

Staying Strong When Others Give Up Truth in a World of Lies - Part 6

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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

Introduction

Jeremiah 17:7–8 (ESV) Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

Psalms 1:2–3 (ESV) But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Ephesians 3:17 (ESV) So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love.

1. Remember What God Has Already Said

Jude 17–18 (ESV) But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.”

2. Resist Division by Living in the Spirit

Jude 19 (ESV) It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

3. Build Yourself Up and Pray Boldly

Jude 20–21 (ESV) But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

1 Corinthians 14:4a (ESV) The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself ...

4. Reach Out for Others with Mercy

Jude 22–23 (ESV) And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

5. Rest in the God Who Keeps You

Jude 24–25 (ESV) Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Staying Strong When Others Give Up Study Guide

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1. What helps someone remain strong in their faith when it feels like everything around them is falling apart?
2. How can trusting in the Lord help someone remain steady during difficult times? (Jeremiah 17:7–8)
3. What can we learn from the example of someone who meditates on God's Word day and night? (Psalm 1:2–3)
4. How does being rooted and grounded in love influence your ability to stand firm in difficult seasons? (Ephesians 3:17)

1. Remember What God Has Already Said

1. What difference does it make to remember that Scripture has already warned us about the presence of scoffers? (Jude 17–18)
2. Why is it important to be aware of how ungodly passions can influence culture and even believers? (Jude 17–18)
3. How can you regularly anchor yourself in God's Word when you're feeling anxious or overwhelmed?

2. Resist Division by Living in the Spirit

1. Why is division so harmful to the church community? (Jude 19)
2. What are some signs that someone may appear spiritual but is not being led by the Holy Spirit? (Jude 19)
3. What practical steps can you take to promote unity in your church or relationships this week?
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3. Build Yourself Up and Pray Boldly

1. What does it look like to build yourself up in your most holy faith? (Jude 20–21)
2. How does praying in the Holy Spirit strengthen your relationship with God and help you grow spiritually? (Jude 20–21)
3. What would it take for you to deepen or refresh your daily rhythm of prayer and time in God's Word?

4. Reach Out for Others with Mercy

1. Why is showing mercy to those who are doubting or struggling so essential? (Jude 22–23)
2. What can it look like to help rescue someone who is close to falling away or being overcome by sin? (Jude 22–23)
3. Who in your life might need you to reach out this week with compassion, truth, and care?

5. Rest in the God Who Keeps You

1. What does it mean to you that God is the one who is able to keep you from stumbling? (Jude 24–25)
2. How does worship strengthen your trust in God during seasons of difficulty? (Jude 24–25)
3. When have you experienced God's sustaining grace in your own life, and how can that testimony encourage others?

Conclusion

1. What are some practical ways you can deepen your spiritual roots this week, no matter what storms may come?
2. How does knowing that God is the one holding you up change how you respond to challenges in your faith journey?