

## ULC Sermon Study Resource

### Jude // Keep

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**Prayer:** Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

**Icebreaker:** Who is a figure that you respect and admire most?

**Reading:** Jude 1:24-25

#### Outline:

- I. He keeps you v. 24
  - a. Jude wants us to see that God is the one who has the power to guard and protect us from that which would cause us to stumble
  - b. No matter where you come from and what gets thrown your way, you will only ever stumble instead of falling because God is holding you up  
**Q: *What areas of your life has God held and kept you?***
- II. He presents you
  - a. In addition to keeping us, Jude points out that we are presented before God without any blemish because of the sacrifice of the perfect Lamb of God
  - b. We no longer have anything to fear about standing before God on the day of judgment because all of our regrets, mistakes, and shame will die when our earthly bodies do  
**Q: *How can our blameless presentation change the way we act and see ourselves?***
- III. Amen v. 25
  - a. While we know God has all “glory, majesty, dominion and authority”, acknowledging and praising this fact helps us turn our eyes towards hope
  - b. We may not be able to live in a constant state of doing this, but incorporating it into our every day will encourage and comfort us through anything that comes our way  
**Q: *How can/ do you take time to praise God every day?***

#### Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) How can it be hard to trust and believe that God won't let us fall?
- 2) In what ways has God protected you from stumbling?
- 3) What impact does our blameless presentation before Christ have on you?
- 4) How can it be hard to let God take our regrets, mistakes, and shame?
- 5) Amen means “so it is/ let it be”, what significance does this have in combination with our praise?

#### Suggestions for further study:

- Hebrews 9:13-14      **Q: *How are we blameless before God?***
- Ephesians 3:20      **Q: *How can our minds limit God's ability to keep and present us?***
- 2 Corinthians 4:14      **Q: *How does Jesus' resurrection further connect us to Him?***

#### Closing Prayer:

God, we give you thanks and praise for who you are and for what you've done. That you're the God who uses his power to guard us, keep us from struggling, and that holds us in His love. You're the God who promises to present us blameless before your throne on account of what Jesus has done for us. So God may our lives be lives of praise, our hearts be in ones in awe of who you are, and inspire us to turn our eyes towards you. In your name, Amen.