

“HOW TO SAFELY LAND” (40 Days of Purpose)

Introduction:

Revelation 2:2-5 (NIV) “²I 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. ³You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. ⁴Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. ⁵Remember 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.”

- _____ **PRESSURE SYSTEM – FIRST LOVE**

1. There is an insatiable _____.
2. There is a heavy _____.
3. There is an intense _____.

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

- _____ **PRESSURE SYSTEM – LOSS OF FIRST LOVE**

THREE STEPS BACK

1. R _____

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

- You need to remember your first love because:
 1. God _____ your love
 2. God _____ your love
- 2. R _____.

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

3. D _____ you used to do.

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

- Do means motion that will lead to _____.
- _____ at a time (Go do the right thing!”)

- You become more and more _____.
- Key: selective obedience is not obedience _____.

Galatians 5:22 – 23a (NIV) “²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

CONCLUSION:

II Corinthians 8:11 (LB) “ Having started the ball rolling so enthusiastically, you should carry this project through to completion just as gladly. Let your enthusiastic idea at the start be equaled by your realistic action now.”

- When you fail, _____.
- God’s _____ will never fail you.