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LESSON 1

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RETAINING ALLIES BY STRENGTHENING SECURITY

In February, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida announced intentions to speed up new measures designed to remedy serious security breaches. The US discovered the cybersecurity breach in 2020, when it saw that information it had shared with Japan was being leaked to China. Japan was informed of the problem as a matter of highest urgency but has since moved slowly on it, doing—in the words of one US official—"too little, too late." Making policy changes to communications protocols has wide-ranging legal impacts on Japanese law, creating resistance to change. But Japan risks losing the trust of its allies, as things stand. One Japanese official said that other nations "are not going to be comfortable sharing sensitive data with Japan if they think it is going to be compromised."

REMAINING IN GOD'S LOVE AS OTHERS FALL AWAY

Jude wrote to warn Christians that scoffers would come who would divide the church and cause some to fall away from the faith. But he urged his readers to strengthen their faith, keeping themselves in the love of God and praying to the Holy Spirit to stay the course.

- 1. When have you recently come to someone with a matter of urgency? Did they react quickly?
- 2. How can scoffers bring division to a church body?
- 3. In what ways can we strengthen our faith, even as others may fall away?

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