

SERMON NOTES

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CONTEND FOR THE FAITH

1. The Believer's Calling — Jude 1:1-3

- Jude reminds believers of their spiritual blessings and responsibility.
 - Sanctified, Preserved, and Called — **Jude 1:1**
 - Mercy, Peace, and Love — **Jude 1:2**
 - Contend for the Faith — **Jude 1:3** “...it was **needful** for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was **once** delivered unto the saints.”

2. Recognize False Teachers — Jude 1:4-19

- False teachers secretly enter the church, promoting ungodliness and distorting God's truth. — **Jude 1:4/ 2 Peter 2:1**
 - **Examples of rebellion and ungodliness:**
 - Apostate Judas — **Matthew 27:3**
 - Demas — **2 Timothy 4:10**
 - Israel's unbelief — **Jude 1:5**
 - Fallen angels — **Jude 1:6**
 - Sodom and Gomorrah — **Jude 1:7**
 - Cain, Balaam, and Korah — **Jude 1:11**
 - **Characteristics of false teachers:**
 - Reject [legitimate] authority — **Jude 1:8**
 - Murmur and complain [habitually] — **Jude 1:16**
 - Mock and scoff — **Jude 1:18**
 - Cause division [agitators] — **Jude 1:19**

3. What Should We Do? — Jude 1:20-23

- Build yourselves up on [the foundation of] your most holy faith — **Jude 1:20**
- Pray in the Holy Spirit — **Jude 1:20**
- Keep yourselves in the love of God — **Jude 1:21**
- Rescue others from danger while exercising godly caution — **Jude 1:23**

4. God Is Able to Keep You — Jude 1:24-25

- God is able to keep believers from stumbling or falling into sin, and present them unblemished [blameless and faultless] before His glorious presence with great joy and delight.
- We contend for the faith, but we depend on God's power to preserve us.