

NOTES: All Together | Contend for the Faith
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Thank you for giving an “All Together” expansion love offering and for pledging an amount to give over 18 months. We are going to see this done - All Together.

Jude 1:1- 4 NIV

Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: ²May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you. ³Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints. ⁴For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:22-23 NIV - “Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.”

What is “The Faith”?

- The faith consists of the Good News, the gospel, proclaimed by Christ and the apostles. It is the fixed and unalterable truth, given by the Holy Spirit and taught throughout the New Testament.
- “Contend” (epagonizomai) describes the battle that the faithful believer is in because of faith. This means to struggle, wrestle, and/or suffer.

Philippians 2:12 (NASB95)

¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

Greatest Lie: “I can do this alone.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11 – “Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.”

2 Corinthians 10:3–6 (NASB95)

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵ *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, ⁶ and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.

- Divine power to demolish strongholds - fortresses of lies
- Demolish speculations - arguments/reason/guessing
- Lofty things - cultural beliefs embraced by perceived majority

- Raised up against the Truth of God, the Gospel

Ephesians 6:12 “For **our** struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. “

We contend for the faith:

- During desert and dark times
- During disappointments and when you feel defeated
- During your day- Daily struggle
- During death (losses and grief)
- When you want the Destiny God has for you
- When flesh desires what is not Divine
- During season of planting and seasons of harvest
- When you see a dream, a vision for your life, marriage, finances, coming into focus. Contend!
- As you are discovering and developing your faith.
- When others are contending, we help them all together
- When you are experiencing depth in God’s love

Ephesians 6:13–19 (NASB95)

¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDING YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, ¹⁵ and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; ¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. ¹⁷ And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, ¹⁹ and *pray* on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

To resist/defend/contend in the evil day. Stand firm and take up (use) the full armor.

1. Gird your loins with Truth
2. Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness
3. Shod your feet with the Preparedness of the Gospel of peace
4. Take up the shield of faith
5. Helmet of Salvation
6. Sword of the Spirit-YOUR BIBLE
7. Be alert
8. Be a person of prayer

Because of this message, I am beginning to realize _____

I am in a spiritual battle (write your battle here)_____