

Kept to Contend

Jude 5-16

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Jude reminds us that God takes rebellion and unbelief seriously, even among those who have experienced His goodness. Through a series of warnings and examples, Jude calls believers to recognize the danger of false teaching and the destructive fruit it produces.

1. Why do warnings sometimes get our attention more than encouragement does?

LOOKING AT GOD'S WORD

Read Jude 5–16 together in the NIV.

2. What examples from the past does Jude use to warn his readers? What do these examples have in common?
3. How does Jude describe the people who have infiltrated the church? What words or images stand out to you?
4. What does Jude say about the way these people affect others and the community around them?

DIGGING DEEPER

5. What do Jude's examples teach us about God's attitude toward rebellion and unbelief?
6. Several times Jude describes people who are focused on themselves rather than God and others. What does that kind of self-centeredness look like in everyday life?
7. Which warning in this passage stands out to you most? Why?

LIVING IT OUT

8. What helps you recognize when an idea or teaching is pulling you away from biblical truth?
9. Where might self-interest or spiritual complacency make you more vulnerable to unhealthy influences?
10. What is one way you can stay alert and grounded in the truth of the gospel this week?

PRAY TOGETHER