



Leading People into a Growing
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Antioch CELEBRATION Message: "Don't Settle...A Lasting Legacy"

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Start the Conversation

Don Green shared three encouragements for the Christian: stay focused, stand firm, and finish strong. Which one do you want to focus on primarily this week?

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This letter is from Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. I am writing to all who have been called by God the Father, who loves you and keeps you safe in the care of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more mercy, peace, and love. **Jude 1-2 (NLT)**

- Why do you think Jude regarded himself as a "slave" of Jesus?
- How does Jude describe Almighty God's relationship to you through Jesus?
- What means the most to you: God's mercy, peace, or love?

Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. **Jude 3-4 (NLT)**

- Describe what grace IS and what grace is NOT.
- What is the relationship between grace and sin in the life of a committed believer?

Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. **James 3:1-2 (NLT)**

When these people eat with you in your fellowship meals commemorating the Lord's love, they are like dangerous reefs that can shipwreck you. They are like shameless shepherds who care only for themselves. They are like clouds blowing over the land without giving any rain. They are like trees in autumn that are doubly dead, for they bear no fruit and have been pulled up by the roots. They are like wild waves of the sea, churning up the foam of their shameful deeds. They are like wandering stars, doomed forever to blackest darkness. **Jude 12-13 (NLT)**

- When is judging someone important?

But you, my dear friends, must remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ predicted. They told you that in the last times there would be scoffers whose purpose in life is to satisfy their ungodly desires. These people are the ones who are creating divisions among you. They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God's Spirit in them.

But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love.

And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives. **Jude 17-23 (NLT)**

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- What role does the Holy Spirit play in our spiritual protection?
- How can we "build each other up" in our most holy faith?

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- What is a believer's responsibility to other believers?
- What is a believer's responsibility to those "whose faith is wavering"?

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- What spiritual legacy do you want to leave?
- What is a believer's response to divisive scoffers?
- Does God care about how spiritual leaders care for others?

Pray!

How can the following Scripture teach us to pray?

Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen. **Jude 24-25 (NLT)**