for our Savior noticeable? Has your heart drifted? Do you need to repent? Do apologies need to be made? What can you start doing again that you used to do a lot?



