

Tough & Tender: A Study of 2 Peter & Jude

Week 4: Almost There

Message Summary: One day, Jesus will show up unannounced, abruptly ending the pain, suffering, and darkness of this world as he brings a new home, a new reality, and a new future where everything is right and good. In light of that day, what should we do? How should we live? Peter urges us towards godliness in holiness as we eagerly await for Jesus to return.

- ◆ What are you **living** for?

- ◆ 2 Peter 3:10a — But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.

- ◆ 2 Peter 3:10b & 12b — The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare... 12b That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

- ◆ 2 Peter 3:13 — But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

- ◆ 2 Peter 3:11-12a — Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

- ◆ Tough & Tender Truth — The “day of the Lord” is **coming**.

- ◆ Tough & Tender Take Away — Time is **short**. Eternity is **long**. **Live** for **eternity**!

- ◆ Revelation 21:1-5 — Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” 5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Planting Jesus Roots

GATHER — Did you miss any of the weeks of Tough & Tender? If so, go to 922ministries.com/livestream and watch the weeks you missed! Remember, Roots produce Fruit!

GROUP — Summer is a time when Life Groups take a break. Take some time this week to simply connect with the people with whom you do life — check in and see how they are doing.

GROW — Want a glimpse of eternity? Read Revelation 7:9-17 & 21:1-7. Discuss it with your spouse, family or group and share one personal take away.

GIVE — The Give root reveals a lot about what we are living for. What is the next level faith action step you want to take to use your time (serving) or resources (offerings) during July?

GO — Who do you know that doesn’t go? Consider inviting them to join us for church in person or online or invite them to join 922 Church Online!

Homework: 2 Peter 3:1-9

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