

Dear Church,

I am excited to begin this seven week series on Jude. I believe it is incredibly timely for us and our culture. This letter has often gone neglected by the Church, but I believe it is absolutely necessary for us for several reasons:

First, theology matters. This is something that I have been saying much more this year because the truth is that many churches and church leaders have embraced a watered down and often assumed version of the gospel. Today, we don't need less Bible, we need more. We don't need less discipleship, we need more. Our theology informs and shapes how we live our daily lives before God, one another, and the world.

Secondly, we have seen an incredible amount of polarization in areas of political affiliation and social convictions this year. And what we have seen is a sacrifice of our theology, convictions, and our Lord Jesus by the Church because we often don't know how to contend for our faith. Jude presses the church to contend and engage our culture by first being rooted in our identity.

The goal of this series is to remind Christians of their identity in Christ while at the same time challenging the church to contend for the faith. That is, we cannot be so lured in by social, political, and culture ideologies that we forsake the gospel and at the same time, we cannot ignore the present threats within the church. If we are to engage or combat for either, we must hold fast the confession of the One who is faithful (Hebrews 10:23).

In Christ,

Pastor Marco

INTRODUCTION

What Is A Missional Community?

Missional Communities are small gatherings of people that meet weekly for friendship, accountability, study and prayer, laughter, and occasionally tears.

Missional Communities (MCs) serve as the main vehicle of discipleship, care, and mission at Storehouse Community Church and we believe that the mission of MCs is to be a family of disciples on mission for the glory of God.

Each MC is unique and shaped by the people who attend and the city they meet in. And at the heart of each MC is a desire to gather as family and friends, grow in our relationship with Jesus, and go into our cities on mission.

Why Should I Join A Missional Community?

The Bible teaches us that God is relational, personal, and invested which, in turn, means that we are created for friendship and community. MCs are more than a weekly event, but a time to grow and cultivate a relationship with God and others.

Where Do Missional Communities Meet?

MCs are strategically planted throughout McAllen and its surrounding cities in an effort to engage our city and community. Whether meeting at a home, local coffee shop, or college campus, we desire to see every aspect of our cities blessed by God's people.

How Do I Get Connected?

There are two ways that you can get connected. You can visit our Connect desk on Sunday and our volunteers will help you through the process or you can visit <u>storehousemcallen.com/communities</u> to learn more and sign up!

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

1. Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers by Dane Ortlund

"Christians know what Jesus Christ has done—but who is he? What is his deepest heart for his people, weary and faltering on their journey toward heaven? Jesus said he is "gentle and lowly in heart." This book reflects on these words, opening up a neglected yet central truth about who he is for sinners and sufferers today."

- 2. Family Discipleship: Leading Your Home Through Time, Moments and Milestones by Matt Chandler "Discipling your family can feel like an intimidating task, but it doesn't need to be overwhelming or complicated. With a simple plan in place, discipleship is something every parent can do. Pastors Matt Chandler and Adam Griffin have made it their mission to help you develop a sustainable rhythm of gospel-centered discipleship focused in three key areas: time, moments, and milestones. Filled with suggestions, sample plans, and Scripture references, this book begins with the end in mind—equipping you to create a unique plan for your family as you raise your children in the love and fear of the Lord."
- 3. The Character, Life, and Heart of the Church (3 books) by Joe Thorn "This three book series is designed for diverse readership. It avoids theological jargon and uses clear terms to keep readers tracking and engaged. Ideal for evangelism and discipleship, each book can be read within an hour and ir organized simply for retention."



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our Family Discipleship Guides! It is always a joy and privilege to provide gospel content that will help you disciple your children in the home and draw closer to God.

We will be in the book of Jude for the next seven weeks. While Jude may be a book that's not commonly discussed or taught to children, it holds great wisdom and encouragement for all of us as followers of Jesus. There is a great opportunity for learning how to contend for our faith in Christ. Jude directs us to where our identity comes from, reminding us of the truth taught to us and demonstrated in the work of Jesus. Jude helps us understand the difference in teachings that are not reflecting the gospel and the consequences of a life lived in disobedience to God.

