

Kept to Contend

Jude 1-4

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The church is called to remain faithful to the truth of the gospel even when false teaching threatens to pull believers away from it. As Jude introduces his letter, he reminds us of our identity in Christ and calls us to contend for the faith entrusted to God's people.

1. What is something worth standing up for, even when doing so is difficult?

LOOKING AT GOD'S WORD

Read Jude 1–4 together in the NIV.

2. How does Jude describe the people he is writing to? What does he want them to remember about their identity?

3. What does Jude say has happened within the church? What concerns does he raise about certain people who have entered the community?

4. What does Jude say believers are called to contend for? What do you notice about how he describes the faith?

DIGGING DEEPER

5. Why do you think Jude begins by reminding believers who they are before warning them about false teachers?

6. What do you think it means to "contend for the faith"? What might that look like—and what might it not look like?

7. Jude says these people "pervert the grace of our God" by using it as a reason for immoral living. How can a misunderstanding of grace affect the way someone lives?

LIVING IT OUT

8. How confident are you in your understanding of the core truths of the Christian faith? Where would you like to grow?

9. What are some ways you can remain grounded in biblical truth when you encounter ideas that challenge or distort the gospel?

10. What is one step you can take this week to become more grounded in and committed to the faith God has entrusted to His people?

PRAY TOGETHER