

JUDE: CONTEND FOR THE FAITH

"A Winning Strategy for Fighting" Jude 17-23 October 27, 2024

Remember the solid foundation of your faith Vs 17-19

- 1) Remember who said it Vs 17
- 2) Reflect on what they said Vs 18
- 3) Recognize these false teachers Vs 19 2 Corinthians 11:12-15
 - ✓ They disparage the Lord 2 Peter 3:3-4
 - ✓ They cause <u>division</u>
 - ✓ They <u>delight</u> in evil <u>desires</u>
 - ✓ They are devoid of the Spirit Titus 1:16

Build yourselves up in the faith Vs 20-21 Acts 20:32

- 1) <u>Pray</u> Vs 20b Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6; I Thessalonians 5:17
- 2) Remain in God's love Vs 21a John 15:9-11
- 3) Wait <u>expectantly</u> for Christ's return Vs 21b 1 Corinthians 1:7; Philippians 3:20

Reach those inside & outside the faith Vs 22-23

- 1) Show mercy on those who <u>doubt</u> Vs 22
- 2) Rescue those who are in <u>danger</u> Vs 23a Amos 4:11; Zechariah 3:2; James 5:19-20
- 3) <u>Carefully</u> show mercy to those who are <u>defiled</u> Vs 23b Zechariah 3:3-4

RESPONSE QUESTIONS:

- 1. What does it mean to remain in God's love? How can you keep yourself in God's love this week?
- 2. What role do the Scriptures play in a believer's perseverance? What role do they play in your life?
- 3. How can the church be a merciful place for those who struggle with doubts about their faith? What doubts have you had, and how has the Lord responded to you?
- 4. Who do you know might need to be snatched from the fire? Why does Jude use such urgent and intense language?
- 5. What does it look like to have mercy on someone, even while being careful to not walk in the same path they are? Does this mean we withdraw from the world or engage the world? What does that need to look like?