



Rock Point Church
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BIG IDEA | When life says hang it up, HOLD ON!

Romans 5:3-5 (NLT)

³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

HOLD ON TO HIS:

Person & Power

Revelation 3:7 (NLT)

⁷ "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Philadelphia.

This is the message from the one who is holy and true,
the one who has the key of David.

What he opens, no one can close;
and what he closes, no one can open:

Purpose & Plan

Revelation 3:8-9 (NLT)

⁸ “I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me. ⁹ Look, I will force those who belong to Satan’s synagogue—those liars who say they are Jews but are not—to come and bow down at your feet. They will acknowledge that you are the ones I love.

Perspective & Promises

Revelation 3:10-13 (NLT)

¹⁰ “Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world. ¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. ¹² All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name.

¹³ “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.”

GROUPS QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you about this week’s sermon?
2. What are some of the lies the world tells us about God? How do the lies we believe influence how we view God and how we view ourselves?
3. Read Revelation 3:10-13. How do we hold on to the truth of who God is?

4. What are some of God's promises? How do God's promises give us hope?
5. What is the difference between God's perspective and our perspective? How can we make sure we are focused on God's perspective instead of our own?
6. How can we step out in faith and truly do what God asks of us?