

Letters of Fire: Weekly Devotion

Kept in Love, Fed by Mercy

Scripture: “Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.” — Jude 1:21

Reflection

The Letter of Jude is short — just one page — but it burns with compassion and urgency. It’s a call to hold fast to the heart of our faith when the world feels loud and divided. Jude reminds us that the truest sign of a faithful heart isn’t how loudly we claim belief, but how steadfastly we love.

Yesterday we heard that faith isn’t meant to be hoarded — it’s meant to be shared and lived. In a time when many families are struggling with food insecurity, Jude’s letter invites us to build our faith the way we’d build a table: strong, open, and big enough for everyone to find nourishment.

To “keep ourselves in God’s love” means to stay grounded in compassion even when policies harden, when resources feel scarce, and when we’re tempted to look away. It means believing that mercy still multiplies — like loaves and fishes — when we share what we have.

This Week’s Practice

- Pray before a meal — even a simple one — and thank God not just for what’s on your table, but for those who helped bring it there: the farmers, the workers, the neighbors who share.
- Support a local food pantry or community meal. If you can, donate canned goods or volunteer time. If you’re stretched thin, write a note of encouragement to the volunteers.
- Practice mercy. Look for someone this week who’s struggling or uncertain — not just physically hungry but maybe weary in spirit — and offer gentle kindness instead of judgment.

Prayer

Holy and Merciful God,
Keep us in Your love this week.
When fear makes us tight-fisted, open our hands.
When anger rises, soften our hearts.

When the world seems harsh, remind us that mercy still multiplies.
Make us builders of compassion, sharers of bread,
and keepers of hope.
In Christ's name, Amen.