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Contender



DESERT SPRINGS CHURCH

- Are you a **contestant** or a **contender**?
 - A contestant is someone who is **simply participating** in a competition
 - A contender is someone who **believes** they will **win** the competition

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

- We do **not** have to fight to **earn** our salvation
Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5
- We **do** need to fight to **hold on** to our salvation
2 Peter 3:17-18

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

Jude 1:20-21

- **Build** yourself up – get **stronger** in your faith
- Give God this next **year** of your **life**

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who

built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Matthew 7:24-27

- **Both** men were building **great** homes
- Without a solid **foundation** you won't be able to make it
- The **moral** foundation of our nation is being **eroded** away

*When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”
The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne.
He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them.*

Psalms 11:3-4

- God is **still** on the **throne**
- **Prayer:**

While Jeremiah was still confined in the courtyard of the guard, the word of the Lord came to him a second time: “This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it—the Lord is his name: ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

Jeremiah 33:1-3

- It is time to **ask** our great God for some great and **unsearchable** things
- **Faith:**

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

James 1:6-8

- God is calling **you** to step out of the boat and **walk** in faith
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