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Jude: Finding Faith's Foundation

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In order to strengthen our foundation we must grow in three areas

1. Our pride must grow smaller

By seeing ourselves as a servant

2. Our heart must grow bigger

By seeing others as valuable

3. Our confidence must grow stronger

By seeing Him as everything

Conclusion:

Is life settled on the unmovable foundation?

Jude: EXTRA

Humbleness - The Antidote To Pride

"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." James 4:6, 10 (NKJV)

We all know what pride can do - it is the root of all sin, and is the reason that every man, women and child is born separated from God. It is the reason that Satan fell, and it is still the primary tool used in keeping the human race in bondage to sin. It is amazing to see how fast the enemy introduces pride at so early an age with our children as we begin to boast of them from the minute that they come home from the hospital. Our own seed of pride is cross pollinated and sewn into their lives as we start to brag of their achievements and begin to puff them up by telling them that they are somehow better than others - from academics to sports, to possessions and appearance, the mold is set and the hook of *pride* has been set.

"*Humbleness*" is the antidote to "*Pride*." It is the only thing that can defeat pride.

(Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.) Numbers 12:3 (NKJV)

God knew that Moses needed to go through some "Storms of Correction" to shape his character. And when Moses became humble, God used him and lifted him up in due time. And it is the same for you and I. We are actually closer to God when we have this humble nature after we have come to the end of ourselves and our own abilities during the tough times in life - it is when we are fully dependent on God that He can manifest Himself through us, and His name is exalted.

When we are humble, we are willing to lay down our plans, our desires, and our will, in exchange for God's will, and whatever He has for us - anything less than being willing to do this shows that we are still in bondage to pride.

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