He is also writing to the Church with great urgency to remind them that God's love is what keeps us from falling into sin. David Helm points out, "Those who are kept by Christ are those who keep themselves in the love of God. And that is a contrast to those who will not keep themselves in the love of God." Discipling our children, not in the love of self, love of others, love of culture, or even good works, but only in the love of God is the foundation we must hold fast to.

Training up our children in the way they should go requires consistent, everyday interactions that are rooted in the faith we have in our Savior, who has poured out His love, grace, and mercy for all. At any age your child is at, be encouraged by the simple yet powerful truths you get to teach them. They will learn over time to contend when the truth they hold fast to is being taken lightly and distorted by others, by the influences around us--in and out of the Church. They will learn by your example.

As you are trusting and leaning on the Holy Spirit in the day-to-day life with your children, allow these 25 verses to direct you to the source of our faith. Take time to memorize verses together and pray with and for each other. Enjoy the family activities and resources that this guide has included.

In His grace,

Laura Christina Ruiz Storehouse Kids Intern

RESOURCES

<u>Pig and the Accidental Oink</u> - While James and Ruth are playing outside, they meet a grumpy wild pig that challenges their understanding of the universe and God's creative work. Join them as they learn to think carefully about what they believe and why they believe it as their father teaches them how to defend what they know to be true. This colorful story will encourage deep conversations, help you equip your children with faith-strengthening tools, and embolden them to defend their Christian beliefs from an early age.

GOD MADE ME FULL SERIES BUNDLE - The God Made Me series features beautifully illustrated children's books created to help guide parents and caretakers toward important, gospel-centered conversations with their kids. The back of each book contains a special section just for parents and caregivers that will guide them in how to have biblical, loving conversations with children and give them additional information and resources to equip them in talking about this important subject.

God Made Me for Worship - Sitting in a worship service for the first time can be a difficult experience for a young child. God Made Me for Worship by author Jared Kennedy helps children ages (four to eight) piece together all of the different parts of worship using the vision of Isaiah 6. God Made All of Me - A simply told, beautifully illustrated story to help families talk about these sensitive issues with two- to eight-year-old children. Because the private parts of our bodies are private the home is the ideal environment where a child should learn about his or her body and how it should be treated by others. God Made Me AND You - An approachable guide for families to begin conversations about cultivating God's perspective on ethnic diversity, confronting the sins of racism, bigotry, and ethnic pride. God Made Me Unique - God Made Me Unique - God Made Me Unique, a beautifully illustrated picture book, helps parents and caregivers teach children that God creates every person in the image of God and each individual has tremendous value, regardless of his or her appearance or abilities. God Made Boys and Girls invites children to understand that their gender is a gift from God who made them and loves them. Best-selling author Marty Machowski provides biblical truth illustrating how we are all made in the image of God as either male or female.

Buster Bunny is stressed out as he trains for the upcoming race—so stressed he tries to bail: Through a true-to-life story that includes an intense coach and worried parents, young readers will learn to recognize and deal with the stress from inside and outside by turning to Jesus for help in trouble. Part of the *Good News for Little Hearts* series, *Buster Tries to Bail* offers concrete, grace-based help for stress. *Caspian Crashes the Party: When You Are Jealous* - Caspian Squirrel is jealous of the attention his brother Jax is getting on his birthday. Through captivating illustrations and a true-to-life story complete with a collapsing bouncy castle, Edward T. Welch helps young readers recognize jealousy and its destructive aftermath, and then he points them to the contentment that comes from trusting Jesus. Part of the *Good News for Little Hearts series, Caspian Crashes the Party* offers concrete, grace-based help for jealousy. *Halle Takes a Stand: When You Want to Fit In* - Halle Hedgehog wants to fit in with her friends, but when they decide to exclude a girl in their class, Halle doesn't know what to do. Through beautifully illustrated pages, Paul David Tripp helps young readers deal with the pressures of fitting in, finding courage through Jesus. Part of the *Good News for Little Hearts series, Halle Takes a Stand* offers concrete, grace-based help for peer pressure.



DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Week One | Jude 1-2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (study together)

- :::How does God through Jude describe His people? Why is it important for us as Chrsitians to begin here? (Read verse one)
- :::What does it mean to be called, loved, and kept by God? Be specific.
- :::Jude prays that the saints would receive an abundance of mercy, peace, and love. What does mercy, peace, and love look like practically in our daily life? What are specific areas in your life where these three are challenging for you?
- :::We often discuss that our identity in Christ shapes our activity. Today, people, including Christians, are incredibly polarized in the political and social convictions. And while it is good to have various convictions, we often forget about our primarily identity. How do we take steps to reclaim and remember our primary identity? Why does this matter? And what's the concern if we don't?

RESPONSE (pray, confess, act)

The central focus of these first two verses is our identity in Christ. The Bible regularly teaches us that we are forgetful to remember who we are and are even faster to default to who we once were.

Tonight, encourage one another in who you are in Christ. Speak specific gospel truths to one another--not simply nice or good things. Speak biblical truths into one another for this encourages our hearts, sanctifies us, and brings glory to God.



WEEK ONE | OUR IDENTITY REMINDED

MEMORY VERSE | "Bless our God...who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip." Psalm 66:8a-9

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | JUDE 1-2

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- 1. Who is Jude, and how did he know Jesus? (You can read Matt. 13:53-55)
- 2. Who is Jude writing this epistle or "letter" to? What does "called" mean?
- 3. In the letter, we read a greeting and blessing from Jude. What do they tell us about who God is? About who Jesus is? (Example: God is the Father of Jesus.)
- 4. Think of how you keep your most precious things. If it's a toy or game, you make sure they are in a certain place in your room, so they don't get damaged. If it's a pet, you make sure it is bathed and fed well. That is just how God keeps our inheritance in heaven for us if we believe and follow Him. Read the prayer Jesus prayed in *John 17:11-15* for us to be kept in God and away from sinful ways.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Write a letter of encouragement about who God is to someone you care about (friend, family member, teacher, etc). Let them know who is sending the letter, what you would like them to know about God, and uplift them with a blessing. Feel free to draw a picture representing God's love for them.

PRAYER | OUR CONFIDENCE

"Dear God, thank you for helping me learn about who You are. You love me so much. You love this world with Your great and mighty love! I want to have Your love in my life. Thank you for teaching us Your Word, the Bible, and about who Jude was. Help us through Your Spirit to tell of your truth and love to others. In Jesus' name, Amen."



DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Week Two | Jude 3-4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (study together)

- :::To contend means to engage offensively. Often, in other epistles in the New Testament, we are told to be ready to defend our faith. Jude, says that we need to contend. Why is this necessary? And how do we contend for our faith while loving our neighbor at the same time?
- :::Contending isn't a blank statement, but it does look differently in every context. What does it look like to contend for our faith with those who don't know Jesus?
- :::How do you determine the value of fighting?
- :::Verse 4 tells us the "who" Jude is writing to contend against--those who have perverted "the grace of God." What does it look like to contend for our faith with those who claim to know Jesus?

RESPONSE (pray, confess, act)

For many Christians, contending or fighting isn't the question. The question is, what are we contending or fighting for? Too many times do we blur the line at the sacrifice of our witness, theology, and our Lord.

Confess to one another about areas that are good and noble to fight for, but where you have sacrificed your witness, theology, and Lord. Repent of your sin as you encourage one another in fixing your eyes on Christ. What changes do you need accountability on in this area?



