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“This is Us, Building a Sure Foundation”

Bible Study Lesson Series 3: The Book of Jude’s Urgency to Live Holy
The Book of Jude Verses 1: 17-25
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Focus Verse: “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.” Jude 1:25 KJV

Study Objective: Believers learn to maintain a relationship with God to increase their faith and live righteously. Our obedience to God’s words will keep us from falling and present us faultless before God with joy. *“Keep yourself faithful to God’s Love.”*

Introduction / Review: Today's lesson concludes a profound book of the Bible, JUDE, which contains many lessons for Christians to continue applying daily to keep their faith. Deacon Phillips emphasized in lesson 1 that we must contend for the faith due to the urgency of false teachers among us, devaluing God’s grace. Secondly, he challenged us to be examples of Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us as our moral compass. Deacon Chad Jones reminded us in lesson 2 that sin is punishable by God; do not be deceived by that sin is permissible because of grace. Finally, tonight, as a reminder, Jude reveals three principal ideas: 1) Contend for the faith, 2) caution of apostasy from the faith, and 3) Keep the faith.

Review and consider these questions:

1. Who is the Author?
2. Who is Jude writing to?
3. What was happening during this time that led Jude to write this letter?
4. How has this book of the Bible changed your response to becoming more aware of your representation of Christ?

Grab your Bibles and let us read through the scriptures to keep the faith.

Jude 1: 17 – 19: **Words** (v17) – **Walk** (v18) – **Warning/Characterize** (V19)

Verse 1:17: Who are the apostles? ... They predicted some would abandon the gospel. Why did the Holy Spirit review this to the apostles? To warn them so they would not be shocked or think something has gone wrong. God is still in control.

Reference: I Timothy 4:1, Jude 1:16

Verse 1:18 What a person says will usually spill over to how they may carry themselves. Their talk points to their walk – their walk reflects their lifestyle.

Verse 1:19 This is a warning, and this is how they are characterized

Reference: II Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourself as to whether you are in the faith

Jude 1:20-23 – How to Keep Yourselves in the Faith

1. **Keep building your faith**
 - a. Reference: Job 23:12
2. **Keep praying in the Holy Spirit**
 - a. Read and Pray

- i. Why Read/Study
- ii. Why Pray – Dependence and Trust in God
- iii. Reference: II Corinthians 12: 9-10. Paul reminds us that Gods strength is made perfect in weakness

3. Keep yourselves in Love v21

- a. Keep yourself in a place where you can experience God’s Love
- b. ...Stay Always within the boundaries where the love of God can reach and bless you.
- c. Jesus as our example of Love

4. Keep expecting the future – v21

- a. Are you expecting God
 - b. Reference: I John 3:3
- Repent – Read/Study – Pray – Live/Apply

5. Show Love vv.22-23

- 1. Do not give up on others
 - a. Reference: James 5:20
- 2. If one has fallen, they can get back up (restoration)

The Praise Report: Jude 1: 24-25:

Home Questions: As believers, how do we maintain our faith to continue living holy and kind to humanity as witnesses for Christ?

Dive deeper: Safeguards against Apostasy 1:20-25

I. The believer and self (1:20-21)

- 1. Believers are to build on the Word of God (1:20a)
- 2. Believers are to pray in the power of God (1:20b).
- 3. Believers are to remain in the love of God (1:21).

II. The believer and sinners (he teaches how to deal with 3 types of sinners 1:22-23)

- 1. Those who are in great doubt (1:22).
- 2. Those who are in great danger (1:23a).
- 3. Those who are great depravity (1:23a).

III. The believer and the savior (1:24-25)

- 1. Jesus’ ministry (1:24).
 - a. His current ministry (1:24a) prevents from falling down there
 - b. His coming ministry (1:24b) presents us faultless up there
- 2. Jesus’ magnificence (1:25): “Glory, majesty, power, and authority belong to him, in the beginning, now and forevermore. Amen”

Summary:

“Jude opens his epistle by commenting that he had intended to write concerning “the common salvation” but that he was constrained by the spirit to write concerning a different matter. False teachers had crept in, denying the faith and giving birth to apostasy in the church. Jude then exhorts the believers to contend for the faith. He exposes the false teachers by using examples from history and illustrations from nature, and then he foretells their certain judgment at the Lord’s coming. Lastly, he exhorts and encourages the believers to remain steadfast in the faith.”

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