SESSION 5
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DIGGING IN

The Outer Spiritual Life

CROSS CHECKING

A Vision from Zechariah:

The Zechariah 3 passage referenced in Jude is printed here. As you read it, circle anything that reminds you of the phrases you saw used in Jude 22–23.

Zechariah 3:1–7

1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.
2 The Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?"
3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.
4 The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes."
Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you."
5 Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the Lord stood by.
6 The angel of the Lord gave this charge to Joshua:
7 "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'If you will walk in obedience to me and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.

Now answer a few questions about Zechariah's vision.

Look at verse 2. Why do you think God called him "a burning stick snatched from the fire?"

Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. (See verse 3.) What do you think his filthy clothes represented?

Why do you think the angel said "Take off his filthy clothes"? (Look at verse 4.)

Notice that when God took away Joshua's sin, he put rich garments on him. (See verses 4–5.) What does this tell you about God?

Finally, what's the big point God is getting across with this vision?

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Words from Jesus

Now read the following words from Jesus, listing anything He said about mercy. (If you read the verses right before and after these, you'll get a better feel for when and where Jesus was speaking.)

Matthew 5:7

Matthew 9:13

Luke 6:35–36

Now that you've read Zechariah's vision and Jesus' words, what is Jude saying in these verses? Write your thoughts in the space below.

TAKING IT INWARD

Mercy Action Plan:

Stage of Faith	Names
Be merciful to those who doubt. *These could be people who have questions about faith in God. They may be confused and wanting all their questions answered before committing to Christ.*	
Snatch others from the fire and save them. *These could be people who've made a decision to reject the faith completely.*	
To others, show mercy, mixed with fear, hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. *These could be people like the "certain men" in Jude, who've walked away from the faith and are trying to take others with them.*	

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

Jude Takeaway:

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