







MAKE SOMETHING OF IT

BUILD NOW!

WEEK 3

You can dream all day about spiritual growth But nothing will happen until you do something about it.

An astounding 11,500 houses are planned to be built in 2024 in Southern Nevada. That represents 11,500 dreams, ideas, aspirations, and hopes. As with all new construction, you must have an architect create plans, a General Contractor oversee the project, and subcontractors do the actual build-out. But we all know that a great set of plans means nothing until the work starts. Rachel and I have some good friends who went through the work of hiring an architect to create the house of their dreams. And while they hired the General Contractor, the work never got off the ground. After all that effort, they were left with discouraged hearts and useless blueprints.

Some of you are having the same problem with your spiritual life. God is the architect Who has developed a beautiful plan from before the foundations of the world. Jesus is the General Contractor Who has taken these plans and done everything possible for them to be implemented. You and the Holy Spirit are the subcontractors. It is your responsibility to start building. This is precisely why Paul says, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. "In other words, get building!

(10 min) PRAY

Ask God to permeate your time with His presence. Pray that God would inspire you with a firm conviction and discipline to build your spiritual life through the power of His Holy Spirit.

(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 encourages these believers to build themselves up in their most holy faith. The responsibility rested with them to take their spiritual growth seriously. Describe how you are intentional about growing in your faith. What steps do you take? Do you think you are growing or regressing? What steps can you take to grow even more?
- 2. Jude exhorts these believers to keep themselves in God's love. It's an interesting way to put it, but absolutely true and necessary. Derek described this as defining your life by the love of God. Describe in practical terms how you do that. What Scriptures keep you anchored to God's love? How does God's love help you in times of difficulty?

Romans 8:37 "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

3. Obviously, God is the One who saves people, not us. But we are privileged to take part in His rescue of others. Jude gives a solid exhortation for these believers to take this mandate seriously. What steps can you take to be a more significant influence for Jesus in the lives of others?

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: Daniel 12:3 "And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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. Be open to encouraging one another to take meaningful steps to apply what God has spoken to you through Jude 20-23.

(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. Lay out achievable goals this week to grow in your faith. Be intentional to fulfill them. Celebrate the victories that God gives you.