

# Apply The Word

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## Message Info

Title:

Contend

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Scriptures:

Jude 1-11

**Theme:** Contend for the faith always knowing that you are kept for Jesus.

**Introduction:** We know both that God is sovereign and that humans are responsible. And we have assurance that the sovereign God will keep and save his people. Within his certain grace we are called to contend for the faith. We must fight to trust and obey God at every point in this age.

Jude provides us 3 ways to contend for the faith:

### 1. Lookout for the Intruders

Jude is calling the church to be aware, to be vigilant, for false teachers. They can even creep into the church under false pretenses.

False teaching is often especially linked to sexual immorality, a topic on which the Bible never takes a light tone.

You cannot downplay sexual sin and claim Christ as your own.

### 2. Remember the True Severity of Judgment

One of the common failings of humanity is to downplay the severity of impending destruction. We can live in denial of impending judgment.

This is especially true for God's judgment: no one is truly prepared for the severity of his judgment. It is a fearsome certainty.

Through 3 examples, Jude demonstrates the immensity of what is at stake. There is great danger in unbelief.

### 3. Open Our Eyes to Presumption

The Lord rebukes Satan for those he has chosen to save (cf. Zech 3:2). We can have great confidence in the certainty of his salvation.

But the Lord also rebukes those who claim to speak for him when they do so falsely. They reject authority, act immorally, and blaspheme the Lord.

They exhibit great presumption, taking a place that does not belong to them. Like Korah, they seek to lead when they have not been granted that role by God.

Especially today with the massive availability of teachers who claim to speak for God, we must beware of bad theology that would lead us away from God.

**Questions:**

1. How have you been affected by false teaching?
2. How do you contend for the faith? Are you aware of false teaching and how do you respond to it?
3. Is presumption active in your life? Are you seeking to take power or pleasures that God has not granted you?