

Tough & Tender: A Study of 2 Peter & Jude

Week 2: Certain

Message Summary: One of life's scarier realities is uncertainty. When you are uncertain about your health, your grades, your parents' marriage, or your own relationship. That doubt can rob us of confidence, joy, and peace. Perhaps that's why God's Spirit moved men long ago to write divine words on ancient scrolls, leaving behind a Book "more certain" than anything else in the world.

◆ Uncertainty is scary.

◆ 2 Peter 1:12-15 — So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. 13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, 14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

◆ Forgetfulness is dangerous.

◆ 2 Peter 1:16-18 — For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

◆ 2 Peter 1:19-21 — We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

◆ The Word is certain.

◆ 4 R's to **Remember** better: **Revere, Read, Rely, (Repeat)**

◆ Romans 15:4 — For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Planting Jesus Roots

GATHER — Commit to weekly worship this summer. If your vacation plans prevent you from attending, commit to attending a local church where you're vacationing or watching and discuss our worship live stream.

GROUP — Growing in faith requires intentional planning and effort. Within the next 24 hours, visit www.stpeter922.com/roots. Download the "myRoots" worksheet. Develop a personal myRoots plan for the summer. Share your plan with a friend.

GROW — It's not too late to start the Tough & Tender summer reading plan to strengthen your faith. Here is a link: bible.com/r/87g

GIVE — What does it look like to be an effective and productive Christian in your various responsibilities (family life, work, neighborhood, etc.)? Write down three specific things you can do this week.

GO — Who do you know that's missing certainty, grace and peace in their lives? Love, share, and invite!

Homework: 2 Peter 2:1-22

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