



Standing for Truth: Called and Ready - Jude 1:1–2

If someone who knew you really well had to describe you in just three words, what do you hope they would say?

Memory Verse:

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

Break this verse down: What does it mean to revere Christ as Lord? What would that look like in daily life?

Giving someone an answer for the reason we have hope is powerful, why is doing it with gentleness and respect so important?

What did you notice from Sunday's message that challenged or encouraged you the most? Was there a story, Scripture, or statement that stuck with you after you left church?

Read: Jude 1:1–2

Jude introduces believers as called, sanctified, and preserved before he ever addresses false teaching. Why do you think Jude starts with our identity before talking about the challenges we'll face?

Jude describes himself as a bondservant of Jesus Christ instead of "the brother of Jesus." What does Jude's humility teach us about following Jesus?

The sermon reminded us that the resurrection transformed Jude from a skeptic into a surrendered servant. What evidence has strengthened your own confidence that Jesus really is who He claimed to be?

Where is pride most likely to sneak into our own walk with Christ?

1 Peter 3:15 emphasizes that every believer is called to be ready to explain the hope they have. When have you felt unprepared to answer someone's questions about your faith?

What would help you grow in confidence without becoming argumentative?

Jude reminds believers that they have been called, set apart, and preserved by God. Which of those three truths do you most need to remember right now? Why?

Read Psalm 78:1-7

This passage and the sermon challenged us to think about passing our faith to the next generation. Who has invested spiritually in your life?

Who is God giving you the opportunity to influence right now?

The sermon pointed out that false teaching often enters the church gradually rather than dramatically. What are some subtle messages in today's culture—even messages that sometimes appear inside churches—that can slowly pull believers away from biblical truth?

How can we lovingly discern the difference between biblical conviction and personal preference?

What's one thing you'll do this week to become more prepared to share your faith or encourage someone else in theirs? (Be as specific.)

Spend time praying specifically for:

- Confidence to lovingly share the hope found in Jesus when opportunities arise.
- Discernment to recognize truth from error while remaining humble and teachable.
- The next generation—that our children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors would come to know Christ and remain faithful to Him.
- That we would become the church that God has called us to be in these times.