



- God is **calling** each of us to be **contenders**

*Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.*

**Jude 1:3-4**

- The question is, "What is your **Testimony?**"

*Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well-built and handsome,*

**Genesis 39: 1-6**

- He had a **personal** Testimony (Genesis 39:2)
- He had a **powerful** Testimony (Genesis 39:3)
- He had a **prosperous** Testimony (Genesis 39:4-6)
- What does **Temptation** look like? (Genesis 39:7-19)
  - It is **Subtle** (Genesis 39:7)
  - It is **Shocking** (Genesis 39:7)
  - It is **Constant** (Genesis 39:10)
  - It is **Strategic** (Genesis 39:11-16)

- What should we do when we are **tempted?**
  - Be **Firm** (Genesis 39:8)
  - Let your faith be your **NO** (Genesis 39:9)
  - In faith say **NO** and then stand **firm** with the Lord (Genesis 39:10)
  - Let your **NO** be **Final** (Genesis 39:12)

### Facts about Temptation

- Temptation is **never** from God (James 1:13)
- Temptation is **always** from within (James 1:14-15)
- Temptation must be **handled** properly (1 Corinthians 10:13)
  - Deal with it **immediately**
  - Deal with it **Realistically**
  - Deal with it **Ruthlessly**
  - Deal with it **Consistently**
  - Deal with it **Confidently**
- How can we experience from **freedom?**

- Jesus is the same **yesterday**, today, and **forever!**

"Do not give the devil a foothold" (Ephesians 4:27)

"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." (Ephesians 6:11)

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7)

"Be self controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8)

- You need again to **submit** to God, and to call on the name of Jesus
- **Submit** to God...**Give** your life to him...the most-high God!

### Luke 8:33-39

- He is set free
- He is sitting at Jesus' feet dressed and in his right mind
- He is cured

- He is now a missionary
- Our hope is in Jesus!