

Epistle of Jude: *Contending for the Faith*

Study 5: The Disciple's Battle Plan (Part 1)

READ Jude 17-21 and LISTEN to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

Big idea: Since the church is constantly under attack, from forces inside and outside, every genuine believer should persevere in their devotion to Christ and defend their faith in a spirit of love and mercy. Jude provides three things necessary to guard and grow our Christian faith: (1) Remember opposition in the church is predicted (vv. 17-19), (2) Remain spiritually healthy (vv. 20-21) and (3) Rescue the wandering (vv. 22-23). The first two are covered in this study.

REMEMBER: what is predicted (vv. 17-19)

1. What does Jude want his readers to remember in vv. 17-19? Why is this important?

2. How should we balance between not being overly judgmental of everyone within the church with naively believing every person's profession of faith? What does discernment in the church look like?

Why is discernment necessary to "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph 4:3)?

How does the Berean's example help us with this? Read Acts 17:10-12.

REMAIN: spiritually healthy

3. If God ultimately keeps, or preserves, the Christian (vv. 1 and 24), how can a believer keep themselves in the love of God (vv. 20-21, see John 15:9-10)?

4. What role do the Scriptures play in the believer's perseverance (see John 15:5-7)?

What role do they play in your life?

5. What does it mean to pray in the Holy Spirit? How does prayer help keep you in God's love?

What role does prayer play in your life? If little, what do you think will help change this?

6. In Titus 2:12-13 Paul calls Christ's return "our blessed hope" and encourages Titus to wait for this amid ungodliness. How does waiting for Jesus' return help keep you spiritually healthy (v. 21)?

STOP AND PRAY:

Confess: any judgmental attitudes you have toward others on issues of conscience

Thank: God for the grace to persevere in our love for and obedience to Christ

Pray: that you might grow in your commitment to the Word, prayer and waiting