

Series: **Dear Church**

*The Church in Philadelphia*

Mercy Road Church - May 8, 2022

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Text: Revelation 3:7-13

*Today we continue in our series on the seven letters to seven ancient churches found in the book of Revelation. Today we also celebrate Mother's Day and honor the biological and spiritual mothers who shaped each one of us.*

**1. The Praise:** "You have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name."

- Rev. 3:8

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

- 2 Corinthians 12:9

**2. The Problem:** Religious hypocrites are persecuting the church, but they will not ultimately succeed.

- Rev. 3:9

"They will bow down before you and plead with you, saying, 'Surely God is with you...'"

- Isaiah 45:14

**3. The Promise:** God will intensely honor those who overcome, those who remain faithful.

- Rev. 3:12