**Series: Timeout: Experiencing God in Life’s Disruptions**

**Today: Timeout from the Greek Isles**

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***Revelation 1:9-18***

*9I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.*

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MAP: <https://biblescripture.net/SevenChurches.jpeg>

 *10On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, 11which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”*

*12I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.*

*14The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.*

***Royal***

***Wise***

***Perceptive***

***Authoritative***

***Powerful***

***Glorious***

*17When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

**You will never be in such isolation where Christ’s love cannot find you.**

***Revelation 1:5***

*Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.*

**You will never be so alone that the Holy Spirit cannot lift your soul.**

**Your ultimate future is certain because Jesus writes the end of your story.**

**You will never face anything that God’s power cannot take you through.**

**Jesus is worthy to be at the center and not at the periphery.**