

**THE BIG IDEA: You've got this because God's got you.**

The Take-Off

And so we come to the end of what has been a rich walk through the book of Jude.

Week 1 - The faith is worth the fight. This book is an alarm to the believer to take up arms.

Week 2 - Contending with false teachers. Jason did a great job - Don't believe you can't be deceived.

Week 3 - Contending for others. Amy showed us that the call is to you: prepare and rescue.

Today, we wrap it all up with one of the most beautiful benedictions in the Bible.

But before we do that, watch a quick clip:

**[VIDEO - Helicopter rescue]**

I'm not sure what you felt during that clip, but from the girl's perspective, that was the longest 2 minutes of her life!

Of course, you knew she'd be okay because the Rock was going in to get her.

I think that clip is such a great setup for our text today.

Let's read it - **Jude 1:24-25 (ESV)** - and then I'll share a few points from the scripture.

**1. Our present reality is grounded in God's eternal reality**

- a. "Now" - I love this first word
- b. If you put yourself in the place of these first hearers, you'll sense the uncertainty they may have felt.
- c. It's Jude's way of saying "I know we've talked about a lot of hard things, and the idea of actually doing the contending can be a little unnerving, but NOW - in the present - as you contend - know that God has a greater perspective - an eternal reality - that can keep you grounded as you contend."
- d. Jude begins with our NOW but he ends with God's "BEFORE ALL TIME, AND NOW AND FOREVER."
- e. What's he trying to say? That no matter what we may be facing, the promise is that God's eternal power will be with us in our present situation
- f. **Our present reality is grounded in God's eternal reality**

**2. Our inability is strengthened by God's ability**

- a. "To Him who is able" - the promise is grounded in God's ability, not ours
- b. As Amy reminded us last week, we are called to prepare and rescue - to build, pray, keep, and wait
- c. These are things that we're called to do, and yet many of us fear failing in the doing
- d. I may not trust myself to keep myself in the love of God as verse 21 tells me to, but I can trust God to keep me there
- e. **Our inability is strengthened by God's ability**
- f. "I may be weak, but Your Spirit's string in me. My flesh may fail, but my God, You never will."
- g. He is able to keep us from stumbling
  - The Greek word translated as "stumbling" is better translated as "falling away"
  - We know from the weight of Scripture that believers stumble and fall - Peter was rebuked by Jesus, Peter denied Jesus, and yet he didn't fall away
- h. Eph. 1:13-14 / we've been sealed by the Holy Spirit
- i. 2 Cor. 1:21-22 / not only sealed, but the Holy Spirit is a down payment
- j. Our God is able!
- k. Think about eclipses:
  - In order for them to work, the moon and the sun have to appear almost the same size from our vantage point on earth.
  - The sun is 400 times the size of the moon, and so for them to appear the same size to us, the sun would have to be 400 times farther from earth than the moon.
  - The sun is 93 million miles from us and the moon is 239 thousand...or 389 times farther.
  - Is that an accident, or did the Psalmist have a better idea?
  - Psalm 8:3-4 / "When I observe your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you set in place, what is a human being that you remember him, a son of man that you look after him?"
- l. The same hand that placed the sun and the moon and the earth precisely where they are is holding us.
- m. No matter where you may fall on eternal security, we'd have to wiggle A LOT to get out of God's grip!!

### 3. Our work is possible because of God's work

- a. So are we supposed to just sit back and say, "God's got it?"
- b. No. The whole point of this letter is that WE are called to contend, to prepare, to rescue
- c. Today's Big Idea says it like this: **you've got this because God's got you.**
- d. When we trust Jesus and His work on the cross, our sins past, present, and future are wiped away.
- e. But that doesn't mean we sit back and coast into glory.
- f. He is able "to present us blameless with great joy," but we play a part in it
- g. 2 Tim. 2:15-26 / our part in the process of sanctification
- h. Eph. 5:26-27 / the Word sanctifies us
- i. Hebrews 9:14 / we're cleansed SO THAT we can serve God
- j. Gal. 2:20 / because we died with Christ we can live for Christ
- k. **Our work is possible because of God's work**

### 4. Our glory is lost in God's glory

- a. One last point: Jude reminds us that none of us will roll into heaven, hands in the air, yelling, "Ta da!!"
- b. Anything we've done that results in glory to or for us will pale in comparison to God's own glory
- c. In fact, **our glory is lost in God's glory**
- d. Sometimes we can be tempted to glory in what we've done
- e. But our response should not be any different than the 24 elders in Revelation 4:10 - They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power..."

#### The Landing

Friday night we went to see "Overcomer" - the new movie by the Kendrick brothers

I'm not going to give it away, but I will say there is a scene toward the end that perfectly sums up the end of this book. After working hard to help a family and seeing God do what only God could do, the main character broke down and, in tears, could only say how great God was.

He was giving ALL the glory, majesty, power, and dominion to the only God, our Savior.

May we live to do the same.

Let's pray.