

Faith Entrusted To The Saints
Romans 10:5-14; Jude 1:1-5; Jude 1:20

Intro: Jude 1:24 declares that God’s power to keep us from stumbling is 100 percent iron-clad. But the biggest Old Testament test to a victorious faith that survives was ... Would God be able to bring His people into Canaan, when the Hebrew parents died in the desert because of their unbelief, leaving only their uncircumcised children to trudge towards Canaan? Does unbelief in the end defeat faith? This monumental “test” of desert wandering lies before us in today’s text in Jude 1:5

- I. God takes seriously this question, and so sends Christ to destroy this unbelief in *every age* of the church (Jude 1:3-5)
- II. While at the same time patiently weaning His people from it - All of our days (Num 21:4-9)
- III. But to quieten our fears, He makes our defense simple means of grace

Christ commands us in Jude 1:20 to “build ourselves up in our most holy faith and to pray in the Holy Spirit.” These are our only offensive weapons in the Christian warfare. Building ourselves up requires study of the apostles’ teaching. It is “the word of grace” which is the only means provided for our being built up (Acts 20:32). “We do not wage war as the world does” (2 Cor. 10:3-5). Prayer is our weapon for waging Christian warfare. Prayer is often the very first thing given up by ‘advanced Christians’. But to outrun the apostolic Scriptures and prayer is to, “outrun Christianity altogether.” (Michael Green) (S Durham, *Salutary Warnings out of Jude, Banner of Truth*, Nov. 1988)

But we ask again: How is it possible for us *to be entrusted with such faith* in the first place, and then to *build ourselves up in that most holy faith* - especially in the face of all the eruptions of sin recounted in Jude 1:4-19? **Romans 10:14!**

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LORD’S DAY MORNING WORSHIP
November 1, 2026



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude, Silent Reflection & Salutation

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Hymn**

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands
427 Trinity Hymnal (verses 1, 3-4)

1 Amidst us our Beloved stands, and bids us view His pierced hands;
points to the wounded feet and side, blest emblems of the Crucified.

3 If now, with eyes defiled and dim, we see the signs, but see not Him;
O may His love the scales displace, and bid us see Him face to face!

4 O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts, your present smile a heav’n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be, let every saint your glory see! **

Invocation & Reading of God’s Law

Numbers 21:4-7 (p 152 pew Bible)

Confession of Sin (unison)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against other people, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate actions. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all our sins; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Numbers 21:8-9 (p 152 pew Bible)

*** Song of Response**

It Was Finished Upon That Cross
(insert)

We Petition God

Congregational Prayer

Offering & Hymn

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!
498 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-2)

1 Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

2 Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

[Refrain] **

* *Gloria Patri*

#735 *Trinity Hymnal*

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

* **Prayer for Illumination**

Scriptures
Bible)

Romans 10:5-14 (p 1124 pew

Jude 1:1-5; Jude 1:20 (p 1217 pew Bible)

Sermon

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Prayer of Application

* **Closing Hymn**
Be

Take My Life and Let It

585 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee. **

* **Benediction**

* *Doxology*

#731 *Trinity Hymnal*

* Please stand if able

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Jesus is a man on a mission. He is on the move, up to something. Life is not about you; it is about him. Did you ever see the retainers, groupies or bodyguards for a rock group, sports star, or president? Their glory, their purpose, their happiness, their call is subordinate and derivative from the big person they serve. What does a secretary, a soldier, or an employee do? They serve the well-being and agenda of the boss, the officer, the owner. Jesus is the boss. He comes doing good to get you out of your presumption and your misery.

He claims you. He calls you to leave behind everything else you live for. What are you primarily about? Your toys? Your comforts? Your friends? Your money? Your career? Winning arguments? He's come to turn you away from *something* to give you *someone* so much greater - himself, the Lord of the universe.

He claims you. He calls you to follow him. Glorify him. Trust him. Love him. Die to what entangles you. *Let every emotion - of gratitude, of just outrage, of trusting encouragement - find its fulfillment and truest expression in Jesus Christ, the King of creation and re-creation. Let your every act, from driving, to paying taxes, to caring for your family members, find its organizing center in what will give glory to God.* He's come to turn you from something to who you are meant to be - a glad worshiper of the living God.

(David Powlison, December 4th Devotional in "Take Heart: Daily Devotions to Deepen Your Faith")