

# JUDE

– Every Word: summer series in the small books –

## “Fight or Flight”

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**Scripture: Jude 1-16**

**“Every Word” Series**

Fight or Flight?

*Our faith IS under threat and it IS worth fighting for!*

Key Verse: “Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, **I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith** that was once for all delivered to the saints.” Jude 3

Outline of Jude 1-16:

1-2, Greetings

3-4, Jude's Warning

5-11, Remembering Past Contentions

12-16, Identifying the Threat

### 1. Greetings...

- a. To those who are \_\_\_\_\_ in Truth (v.2)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ in God the Father
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ

## 2. What does it mean to \_\_\_\_\_?

Faith: Here the faith is not a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ in God, or a casual \_\_\_\_\_. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ itself, the substance of our belief..

1 Cor. 11:16, "...we have no such \_\_\_\_\_."

Jude 3, "Contend for \_\_\_\_\_"

## 3. Who are we \_\_\_\_\_ with?

- 1) Designated for this \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ people
- 3) Who \_\_\_\_\_ the grace of our God into  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4) And deny our only \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Why is it \_\_\_\_\_ contending?

FIRST: It's worth contending for because of what it is:  
the truth of this \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 1:16

SECOND: This faith is worth contending for because we  
have a \_\_\_\_\_ for our family.

Acts 2:44-45

**In your own words...**

**What does it mean to contend?**

**Who are we contending with?**

**Why is it worth contending?**

## **Getting Started:**

### **Read the Book of Jude.**

What is the threat Jude is warning the church about? And what might be the consequences if they ignore it?

What is the good news? Where is the joy in the book?

## **Digging Deeper:**

### **Read Jude 1-2.**

Discuss the three descriptions of the believers. What is powerful about thinking of ourselves in these terms?

Why is it meaningful that these three descriptions are not of the believers' own doing, but are a result of God's action? What does that say about our identity in Christ?

### **Read Romans 5:8, 8:29-30, and 1 John 4:19.**

How does this shape our view of our own salvation?

### **Read Jude 3-11.**

What is the faith to contend for?

How would you explain "contending" in your own words? What does it look like to "contend for the faith?"

Why is the phrase "once for all" critical?

What are the four things we learn about the intruders? Why are they so dangerous that Jude spends his letter warning the church?

**Read Romans 1:16.**

Why is faith worth contending for, personally?

**Read Jude 12-13.**

Why is faith worth contending for, corporately?

**Read Jude 14-16.**

**Getting Real:**

How might we contend for the faith in our day-to-day lives, in our own families and friend circles? What threat to intruders pose?

**Read 1 Corinthians 12.**

How might we contend as a body of believers? How does that look different for different people?

**Pray Together:** *Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, Thank you for this good news that was given completely, once for all. Thank you that we don't have to fear missing out on some critical piece. Lord, show us how to contend for the faith in a world increasingly pressuring us to compromise, and misshape the good news. Help us stand firm. May you always be our focus and may you always get the glory. Amen.*