



Message Outline
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Know Who You Are

Fun facts about Jude

- * **The length** – _____ **shortest book in the Bible.**
- * **The parallels with 2 Peter** – urgent _____.
- * **The literary device** – multiple uses of the _____.
- * **The author** – _____ **of Jesus.**

Jude 1-3 - Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to **contend for the faith** that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people.

** **To contend for the faith is to be deliberate about living out, protecting, and passing on the truth about Jesus that has been entrusted to us.***

Why contending is required:

1. **Unbelief will be easier than** _____ .
 - **We have short memories.**
 - **We have an enemy that deceives & schemes.**
 - **We have a culture that resists.**
2. **The temptation will be to** _____ **the faith to be compatible with the times.**

It's not about being contentious.

It's about being _____.

It isn't about winning arguments.

It's about remaining _____.

Matthew 24:13 - But the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

The faith is worth being committed to because _____ **is worth following.**

Matthew 10:39b - (*Jesus*) ...whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

Are you a contender?

- C** – _____
- O** – **On guard against deception**
- N** – **Notice the warning**
- T** – **Take your stand**
- E** – **Equip yourself**
- N** – **Navigate with mercy**
- D** – **Depend on God**
- E** – **Elevate God**
- R** – **Remain faithful**

Contenders know whose they are:

1. _____ **by God.**

Root: καλέω (*kaleō*) — “to call, summon, invite”
 The idea is **being summoned for God's purpose.**

2. _____ **by God.**

It's a **completed action with continuing results.** So, God's love isn't just something that happened in the past.

3. _____ **by God.**

The picture is of someone being **guarded, preserved, watched over, or kept safe.**

- * **We don't fight** _____ **victory.**
- We fight** _____ **victory.**