



Shofar Christian Church

# Purpose in The Presence of God

*Part one: Jesus Our First Love*

- (Rev 2:1) “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:
- (Rev 2:2) ‘I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false;
- (Rev 2:3) and you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary.



- (Rev 2:4) But I have *this* against you, that you have left your **first love**.
- (Rev 2:5) Therefore **remember** from where you have fallen, **and repent** and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place unless you repent.
- (Rev 2:6) Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
- (Rev 2:7) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'



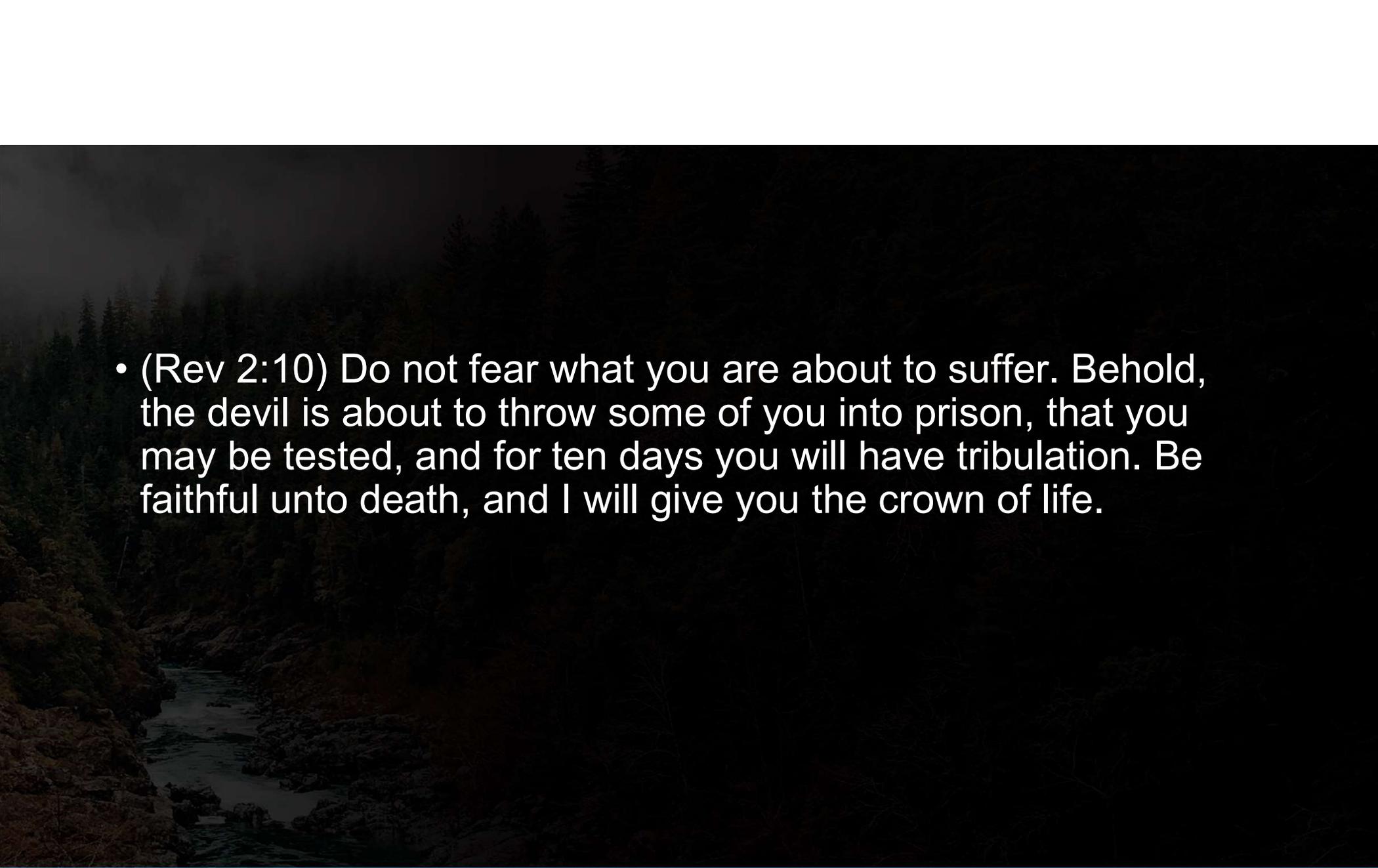
- (Jer 2:6) They did not ask, '**Where is the LORD, who brought us up** out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?'
- (Jer 2:19) ...Know and see that it is evil and bitter for you to forsake the LORD your God; **the fear of me is not in you**, declares the Lord GOD of hosts.



