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MAKE SOMETHING OF IT

NOW TO HIM!
JUDE 24-25

WEEK 4

**We should live our lives in a way that radiates the phrase -
NOW TO HIM!**

Right out of the gate, I have to say that there is a danger in viewing the beautiful closing of this epistle as a disconnected doxology. We can be tempted to think, "Oh, how sweet. What a nice way to end this epistle with a little song to God." But don't minimize the masterpiece of thinking that is occurring here. Jude isn't done with his message. He has emphasized the importance of prioritizing God so that we live with godly values that drive our goals and decisions. He has taught us that in so doing, we should be growing as disciples, reaching the world around us, and now, as he concludes, we should be worshiping God. That's what is wrapped up in these seemingly insignificant words, 'now to Him.' As I prepared for this message, those words made me think, "What kind of life do I want to live?" That may sound like a strange question for a pastor to reflect upon, but the profoundness of what Jude writes demands it. Now to God be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority not only before time and forever but NOW! Right now. Right now in my life, right now in your life, and right now in our churches.

(10 min) PRAY

Ask God to permeate your time with His presence. Pray that God will lead you to live your life in a way that matters to Him.

(25 min) TIME TO CONSIDER

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. Jude has assembled a list of apostates throughout history. The Israelites that were rescued but rejected God's faithfulness, the angels that left their first domain, and the false teachers that were insiders within the church. Jude knows that this letter's recipients could think, "If those people didn't make it, what makes us think we can." And so, He says, "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling." As you centralize your life around Jesus, you are kept by the power of God. Describe what that means and how it impacts you.

You will be presented to God as blameless because Jesus took the blame for you.

2. You must regularly remind yourself of who the God you have believed in truly is. It is easy for our thinking to be overwhelmed by the adversities and obstacles so that God is obscured from our vision. Reflect on the great miracles of God in the Bible and write some of them down. The God of ancient days is the same God in your life today. Now, write down some of the great things God has done in your life and what you are praying He will do in your future.

3. Now to Him be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority. Not only before all time and forever. But NOW! Based on the teaching, how can you give God glory, majesty, dominion, and authority today? What does this look like for you in concrete practical terms.

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: **2 Timothy 1:13** *"But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me."*

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER: Pray for the next 15-20 minutes as a Life Group. Ask God to guide you in this time of prayer. Close this study in Jude by worshiping God. Worship Him in prayer and even singing for what He has done, who He is, and your determination to live a life that radiates, "Now to Him!"

(5 min) LIVE IT

Be intentional about centering each day this week around the presence of Christ in your life. Begin each day in prayer and dedicate daily time to reading Scripture. This week, be intentional about giving God glory, majesty, dominion, and authority. Think through those things carefully each day. Finish your day by reflecting on how you were able to do that faithfully.