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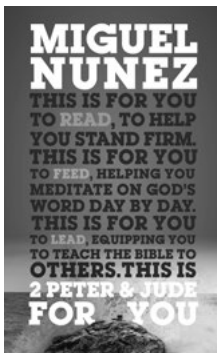
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# Introduction

One of the Bible writers described God's word as "a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" (Psalm 119:105, NIV). God gave us the Bible to tell us about who he is and what he wants for us. He speaks through it by his Spirit and lights our way through life.

That means that we need to look carefully at the Bible and uncover its meaning—but we also need to apply what we've discovered to our lives.

Good Book Guides are designed to help you do just that. The sessions in this book are interactive and easy to lead. They're perfect for use in groups or for personal study.

Let's take a look at what is included in each session.

**Talkabout:** Every session starts with an ice-breaker question, designed to get people talking around a subject that links to the Bible study.

**Investigate:** These questions help you explore what the passage is about.

**Apply:** These questions are designed to get you thinking practically: what does this Bible teaching mean for you and your church?

**Explore More:** These optional sections help you to go deeper or to explore another part of the Bible which connects with the main passage.

**Getting Personal:** These sections are a chance for personal reflection. Some groups may feel comfortable discussing these, but you may prefer to look at them quietly as individuals instead—or leave them out.

**Pray:** Here, you're invited to pray in the light of the truths and challenges you've seen in the study.

Each session is also designed to be easily split into two! Watch out for the **Apply** section that comes halfway through, and stop there if you haven't got time to do the whole thing in one go.

In the back of the book, you'll find a **Leader's Guide**, which provides helpful notes on every question, along with everything else that group leaders need in order to facilitate a great session and help the group uncover the riches of God's light-giving word.

# Why Study 2 Peter and Jude?

Over recent years we have witnessed the fall of a significant number of Christian leaders. Many of these leaders were running well at some point in their lives, but then they stumbled and fell into serious sin. And this is something that could happen to any one of us—church leaders and church members alike—however well we are running today.

Peter and Jude, two leaders in the early church, knew that firsthand. The brothers and sisters they were writing to had fallen under the influence of false teachers who were sexually immoral, financially greedy and power-hungry. A terrible combination! The danger was that through the wrong teaching and immoral example of these leaders, the believers would fall away from faith themselves.

In the two letters we will study in this guide, Peter and Jude both show a deep concern and an intense sense of urgency about the future of the believing communities they are addressing. They write to help their readers to stand firm. Their words are as relevant today as they were in the 1st century.

When it comes to our Christian walk, remaining on track is, on one level, the responsibility of each one of us. Peter says, “Make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble” (2 Peter 1:10). But at another level, finishing well is the work of God. Jude acknowledges that God is the one, in the end, who can keep us from stumbling (Jude v 24). It is through pursuing him and throwing ourselves on his mercy that we will make it to the end of the race—to be presented before his glorious throne “without fault and with great joy” (v 24).

It is important, as you begin, to approach these letters as being fully inspired by God, which makes them inerrant and infallible; to pray for illumination of your understanding; to adopt a humble and teachable attitude; and to decide to obey their content. God will then bless your study of his word.



# 1

## How to Keep from Stumbling

2 Peter 1:1-15

### Talkabout

1. What do you think it means to stand firm—or not stand firm—as a Christian?

### Investigate

 Read 2 Peter 1:1-15

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#### DICTIONARY

**Apostle** (v 1): one of those directly appointed by the risen Christ to teach about him.

**Corruption** (v 4): decay.

**In increasing measure** (v 8): more and more.

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2. Look at Peter's opening greetings (v 1-2). What has enabled his readers to gain faith, grace, and peace?
3. God hasn't just saved us—what else has he made possible, and how (v 3-4)?
4. How do verses 3-4 motivate us to pursue godliness?

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## Explore More | OPTIONAL

Hebrews 11 gives examples of Old Testament heroes who trusted in the promises of God and, as a result, did not waver in their faith.

### Read Hebrews 11:8-10, 17-19

- What promise did Abraham receive (v 8)?
- What did that lead him to do (v 9)?
- What else was Abraham able to do because of trusting God's promises (v 17-19)?
- What do you admire about this type of faith?

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5. Peter's readers have faith already. But what else does he want them to have (v 5-7)? What does each of these things mean, do you think?

- Why is it important to pursue those things (v 8)?

## Apply

6. Practically, what will be the effect of these virtues?

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## Getting Personal | OPTIONAL

Meditate on where you are regarding the virtues mentioned by Peter in verses 5-7. What are some areas for growth? What would be some signs that you had grown in those areas?

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## Investigate

7. If someone doesn't pursue godliness, what does that imply about them (v 9)?
8. In what sense do you think that living a godly life serves to "confirm" the fact that we've been called and chosen by God (v 10)?
  - What will be the end result of having been called by God and having lived a godly life (v 11)?

9. Why is Peter so determined to write this letter now (v 12-15)?

- Which words and phrases express this determination and sense of urgency?

10. Peter's readers know the truth—so why do you think he wants to remind them of it?

11. In today's passage as a whole, what's the relationship between knowledge of God and godly living?

- How would you sum up what God does and what we are called to do?

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## Getting Personal | OPTIONAL

Some people are so confident in God's forgiveness that they end up not making much effort to fight sin. Some try desperately to be perfect on their own, fearing that they are not really saved. Which do you tend toward? How does this passage challenge or encourage you?

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### Apply

12. What steps can you take to remind yourself of the truth? How will this help you to stand firm in your faith?

- What is one thing you could do to help someone else stand firm in their faith this week?

### Pray

*Spend time listing the truths of the gospel and praising God for them.*

*Pray for one another, asking for God's help in standing firm and living fruitful lives for his glory.*