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Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6)

The city of Sardis was 30 miles east of Smyrna and built on a high mesa. The city should have been impenetrable, but it was conquered twice. Wealth and a false sense of security can allow one to become vulnerable to arrogance and pride.

*"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of Him Who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. "I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'" (Revelation 3:1-2, 5-6)*

The people were spiritually numb, empty. Their reputation was that they were alive, but Christ knew differently. The people were STAGNANT.

Jesus warns that He's going to come like a "thief in the night", when they least expect it.

*Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. (Revelation 3:3)*

**The church was full of people who \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus,  
but did not \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.**

*Waking up spiritually means... knowing that for which you stand and what you are willing to do not to fall.*

To the one who conquers...

Jesus will not blot out your name from the book of life (He knows if you are pretending)!

Questions:

When do you experience spiritual numbness?

How can you know Christ more deeply?

How are you encouraged by knowing your name is in the book of life?