# Keeping Jesus our First Love By:

1. Remembering Who God is and what He has done.



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- (Rev 2:10) 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.



# Keeping Jesus our First Love By:

1. Remembering Who God is and what He has done.
2. Remembering to what we are called.

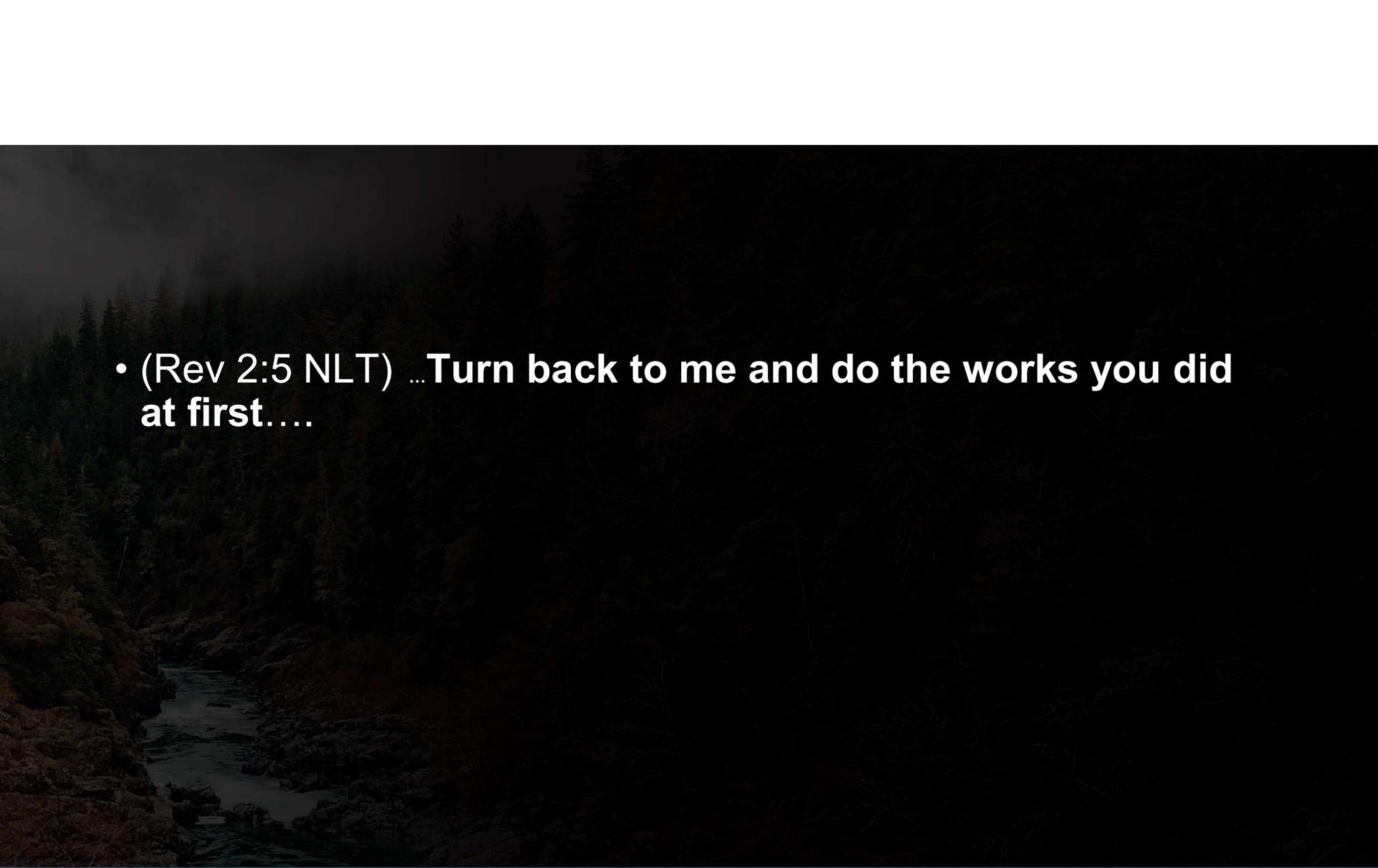


# MY FIRST LOVE

A. As we loved Jesus at first (chronology)

