

Deny Yourself  
“I’ve Witnessed It”  
September 3, 2025 - First Wednesday

Revelation 2:1-7

- Theme: How to recover our peak relationship with Jesus, our FIRST LOVE.
- Ephesus means “DESIRED”
  - ✓ They had zeal, activity, sound DOCTRINE and PRACTICE.
  - ✓ Love looks for LOVE
  - ✓ Loss of First Love is easily followed by EVILS in doctrine and practice
    - Luke 10:38-42
  - ✓ Modern day town Selcuk, Turkey immersed in Islam - Light REMOVED
    - Example: Gas tank
- Detox yourself - Matthew 16:24-25
  1. There is a COST
    - A cost to serve Jesus and a cost NOT TO - Luke 14:25-27 NIV
      - ✓ The priority on our LIFE LIST?
  2. Denying self doesn’t look for a BARGAIN
    - Deny our soul: mind, will and EMOTION
    - Example: RICH Young Ruler - Luke 18:22-24
    - WHEN will you return? Just watch.
  3. Denying self doesn’t NEGOTIATE
    - This is WHERE we will die - Example: Peter
  4. Denying self begins with a SINCERE HEART
    - It’s your MOVE - James 4:8a
    - Example: Billy Graham quote: “Live with THE END in mind, finish the race without LOSING MY FIRST LOVE!”