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**[SERMON NOTES]**

**3 Attacks on the Churches Worship**

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**The Church of Pergamum - (*Revelation 2:12-17*)**

“Do not allow your \_\_\_\_\_ the ability to govern your \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.” - HB Charles Jr.

Compromise is \_\_\_\_\_. (cf. *Hebrews 12:1-3*)

You can't compromise both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (cf. *Romans 12:1-2*)

God's love \_\_\_\_\_ compromise. (cf. *Ephesians 4:17-24*)

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**[QUICK REVIEW]**

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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**[MY STORY]**

Whether we want to admit it or not, we are influenced and shaped by the culture that we are a part of. Everything is so easily accessible and we are fully immersed in it everyday. It begins, but isn't limited to social media posts, advertisements, various forms of media, and on and on. Whether we realize it or not, it consumes our thoughts, shapes our opinions, and serves as major parts of our conversations and interactions with others. We are pressured by social expectations that our lives are supposed to look a certain way. Our kids should be doing certain activities. Our houses need to look trendy. There is no shortage of cultural pressure!

*When you look at your own life, where have you been most influenced by culture? Is that a bad thing or a good thing? Maybe both?*

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**[DIGGING DEEPER]**

In this weekend's message, we talked about the culture of compromise. There is a tension that exists here. Yes, we are going to be influenced by culture, but we don't have to live like a hermit and avoid culture altogether. At the same time, in a relationship with Jesus, there is no room for

compromise. Being influenced by culture does not justify sin that might be a part of your life because of culture. **Read Romans 12:1-2 and John 15:18-19.** *What does the tension described here practically look like in your life? How do you avoid being conformed by the “patterns of the world” yet maintain relationships for the sake of the gospel?*

*What detriment does compromise play in your personal faith? What detriment would compromise have in the church?*

Examine the list below and spend some time considering where you may have compromised in your faith at times. It could be current or even something you’ve experienced in the past. (Circle) one and answer: *What did that compromise look like and why is it so dangerous?*

Personal Study of God’s Word

Prayer life

Finances/Giving

Church Attendance

Accountability

Serving

Worship

Community with other believers

Sharing your faith

**Read** the following passages and write out the different reasons why there isn't room for compromise in your faith.

**1 Peter 1:13-16**

**Romans 6:1-4**

**Colossians 2:6-15**

Jesus describes His words to the church in Pergamum as a “double edged sword.” This is not the only time in Scripture that we see the word of God being referenced to this. **Read Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17, and Revelation 2:12** and describe the importance of God’s Word likened to a sword.

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### [WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend’s message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

**John 15**

**Psalms 119:97-112**

**Ephesians 4:14-24**

**Psalms 23**