

Hold Fast

Responding to the Fallen

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Group #1 – Those who doubt.

KEY: The emphasis Jude is placing on a merciful response is not so much us showing mercy as much as us remembering the mercy shown to us by God.

The reality of God's mercy replaces the tendency to be harsh and critical with a spirit of humility and compassion.

❖ Extending to them an invitation to help process their doubt.

Group #2 – Those who have acted on their doubts.

- Save – “deliver out of”
- Snatch – “take by force”

❖ Pursuing them intentionally with the goal of restoration.

Group #3 – Those who have completely fallen away.

- Titus 3:10; 2 John 10-11; 1 Corinthians 5:11

❖ Loving the sinner and hating the sin.

Final Thoughts

1. Make sure the next generation understands why we believe what we believe.
2. Remember the greatest apologetic for the next generation to contend for the faith is the life you live.