WEEK TWO | WE MUST CONTEND

MEMORY VERSE | "Bless our God...who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip." Psalm 66:8a-9

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | JUDE 3-4

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- 1. What does "beloved" mean?
- 2. What do you think of when you hear the word "contend"? Have you ever had to contend or fight or struggle for something very important?
- 3. How do you describe the salvation we have in Jesus? What does the Bible say about the faith given to us?
- 4. Jude says that these false teachers are twisting the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection to make themselves feel they have the right to do whatever they want. Should we be able to do whatever we want? Why or Why not?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

- 1. Write out Faith Statements (tracing as another option for younger children) Examples: "God saves! Jesus is God's Son. I have faith in God!" Take the opportunity to place these around your home.
- 2. Find The Truth: How many verses can you find in 5 minutes? (Feel free to set a different time on a timer.) Find at least four verses about each of these essential truths of our faith: who God is, about Creation, and sin. For more of a challenge, find at least four verses on redemption and restoration.

PRAYER | OUR CONFIDENCE

"Lord, thank you for reminding me of what is true and what is false. Sometimes I hear different things about who You are, and I'm glad you remind me that I can come to You and read Your Word. You also have given others who love You, like my family and friends, that help me remember how important it is to learn all that Jesus taught. Help me learn your Word and memorize one truth at a time each day. This way, I can share your truth with others! In Jesus' name, Amen."



DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Week Three | Jude 5-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- :::Jude introduces three groups in these verses: a generation of unbelieving Israelites, angels, and cities. Why were these groups punished? And why does that matter?
- :::How is the Christian supposed to contrast the groups Jude mentions in this section?
- :::Often obedience is left to not "screwing up" rather than a joy. And trust is often forgotten unless something "really bad happens." How do we obey God with joy in our hearts? And how do we trust God wholly and with complete dependence?

RESPONSE (pray, confess, act)

This is the beginning of Jude's press on false teachers and unrepentant sinners. And while it may seem repetitive, each section, like this one, will focus on contrasting qualities for the Christian in their heart and walk.

Tonight, begin this time by evaluating your heart and walk. Is your obedience out of joy or obligation? Is your trust circumstantial or vulnerable?



WEEK THREE | THE ROOT OF SIN

MEMORY VERSE | "Bless our God...who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip." Psalm 66:8a-9

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | JUDE 5-7

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- 1. What and where did the Israelites get rescued from? When they were delivered, did the Israelites believe in God afterward while they were in the wilderness?
- 2. What did Jesus save us from? Why did Jesus save us?
- 3. What happens when you lie to your parents? How do you feel when someone lies to you?
- 4. Why do you think we forget important rules and the consequences of not following them? Jude wants us to remember God's instruction, plan for salvation, and truth about how to live. What will you do today to help you remember to obey and follow God? Examples: Ask my mom or dad how I repent to God and ask for forgiveness. Memorize a verse from the Bible each week together with my parents.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Our Protection: Read through the Armor of God passage together in *Ephesians 6:13-17*. Talk about how each piece of God's armor can protect us. Use your different clothing and household items to represent how we "put on the whole armor" to role-play protecting ourselves from sin.

PRAYER | OUR CONFIDENCE

"God, thank you for showing me what sin is and how it keeps me separated from you. Thank you for what Jesus did to save me from being dead in my sin and for making me alive in Him. Help me grow each day to know You more and show me how to protect myself from sin. In Jesus' name, Amen."



DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Week Four | Jude 8-10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

:::Jude writes about people who have become spiritually intoxicated; their judgement is clouded and impaired saying they "blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals understand instinctively." What should the contrast be for the Christian?

:::How do we keep ourselves spiritually sober-minded? What do you specifically do to maintain sober mindedness?

:::What does it look like to maintain a healthy balance of being spiritually sober-minded and being informed on what is going on around us? How do we, practically, engage our culture appropriately without forgetting our identity (i.e family discipleship, political affiliation, social convictions, inaccurate teachings of Scripture)?

RESPONSE (pray, confess, act)

As you will see, Jude spends the majority of his letter writing and speaking more on the judgement of God than the grace of God. On one hand, it serves as an opportunity to examine ourselves (2 Corinthians 13:5). On the other hand, in examining ourselves it ought to breed humility because we're often the hypocrite, the ones who are spiritually intoxicated.

