

DON'T BACK DOWN

Sunday Mornings in Jude

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Message Title: Help for Those Under Pressure

Message Text: Jude 1:1-2

Introduction:

Have you felt the increasing pressure on followers of Jesus Christ to compromise and even renounce their faith? Pressure to deny that Jesus Christ is the only way to Heaven, that the Bible is our sole authority for faith and practices and that holy living is still expected by God. Pressure to affirm the woke and LGBTQ agendas. In the midst of all of this are those who claim to be followers of Christ pressuring believers to just go along with it. They mock those who stand for truth and malign them. This is what the believers in the first century were facing. God used a man named Jude to write a vital message to *help* them not *back down* from the faith that had been delivered to them. Jude's message is just as vital for us today.

1. A Helpful _____ (1a)

Jude 1a Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,

WHO WAS JUDE?

SERVANT OF CHRIST — a servant is a slave; a person who is legally owned by someone else and whose entire livelihood and purpose was determined by their master.

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Matthew 13:55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

John 7:5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.

Acts 1:13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

BROTHER OF JAMES — The younger brother of James who was the pastor of the church at Jerusalem.

James 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting

WHAT WAS JUDE'S MISSION?

to communicate God's Word to God's people.

KEY VERSE: _____

QUOTE: Jude is concerned with apostasy. Even in his day, the church was already being infiltrated by religious Quislings, men who posed as servants of God but who were actually enemies of the cross of Christ. Jude's purpose is to expose these traitors and to describe their ultimate doom. — BKC

APOSTASY is the act of abandoning or renouncing one's previously held religious beliefs or faith.

2 Timothy 4:1–5 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Ephesians 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

2. A Needful _____ (1b)

WHO AM I? _____

Jude 1b ...to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

DEFINITION—SANCTIFIED: set apart, make holy, consecrate

Hebrews 10:9–10 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

DEFINITION—PRESERVED: to guard, to hold firmly, to watch or keep

John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

2 Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

DEFINITION—CALLED: invited, denoting someone whose participation or presence has been officially requested

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

3. A Prayerful _____ (2)

Jude 2 mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

MERCY: the _____ compassion and kindness of God

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

PEACE: the _____ granted by God in the face of evil

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

LOVE: the tender _____ that God loves no matter what

Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

DEFINITION—MULTIPLIED: to fill, increase, be abundant

Conclusion

Psalm 60:11 Give us help from trouble: For vain is the help of man.

