

Exhortations from Jude
Jude 17-23
By Russell Earl

Thesis: I want to show the importance of finding encouragement from God's word, from prayer and from one another.

Introduction

I. Remember, strengthen & pray

A. Remember the words (v.17)

i. **John 16:13**

1. Continue in the inspired word of God, not in the theology of men.
2. Peter warned of those who would mock us for doing so (**2 Pt 3:3-7**)

B. Strengthen yourselves (v.20a)

1. We are to strengthen one another using God's word, remember His promises and His mercy.
2. God's word is what brings true comfort and encouragement (**Acts 20:32**)

C. Pray (v.20b)

1. Prayer is encouraging and prevents man from losing heart (**Lk 18:1**)
2. Paul encourages concerning prayer
 - a. Pray without ceasing (**1 Thess 5:17**)
 - b . Being watchful in prayer
(prayer that is mindful of those things around us; **Eph 6:18**)
3. Prayer keeps us close to God, it's how we communicate.

II. Stay in God's love & reach out (v.21;22-23)

A. Stay in God's love (v.21)

1. God's love for us has been shown (**1 Jn 4:10**)
2. Our love for God is shown by our obedience to Him (**1 John 5:3**)

B. Reach out to one another (v.22-23)

1. Those who err need someone to help them back (**James 5:19-20**)
2. Those overtaken by sin need help if they are to come back (**Gal 6:1**)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Jude provides important reminders.

1. We often need to be reminded about things.
2. There are some things you may hear about all the time, but there are some you may have forgotten or not considered in a long time.
 - i. **John 14:15** – we must remember the commands of God, always

B. There are many ways we can be encouraged and be encouragers.

1. We all need encouragement from time to time, but we cannot always be those who need encouragement – we must be encouragers as well.

2. We use God's word and Bible principles to encourage one another during the hardest of times.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Will you remember the words of God – His commands and His warnings?
2. God's word provides what we need spiritually and mentally, we only miss what we need when we forget God and His word.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9