



TURN AROUND!

RUNNING A.M.O.K. STUDY GUIDE ***TURN AROUND--MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 16, '07***

THE CHURCH IN PERGAMUM

Read Revelation 2:12-17

How is the way Jesus introduced himself to the church in Pergamum different from the way he introduced Himself to Ephesus? Smyrna?

What is the church in Pergamum doing right?

What is the church in Pergamum doing wrong?

BALAAAM

Read Numbers 22-24

What was Balaam's motivation for serving Balak?

Why was God displeased with Balaam?

What extreme measures did God go to to get Balaam's attention?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Read Romans 6:1-14

Are you living in freedom or slavery?

Does your church challenge you to turn from your sin?

How is God trying to get your attention?

What is the mess in your life? your church?

What needs to turn around? Are you proud or humble?

To whom are you accountable?

What steps will you take this week to turn around?

ARTISTIC APPLICATIONS

In your meeting and for the rest of the week, pick one of these projects or make up your own as a devotional exercise to focus your thoughts on God and develop the talents he gave you to His glory.

VISUAL ARTISTS

Create an image of Jesus standing among the lampstands as he introduces himself to Pergamum.

Get some white stones and write names from the Scriptures on them that tell us what we mean to God.

WRITERS

Write the story of a self-righteous person who repents after realizing they are far from God.

Pretend you're a member of the church in Pergamum and you just heard this letter from Jesus for the first time. What would you think? What would you change? What would you do?

ACTORS/DRAMA/ DANCERS

Create and perform a drama/skit/dance about repentance and turning around to live in God's freedom.

Create and perform a piece relating to how a church would react to hearing this message for the church in Pergamum.

MUSICIANS

Write a song about repentance and turning around.

Write a song about what is written on the white stones.