B. Jesus is my first love (Priority)



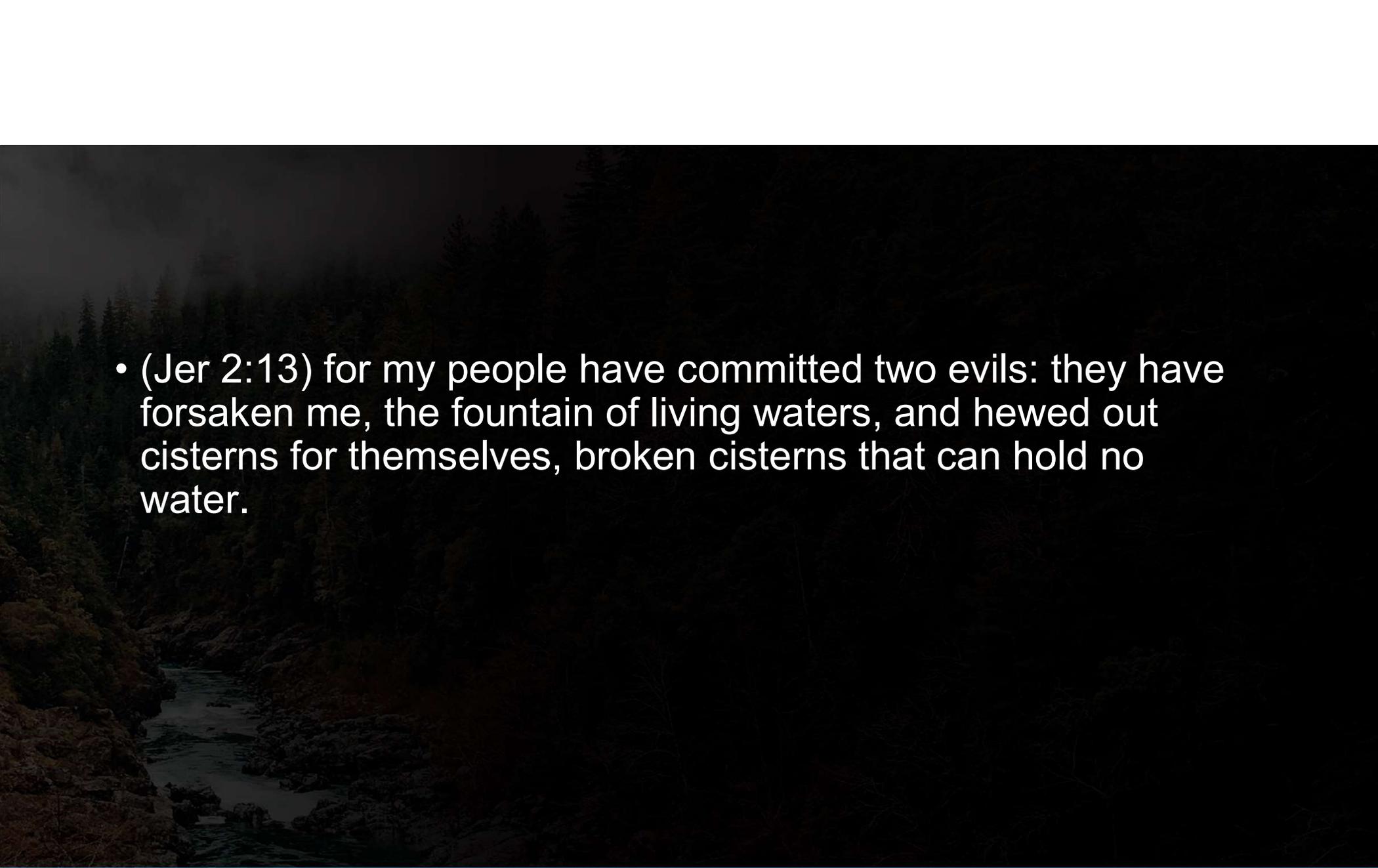
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- (Rev 2:5 NLT) ...**Turn back to me and do the works you did at first....**



# Keeping Jesus our First Love By:

- 1.Remembering Who God is and what He has done.
- 2.Remembering to what we are called.
- 3.Remembering our First Love comes before first works.



