

“READY & STEADY:

How Revelation Trains Disciples to Live Watchful, Faithful, and Unshakable”

Revelation isn't just “_____.” It's **Jesus discipling the Church**, teaching us how to stay faithful, spiritually _____, and focused on Him no matter what the world is doing.

Why it's important for all disciples

- **It centers disciples on Jesus** (Revelation is the “revelation of Jesus Christ,” not just events).
- **It trains us to endure** with wisdom and courage.
- **It calls the Church to holiness and steadfast love** - no drifting, _____.

Key Scriptures

- **Revelation 1:3** - blessing for those who read, hear, and _____
- **Revelation 1:17-18** - Jesus is alive forever and holds authority
- **Revelation 2:4-5** - return to first love (a disciple heart-check)
- **Revelation 3:15-16, 19-20** - _____ + Jesus knocking (discipleship correction + invitation)
- **Revelation 19:11-16** - Jesus the victorious King (discipleship hope and confidence)

Revelation 1:3 (NKJV)

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this _____ and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is _____.”

What it means (and why it matters for disciples)

1) “Blessed is he who reads...”

In the early church, not everyone owned a scroll—so *one person would read it aloud* to the group. Jesus is saying: **there is a real attached to opening this book.**
Not a blessing for being “end-times smart,” but for being **a who listens to Jesus.**

Discipleship takeaway: A disciple isn’t just fed by sermons; they’re fed by _____. Revelation isn’t a book to avoid; it’s a book that **awakens and strengthens believers.**

2) “...and those who hear the words of this prophecy...”

“Hear” in the Bible often means more than sound hitting your ears. It means **to receive it, take it _____, and let it _____ you.** Revelation was meant to be heard by the _____ as a message from Jesus to keep them **steady, _____ and encouraged.**

Discipleship takeaway: We don’t read Revelation like spectators watching a movie. We hear it like disciples receiving _____ from the King.

3) “...and keep those things which are written in it...”

This is the big one. The blessing isn’t just for reading or hearing, it’s for _____.

To “keep” means to **guard, hold fast, obey, and _____.**

So, what are we “keeping” in Revelation?

- **Keep _____ first**
- **Keep your faith steady** (don’t compromise)
- **Keep your _____ strong** (don’t bow to fear or culture)
- **Keep your _____** (keep overcoming, keep following)

Discipleship takeaway: Revelation is not a puzzle to solve; it's a discipleship manual to live.

4) "...for the time is near."

This does **not** mean we set dates or panic. It means the message is _____ and **relevant**, not distant information for "someday."

Jesus is basically saying: "Church, stay _____. Stay _____. Stay _____ to Me."

Discipleship takeaway: "Near" produces **readiness**, not fear. It calls disciples to live as Jesus matters _____ because He does.

"Revelation 1:3 tells us there's a blessing for the disciple who **reads** the Word, **hears** it with a surrendered _____, and **keeps** it through _____ because Jesus is calling His Church to stay ready, faithful, and close."

Discipleship takeaways

Revelation grows _____ disciples

Meaning: A watchful disciple is spiritually awake -paying attention to Jesus, guarding their heart, and refusing to _____ into "auto-pilot Christianity."

What Revelation teaches us about watchfulness

- **Revelation is a wake-up call** to the Church. It reminds us that we are living in a real spiritual battle, but we're not living in fear- we're living in focus.
- Jesus repeatedly speaks to the churches with _____, encouragement, and promises. That's discipleship! He's training His people to **stay alert**, not _____.
- Watchfulness isn't "end-times panic." It's **everyday readiness**- staying faithful in _____, obedience, and truth.

Key scriptures to anchor this takeaway

- **Revelation 1:3** - Blessing for those who *read*, _____, and *keep* what's written.
- **Revelation 3:19–20** - Jesus corrects those whom He loves and **calls** us back _____ to Him.

A Discipleship way...What Disciples do...

- **Watchful** disciples don't just *consume* Bible information—they _____ to it.
- They ask: “*Lord, what are You saying to me? What do I need to change? What do I need to _____?*”
- They stay sensitive to conviction and don't ignore the “knock” of Jesus when He's calling them _____.

