

# Epistle of Jude: *Contending for the Faith*

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## Study 1: Contend Confidently

READ Jude 1-25 and LISTEN to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

**Big idea:** Having been called by God, contend for the faith, knowing you are kept for Jesus, even as the ungodly are kept for judgement.

**Structure:**

- vv. 1-2 – You are kept for Jesus
- vv. 3-4 – Contend for the faith (purpose)
- vv. 5-16 – Why contend for the faith
- vv. 17-23 – How to contend for the faith
- vv. 24-25 – You are kept by Jesus

1. Who was Jude (see Matt 13:54-55)? Why is it significant that Jude identifies himself specifically as a slave/servant? He did not always think this way (see Mark 3:20-21). What do you think changed?
2. In v. 1b Jude provides three specific things he wants Christians to know about themselves. What do you think the meaning of each is?

**Called** (think about the difference between the external call (2 Cor 5:20) and the internal call (1 Pet 2:9; John 6:44))

**Beloved in God the Father** (see John 17:26)

**Kept for Jesus Christ** (see John 10:27-28)

Which work of God is most meaningful and encouraging to you and why?

3. In v. 2 Jude shares three graces that are extended to all believers in Christ: mercy, peace, and love.

What specific ways have you received mercy from the Lord and from others?

What specific ways is the Lord leading you to show mercy to others?

When have you experienced the peace that comes from knowing Christ as your Lord and Saviour?

Would people recognize through your joyful flourishing, despite your circumstances, that love is continually multiplied to you by God?

4. How do these blessings in vv. 1b-2, along with the doxology (vv. 24-25), strengthen and encourage you when you consider the purpose of Jude's epistle: contending for the faith in the midst of false teachers and false believers in the church?

### STOP AND PRAY:

**Confess:** to God those times you have not shown mercy to others

**Praise:** God for the multitude of blessings He has freely initiated in giving you

**Pray:** that you would shine and flourish under the love flowing to you from God