

5. Doubt is sometimes an internal wrestling rather than a denial. When you have shared your doubts with others, what has been their response?

6. Jude writes to keep ourselves in the love of God by building up our most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, and waiting for the mercy of Jesus. What are the obstacles in life that prevent us from pursuing this?

7. Read Jude 3. What would you consider the “salvation that we share”? And how would you contend for the faith when someone says Jesus is not the Son of God?

8. Read Psalm 121. The Israelites would recite this psalm as they walked up the mountain paths to Jerusalem. What do the words “watch” or “keep” tell us about God as we walk our paths today?

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Dying Words (A Series on 2 Peter)

“Kept By God”

Jude

“Marvel, Star Wars, and other franchises have become central to our culture by returning to a primal form of storytelling...” (Adam Kirsch)

“Was I born for a purpose?”

“Why does evil exist?”

“What am I willing to give my life for?”

Jude was a _____.

Understanding Jude: “Kept By God”

Being kept by God is a promise of being under God’s watchful care and that Jesus will be with us, able to keep us from _____ during these times.

How Are We to Live?

1. Remember, don’t _____. (Jude 17)

2. _____ yourself in God's love. (Jude 20-21)

- B _____
- P _____
- W _____

3. Be merciful to those who are _____ with their faith. (Jude 22)

4. Rescue those who feel _____. (Jude 23)

5. Show mercy, maintaining _____. (Jude 23)

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. What do you think it would have been like for Jude to grow up in the shadow of his brother Jesus?

3. Read Jude. A central theme of Jude is the idea of being "kept by God." One meaning of the phrase used by Jude focused on being under the watchful care of God, while another sense described Jesus providing this care. What assurance does this provide us with?

4. Triplets are a powerful way to tell a story. What would be a triplet that describes your spiritual journey?