



### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

We are at present studying the Gospel of Romans. Johan is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word.

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY – 10 AM

All ladies are encouraged to attend the Wednesday Ladies Bible class. This Wednesday, they will be studying Hosea.

### SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CLASS 9am

Please bring your children to the Children's Bible class. It is so important to bring a child up in God's Way, teaching them about God's Word and God's Love.

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### SUNDAY TIMES:

**BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00**

**WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00**

**14 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Preacher:** Johan Smulders

**Sermon Topic:** "Going Home"

**Scripture reading:** John 14: 1 – 4

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 5: 1

**Song Leader:** Braam Le Roux

**Opening Prayer:** Jan Roberts

**Closing Prayer:** Mike Baisley

**Servers:** Braam, Jan, Ordene & Mike

**Scripture Reading:** Braam Le Roux

**Lord's Table:** Ordene Engelbrecht

**Attendance last Sunday:** 39

### A SHORT SUMMARY OF JUDE SON OF JAMES, THE APOSTLE

Listed together with Simon the Zealot and James the Less, Jude completes a grouping of the least-known apostles. In *Twelve Ordinary Men*, Jude is characterized as a tender-hearted, gentle man who displays childlike humility. Jude the apostle, also referred to as Jude of James, Judas of James, Thaddeus, Judas Thaddeus, and Lebbaeus was one of the twelve main disciples of Jesus Christ. Some scholars believe he is the same person as Jude, brother of Jesus, who is traditionally regarded as the author of the Epistle of Jude.

While his name is sometimes translated as Judas (Jude and Judas are English forms of the same Greek name), he is not Judas Iscariot, the infamous disciple who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

Jude the apostle is only mentioned a handful of times in the New Testament. Exactly how many times depends on if we consider him the same person as Jude, brother of Jesus. Either way, the Bible doesn't give us much to go on. One of the few concrete facts about "Jude of James" is that he was a member of the Twelve, making him one of Jesus' closest disciples and confidants. While there are four lists of the Twelve apostles in the Bible, only two of them include Jude (or Judas, depending on the translation).

Luke 6: 13 - 16, "When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, **Judas son of James**, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor."

Acts 1: 13, "When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James, son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and **Judas son of James**."

Interestingly, both of these lists were written by Luke. The other two lists appear to replace Jude with someone named Thaddeus, and there are mixed theories as to why. In any case, his inclusion among the Twelve means Jude spent about three years living with Jesus, witnessing his miracles, and hearing his teachings. He saw numerous demonstrations of Jesus' divinity.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the members in our congregation who are in need of God's grace, healing and strength through difficult times. Please pray for Taida Marembo, Geraldine's mother, Petro, Ian, Kate and Landon, as they are going through a very difficult time. We also need to thank God for prayers answered.

### OUR ANCHOR

When the waves won't listen and the sky won't clear, faith becomes the anchor that holds.

Acts 27 has Paul in a dangerous storm at sea along with 275 other people. The great difference is that while the majority of the other passengers were scared witless, Paul had Christ in the storm.

While Jesus may never visit us personally as He did Paul on that stormy night, He does promise His presence through His promises in our own storms. The storm may still rage, but the Prince of Peace can calm His child.

*"Therefore, keep up your courage men, for I believe God ..." (Acts 27: 25).*

The statement "God is our anchor" is a metaphor, primarily from the Bible, signifying that God provides security, stability, and steadfastness during life's challenges and trials. Like a physical anchor keeps a ship from drifting in rough seas, faith and hope in God's promises secure the soul, offering a firm foundation and preventing believers from being overwhelmed by difficulties.

## **YOU SAY - GOD SAYS**

### **Bible Promises**

You say: "It's impossible,"  
God says: All things are possible.  
(Luke 18: 27)

You say: "I'm too tired,"  
God says: I will give you rest.  
(Matthew 11: 28 - 30)

You say: "Nobody really loves me,"  
God says: I love you.  
(John 3: 16 & John 3: 34)

You say: "I can't go on,"  
God says: My grace is sufficient.  
(2 Corinthians 12: 9 & Psalm 91: 15)

You say: "I can't figure things out,"  
God says: I will direct your steps.  
(Proverbs 3: 5 - 6)

You say: "I can't do it,"  
God says: You can do all things.  
(Philippians 4: 13)

You say: "I'm not able,"  
God says: I am able.  
(2 Corinthians 9: 8)

You say: "It's not worth it,"  
God says: It will be worth it.  
(Romans 8: 28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself,"  
God says: I Forgive you.  
(1 John 1: 9 & Romans 8: 1)

You say: "I can't manage,"  
God says: I will supply all your needs.  
(Philippians 4: 19)

You say: "I'm afraid,"  
God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear.  
(2 Timothy 1: 7)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated,"  
God says: Cast all your cares on me.  
(1 Peter 5: 7)

You say: "I'm not smart enough,"  
God says: I give you wisdom.  
(1 Corinthians 1: 30)

You say: "I feel all alone,"  
God says: I will never leave you or forsake you.  
(Hebrews 13: 5)