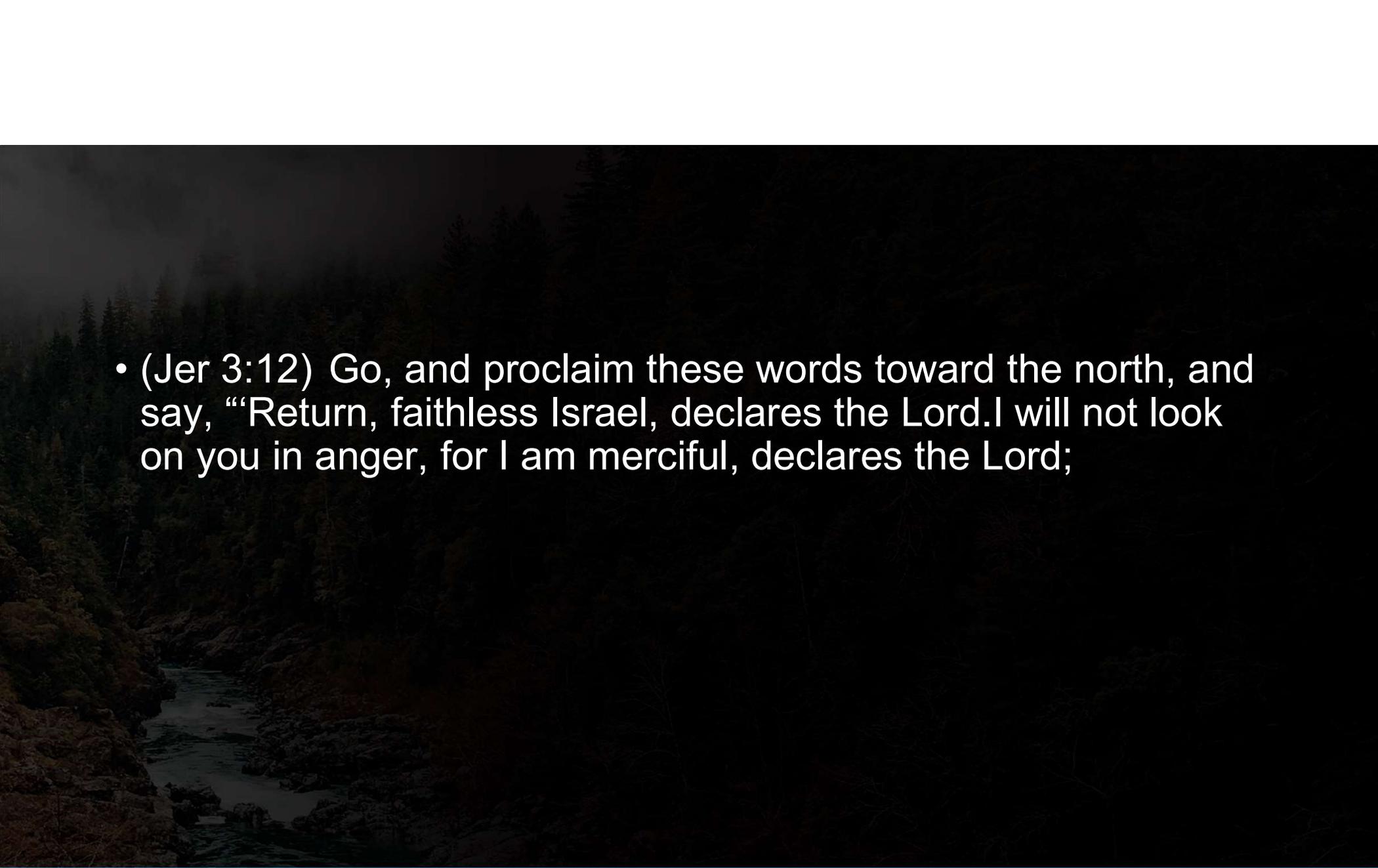
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- (Jer 2:13) for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.



# Keeping Jesus our First Love By:

1. Remembering Who God is and what He has done.
2. Remembering to what we are called.
3. Remembering our First Love comes before first works.
4. Remembering that God alone can sustain us.



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- (Jer 3:12) Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, “Return, faithless Israel, declares the Lord. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, declares the Lord;

