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<sup>8</sup> "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. <sup>9</sup> " '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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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.'

1. How do Christians endure and face such tortuous executions in the name of their Lord Jesus?
2. Why is it important to know who this book of Revelation is from?
3. How do you reconcile the idea of God allowing His people to be "crushed" or persecuted?
4. Is obeying the civil leaders and laws of the land difficult for you, and why?
5. Have you ever thought of yourself as rich simply because of what Christ has done for you?
6. If Jesus knows more attacks are coming, why would he tell them not to fear, and not exercise his sovereign authority to stop it?

2 Corinthians 12:9–10 **ESV**

<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Do you look at your trials in life this way?

- Is Jesus worth dying for?
- Is Jesus worth living for?