Tough & Tender: A Study of 2 Peter & Jude

Week 6: Guard & Grow

Message Summary: In his final recorded words in the Bible, Peter offers his fellow Christians two overarching commands—Guard and grow. Be on your guard against all that opposes the truth of the Word. Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. This is the wisest way to live as we prepare to see our Savior's face.

- **♦ Strive** to enter the Feast!
- ◆ Luke 13:23-24 Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, 24 "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.
- ♦ The door to the feast is **narrow**.
- ◆ John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- ◆ Luke 13:26 "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'
- ♦ The door to the feast will close.
- ◆ Luke 13:25 Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'
- ◆ Luke 13:27-28 "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' 28 "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.

♦ Luke 13:29-30 — People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 30 Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."

Planting Jesus Roots

GATHER — Pastor Michael preached Week #6 of Tough & Tender at The CORE on the last verses of 2 Peter 3. Watch it later this week so you can hear Peter's final words of encouragement — *youtube.com/channel/922The CORE*

GROUP — What was one new thing you learned from 2 Peter or something that really stuck with you? Share your take aways from 2 Peter with your spouse, family or a member of your group this week.

GROW — Want to learn ways to grow a great faith? Purchase a copy of Pastor Mike's new book What's Big Start's Small and read it as a part of your summer grow plan.

GIVE — Are you interested in serving at 922 but aren't sure where to start? Amna Tasior, our new volunteer coordinator, would love to help you get plugged in. Just send her an email at *amna.tasior@922ministries.com*.

GO — Time is short. Eternity is long. Which means this week is the perfect time to invite a friend to hear the good news of Jesus. Reach out to someone today that you know doesn't go!

Homework: Jude 1:1-19

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