



## LISTENING GUIDE

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### **The Wayward Church**

*Revelation 2:1-7*

In our passage this morning, Jesus began to address His seven churches in seven letters. This first letter, dictated to the apostle John, was directed to *the wayward church*. Let's follow Jesus' unique letter-writing formula to see what He has to say.

Notice...

#### **I. Jesus' Commendation (vv.2-3, 6)**

- Jesus commended the church in Ephesus for:

1. *Their* \_\_\_\_\_ *and* \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2a, 3)

2. *Their* \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.2b, 6)

#### **II. Jesus' Condemnation (v.4)**

- Jesus' lone complaint against this church was that they abandoned their first \_\_\_\_\_!
- This was a church with busy \_\_\_\_\_ but cold \_\_\_\_\_
- See *1 John 4:20* and *Matthew 22:37-39*

#### **III. Jesus' Command (v.5)**

- A three-pronged command from Jesus:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. Jesus' Challenge (v.7)

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!
- See *1 John 5:4-5*