Life application

- Do a “heart check.”
 - Where have I gotten spiritually sleepy?
 - What has distracted me - fear, entertainment, busyness, comfort?
 - What is Jesus telling me to strengthen right now?

Revelation grows FAITHFUL disciples

Meaning: Faithful disciples _____. They keep following Jesus when it's hard, when it's uncomfortable, when it's _____, and when it costs something.

What Revelation teaches us about faithfulness

- Revelation is filled with Jesus telling believers to **overcome** -not by strength in themselves, but by staying loyal to Him.
- The churches in Revelation faced pressure, temptation, compromise, and spiritual opposition. Sound familiar? That's why it matters for disciples today.

- Faithfulness is not _____. It's **perseverance** -getting up, returning to Jesus, and continuing to obey.

Key scriptures to anchor this takeaway

- **Revelation 2:4-5** - Returning to first love is part of faithfulness.
- **Revelation 3:19** -Correction is _____; repentance is discipleship.
- **Revelation 1:17-18** - Jesus is alive forevermore, _____ faithfulness is anchored in His _____.

Discipleship way....

- Faithful disciples don't live by _____; they live by **truth**.
- They don't interpret Jesus through circumstances; they interpret circumstances through _____.
- Revelation shows us: Jesus is not confused, not defeated, not distant—He is reigning, speaking, and leading His people.

Life application

Questions.

- Where am I tempted to compromise?
- What pressure tries to pull me away from obedience?
- What is one area Jesus is asking me to tighten up, speech, purity, forgiveness, prayer, or consistency?

Pray up to Jesus - “Jesus, strengthen my endurance. Make me steady. Help me obey even when my feelings are loud.”

Revelation grows WORSHIPING disciples

Meaning: Worshiping disciples keep Jesus first. Worship is not only singing it's surrender, obedience, reverence, and awe.

What Revelation teaches us about worship

- Heaven is full of worship because heaven is _____ . Revelation lifts our eyes: **Jesus is the center.**
- When disciples truly see Jesus rightly, compromise loses its shine, fear loses its grip, and endurance becomes possible.
- Worship reorders our priorities. It helps a disciple say, “Jesus is worth it—no matter what.”

Key scriptures to anchor this takeaway

- **Revelation 19:11–16** Jesus as the victorious _____.
- **Revelation 1:17–18** Jesus holds authority over death and life.
- **Revelation 3:20** Jesus wants closeness, _____ and communion with His people.

Discipleship way

- Worshiping disciples build their lives around Jesus, not around crisis.
- They practice daily worship through:
 - obedience (doing what He says)
 - prayer (staying connected)
 - Thanksgiving (staying hopeful)
 - _____ (staying set apart)

Question:

What competes for my worship? _____ You Answer Here _____ (time, attention, money, fear, relationships, comfort)

“Revelation trains _____ disciples. It makes us watchful, so we don’t drift, faithful so we don’t quit, and worshiping so Jesus stays first. This isn’t just information, this is _____.”

Family, tonight we learned something powerful.

Revelation isn't a book for the "super spiritual," it's a book for disciples. Revelation 1:3 reminds us that there is a blessing when we **read** the Word, **hear** the Word, and **keep** the Word. That means we don't just collect information, we _____ with obedience.

So, as we close, let this be our discipleship decision:

- We will stay **watchful**, awake in prayer, alert in the Spirit, and grounded in truth.
- We will stay **faithful**, enduring with Jesus, not quitting when life gets heavy, and not compromising when culture gets loud.
- We will stay **worshiping**, keeping Jesus first, because when Jesus is first, everything else finds its _____.

Revelation calls us back to the center: **Jesus is Lord. Jesus is victorious. Jesus is coming.** And because the time is near, we don't live in fear; we live in **readiness**. We don't live distracted, we live **devoted**. We don't live lukewarm, we live **on fire**, close to the One who knocks and invites us into deeper fellowship, AMEN!

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