

Reinforcing Our Faith

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The letter of Jude was written nearly 2,000 years ago, but it is still relevant today. We live amidst false teachers who propagate all kinds of ideologies, philosophies, and religions, every "ism" and "wasim" imaginable! Since we are surrounded by so many spiritual counterfeits, it is essential to reinforce our faith.

When we saturate our minds with scriptural principles, we develop a filter that allows us to discern truth from error.

According to [Jude 20-23](#), there are five ways to fortify faith. **The first** is "building yourselves up on your most holy faith" (verse 20). In other words, by studying Scripture, we build a theological foundation that becomes strong and unshakable. What we believe about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, heaven, hell, salvation, and faith is not compromised when we hear false teaching.

Verse 20 also contains a second faith-builder: "praying in the Holy Spirit." This can mean several things. First, when we are unsure how to pray, "the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words" ([Romans 8:26](#)). **Second**, it refers to praying under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who impresses our hearts regarding what to bring before the Lord. **Third**, it means walking in obedience to the Spirit. If we are not praying in the Spirit, then we are praying in the flesh, no wonder some prayers are ineffective.

Another reinforcement is guarding our intimate relationship and time with God. In our modern lifestyle, we are uncomfortable with solitude and do not know how to be still with God. When verse 21 speaks of "keeping in the love of God," it instructs us to guard our precious, personal fellowship with Jesus.

To further strengthen faith's foundations, focus attention upon Jesus Christ's imminent return. ([Jude 21b](#)) Awareness that He could come back at any moment purifies and guards believers' daily conduct. It can also inspire us to walk through difficulties or encourage those who are hurting.

Finally, telling others about God will bolster our faith. Because there is so much spiritual deception in this world, our own faith should be sufficiently reinforced before it can be further solidified by sharing the Gospel. ([Jude 22-23](#)) This means that effective witnessing is preceded by studying Scripture, praying in the Spirit, guarding our relationship with God, and keeping our life holy.