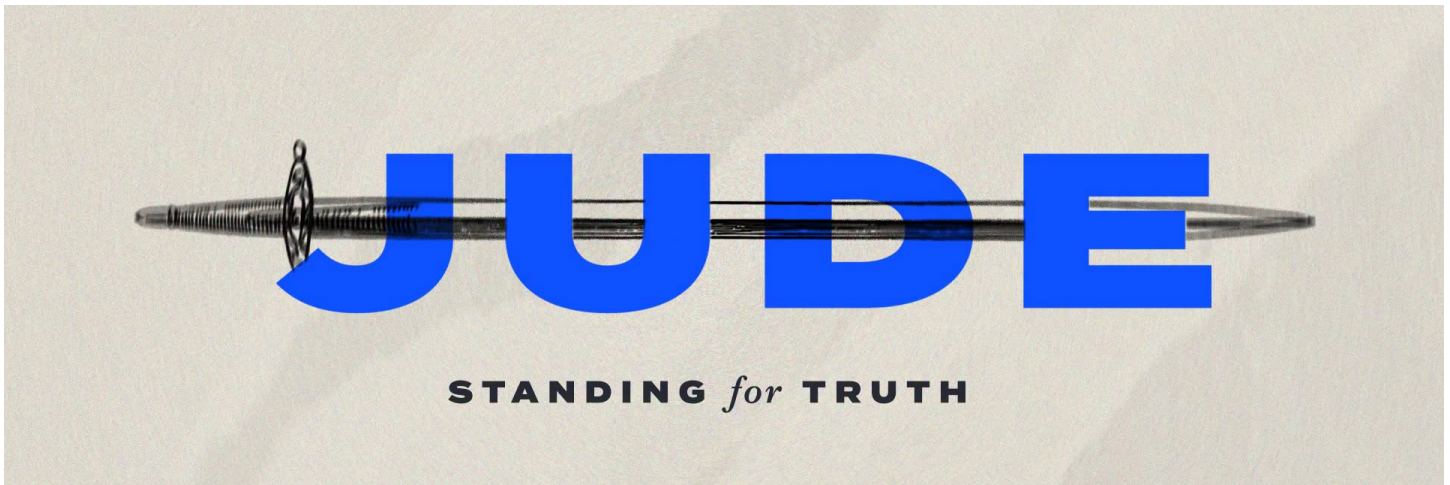




Jude: Standing for Truth - The Cost of Standing Firm

What's something you've chosen to do the hard way because you knew the easier option wouldn't be as good in the long run?

READ:

2 Timothy 3:12 (NLT)

"Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution."

1 Peter 2:12 (NLT)

"Live such good lives among your pagan neighbors that they will see your honorable behavior."

Romans 8:18 (NLT)

"What we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later."

What challenged you most about the message? Was there a statement, Scripture, or idea that stuck with you?

Why do you think we sometimes assume that following Jesus should make life easier?

How can that expectation affect our faith when obedience actually makes something harder?

The sermon said, "**Standing for truth will cost you something. But compromising the truth...will cost you everything.**" Where have you seen compromise seem cheaper in the moment but become more expensive later?

How can we tell the difference between opposition that comes because we're faithfully following Jesus and opposition that comes because we've handled truth poorly?

What role should humility, love, wisdom, and self-examination play when people push back against us?

Standing firm can sometimes affect relationships with friends, family, coworkers, and even other Christians. Why can relational pressure be harder to withstand than criticism from strangers?

How can we remain faithful without becoming harsh, defensive, or unnecessarily divisive?

The sermon says, **"Your endurance preaches louder than your opinions."** What does it look like practically to stand firmly for truth while still demonstrating the character of Jesus?

What are some areas where Christians today may be tempted to stay silent, soften their convictions, or compromise because they fear rejection, criticism, or lost opportunities?

Which kinds of pressure are hardest for you personally?

The message asks, **"What are you willing to lose in order to stay faithful?"** What might faithfulness realistically cost you—approval, comfort, reputation, opportunity, a relationship, or something else?

Is there anything you fear losing enough that it could become more important to you than obedience to Jesus?

Close in prayer.