Where is this evident in your life? If we are going to walk with a spiritual sober-mind, we must not only address our actions, but the heart of what keeps us from being sober-minded. Confess to one another areas of spiritual intoxication; areas that keep you from having sound judgement. And afterward, point one another to the One who is faithful in keeping us sober-minded and sound in judgement.



WEEK FOUR | SOBER-MINDED

MEMORY VERSE | "Bless our God...who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip." Psalm 66:8a-9

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | JUDE 8-10

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- 1. What does the word "blaspheme" mean?
- 2. How do you feel when someone breaks a promise or lies to you? Why is it important that God doesn't lie to us? See *Proverbs 30:5*.
- 3. When we start hearing different things about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit that sound correct, how can we make sure it is true? See 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Truth or Lie Trivia: Set a timer for answering the 5-8 statements to see how many each participant can get the most amount of statements correct.

PRAYER | OUR CONFIDENCE

"Dear God, thank you for being the one true God! You do not tell lies or break your promises. Instead, you keep all your promises because You give us what is true. You kept your promise of saving us by bringing us back to you through your son Jesus. I ask that your Spirit and Word help me tell others exactly what is in Your Word in a kind and humble way. If I ever get confused by what someone else is saying about You, help me go to the Bible and see if it is true or false. In Jesus' name, Amen."



DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Week Five | Jude 11-16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- :::Notice that false teachers often go undetected, like "hidden reefs at your love feasts." How can churches be more discerning about such threats?
- :::Why is Jude so adamant about the fruitlessness and shame of false teachers? What does he want to convey to the church, and how should this impact the way we contend for that faith?
- :::Define what sin is and how sin distorts our relationship with God. Why is this important when speaking about or studying God's judgement on unrepentant sinners?
- ::How should defining sin and the effects of sin motivate us to introduce more people to Jesus? Does it motivate you or does it leave you indifferent?

RESPONSE (pray, confess, act)

How often do we actually define sin? More than likely, very rarely. And the truth is that our reasons for not defining or thinking about sin vary. For some, sin is when we're acting good or moral. For others, sin is subjective. And then there's the tension that everyone feels when talking about sin.

That tension is conviction. The Psalmist is no stranger to sin: "for I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight" (Psalm 51:3-4).

Tonight, rather than excusing sin, confess your sin to one another. It's one thing to talk about our sin from a 10,000 foot view. It's another to confess our sin and be reminded of gospel truths.



WEEK FIVE | JUDGEMENT

MEMORY VERSE | "Bless our God...who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip." Psalm 66:8a-9

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | JUDE 11-16

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- 1. How does the Bible describe Balaam in 2 Peter 2:15-16? What happens when you go the wrong way on a road trip, or to your favorite park? Or when you wander off somewhere that you know shouldn't have?
- 2. When has there been a time you felt things around you were so dark or chaotic that you didn't think there was any help for you? How does God help and protect us when we turn to Him?
- 3. What is a judge? What do they do? How will God judge those who don't follow him?
- 4. When are the times you've grumbled and complained about only what you want, or boasted out loud about yourself? How can we see that Jesus doesn't want us to stay in this kind of thinking and living?

PRAYER | OUR CONFIDENCE

"Lord, how real is your judgment and your love! Sometimes I don't understand or want to think about how you judge people who don't follow you. Your word teaches us all that is true about You because it came from You. Help me not to think I'm the judge to anyone else or pretend to be You. I am your child only because you called me in your love and I have believed in your Son. You give me the faith and grace I need not only to be saved, but to live each day as a new creation. Please help me repent when I grumble or complain that I'm not getting what I want. It's in Your name I pray, Amen."



DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Week Six | Jude 17-23

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

:::How do you "contend for the faith" when faced with moral positions that do not align with Scripture?

:::If scoffers are worldly people who cause divisions and are devoid of the Spirit (vv. 18-19), what should believers look like (vv. 20-23)? What does this look like practically for you in your daily life?

:::What would it look like for you to better keep yourself in the love of God? What does the repetition of "yourselves" imply?

:::Last week you defined sin and the effects of sin. How should our hatred for sin result in Christians "snatching" those who are in sin (v. 23)? What does this practically look like? Read James 5:19-20 for reference.

