

# Tough & Tender: A Study of 2 Peter & Jude

## Week 1: Next Level

**Message Summary:** Peter kicks off his letter with a reminder of (1) who we are in Christ and (2) what we are called to become through Christ. We already have divine power, precious promises, and the calling of God over our lives. That is why this apostle urges us to “make every effort” to grow in our faith, adding more virtue and knowledge and love as the days pass, all in light of the day when we see King Jesus face to face.

- ◆ 2 Peter 1:1-2 — Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: 2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
  
- ◆ 2 Peter 1:3-4 — His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
  
- ◆ A next level faith is **God's** work.
  
- ◆ 2 Peter 1:5-7 — For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.
  
- ◆ A next level faith **requires** work.

- ◆ 2 Peter 1:8-9 — For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.
  
- ◆ 2 Peter 1:10-11 — Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
  
- ◆ A next level faith produces **fruit**.

### **Planting Jesus Roots**

**GATHER** — Commit to weekly worship this summer. On vacation? Attend a local church where you're vacationing or watch our worship service via live stream.

**GROUP** — Growing in faith requires intentional planning and effort. Within the next 24 hours, visit **[www.stpeter922.com/roots](http://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: **<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/31228-tough-tender>**.

**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 1:12-21

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