

“Build” by Pastor Jack Hibbs

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” Jude 20-21 (NKJV)

Beyond the familiar doxology at the end, many Christians know little about the book of Jude. This brief, one-chapter letter is a powerhouse of theology coupled with tender exhortation. I appreciate that about the Bible. God never gives us truth without showing us what to do about it.

LINE UPON LINE

Like today, apostates were threatening the stability of the Church, but then as now, we can withstand their advancement against sound doctrine. Having exposed the apostate’s wickedness, Jude turned to encourage believers, “But you, beloved, building yourselves...” He’s saying, don’t fall prey to spiritual attacks in tumultuous times by ignoring your Bible. Continue building your faith line upon line, precept upon precept, Old Testament, and New. Use every part!

IN THE SPIRIT

Jude understood that to be built up is to be prayed up, yet our prayers are often self-centered –

blind to the scope of God’s work. But “praying in the Holy Spirit” is to pray unselfishly and humbly, admitting your need, “Lord, I don’t know what to ask in this situation. I don’t know how

to handle this, but You do. Instead of my agenda, I yield freely to Your will. Please show me how to pray.”

Beloved of God, He initiated a grand love affair with you through His Son. Do all that you can do

to strengthen your passion for Him. And then, as a lover waits longingly, so look for His return.

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