RESPONSE (pray, confess, act)

This section tends to be the turning point in Jude's letter, making sure the church is aware of false teachers and God's judgement upon unrepentant sinners. But this turning point doesn't simply leave us with information, but action (v. 21-23).

Contending for the faith and walking in our faith with humility means little is we are not in God's word. Our walk and hearts are always grounded by the foundation of God's revelation of Himself in His word. How are you doing in this area? Are you "unskilled in the word of righteousness" (Hebrews 5:13)?

Confess sin that you may be harboring and ask your community to hold you accountable to keeping yourself in the Word. Perseverance is a two-sided coin.



WEEK SIX | LIVING IN TENSION

MEMORY VERSE | "Bless our God...who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip." Psalm 66:8a-9

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | JUDE 17-23

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- 1. What do you think of when you hear the word "warning"? What does Jude want us to remember?
- 2. Jude told us that we should build our lives on what we believe about Jesus as our Savior. When someone is building a house, do they just put up a few boards and then say they have finished?
- 3. What is prayer? Why do we need to pray? Who are you praying for today?
- 4. Why should you help others who are doubting God or don't believe Him? How can you help someone who doesn't know or love God? See *Romans 2:4-8* for further reading and discussion.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

- Red Light, Green Light! Have some fun in the backyard or a big open space in your house. Use different movements to reach the leader (hopping, running, crawling, etc).
- Five Finger Prayer: Each day you and your family can take turns praying on five things (with five fingers as the symbol). You are welcome to do all ten fingers too. You can give thanks, confess, repent and ask for forgiveness, give a petition to God, and praise Him for something or someone--all with one hand! Even as simple as "I love you God. I'm sorry. Please help me. Thank you God," for your younger children.

PRAYER | OUR CONFIDENCE

"Dear God, thank you for helping us remember how to live if we say we believe in You. How to love others when we say we love You. May you give us the strength and courage to help others who don't show in their actions that they belong to you. Let the words we say and actions we do show that we are Your beloved children, who love You with all our hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen."



DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Week Seven | Jude 24-25

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

:::Verse 24 emphasizes what God does for us, while verse 25 emphasizes who God is. How do the two interrelate?

:::How does one stand and not fall in the presence of the only God to whom belong glory, majesty, dominion, and authority?

RESPONSE (pray, confess, act)

This last section is called the "doxology" which is our praise to the Lord Jesus. Our praise, however, isn't random but the result of what God has done for us in Christ. Jude concludes the letter similarly to the way he began it.

Our praise is the result of what God has done for us. Our identity is rooted in God calling us to Himself, loving us, and keeping us in Christ. Christian, our identity and activity all stems from Christ as the "founder and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). In joy, He endured the cross so that we might be reconciled to Him.

Tonight, praise the Lord.



WEEK SEVEN | DOXOLOGY

MEMORY VERSE | "Bless our God...who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip." Psalm 66:8a-9

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | JUDE 24-25

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- 1. What does "blameless" mean?
- 2. How do you show that you are blameless to your parents? To your friends? To God?
- 3. Read *John 14:15* and *Mark 12:30*. What makes it hard for you to obey God? Are you loving God today with all your heart, mind, and strength?
- 4. What does it look like to give God all the glory?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Majesty and Glory Poster - think of as many great and awesome things God has done and created. Draw, make a collage, and/or write them on a poster or a page to frame in your room or house to remind you why God deserves all glory and honor. "God is grand and that He is King over all. We give him all the glory!"

PRAYER | OUR CONFIDENCE

"Awesome God, thank you for saving us through your Son, Jesus Christ, as you have shown us in the Bible. You have saved us from the love of sin and saved us from falling and returning to sin. You save us so that Christ will one day present us 'faultless before the presence of His glory with very great joy.' I praise You and sing with a thankful and joyful heart! May I grow to love and praise you each day. Help me tell others about how and why you saved us through your son Jesus. In your name, I pray, Amen."