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Contending for the Faith is all believers defending the truth of the gospel against false brethren and false teaching

Fight of Faith is the individual believer's struggle to walk by faith through adversity

Contending for the Faith

- 1. Gospel brings conflict and controversy
- 2. Know how to articulate your convictions
- 3. Memorize the Apostles Creed
- 4. Passions are doors for false teaching

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Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary;

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Apostles Creed

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Apostles Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Jude 1

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: 2 May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

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Jude 1

3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

Jude 1

4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Crept in Unnoticed

to join surreptitiously with evil intent—'to slip into a group unnoticed, to join unnoticed.' as by a side door.

How unnoticed? In disguise: pretending to be something they are not

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🖬 🏠 Satan - