

“In the same way, these people—who claim authority from their dreams—live immoral lives, defy authority, and scoff at supernatural beings.

But these people scoff at things they do not understand. Like unthinking animals, they do whatever their instincts tell them, and so they bring about their own destruction.” Jude 1:8, 10 NLT

## [lectio] // JUDE 1:5-21

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

Jude goes off on “these” people, it must have been a very specific group that was living this way and leading other to do so as well. Jude starts with historical perspective, “if you think they will get away with it consider...” Then he clearly lays out consequences from God. But the audacity! They live immorally, defy authority and mock demons, just for fun. I know everyone sins, I know I sin. I know what’s wrong and I do it anyways. But to justify it, flaunt it, then teach it as RIGHT - that’s super ballzy! He says, like unthinking animals, doing what their instincts tell them. That’s it Jude, you nailed it. We are in a season of permissive and promotive immorality. It’s not hidden, not shameful, it’s normalized and honored. And if one disagrees, they are bigots, haters and deserve public shaming.

## [oratio]

Dad,

And I say, “what a wonderful season to BE a believer! Act like, sound like and see like Christ. It is a perfect time to NOT BE like the pharisees who control and judge, but to be like Jesus, who lifts and frees people. To be like Jesus that hears and heals, who sees what life and decisions have done to people and transforms them - pulling them from darkness into the light. This is what you did in me and for me! Where would I be without your grace, forgiveness and power to change? I would be without hope, without a future, without a life here or in eternity! Help me to BE Jesus in this extreme culture of flaunting our failures and calling it good.

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root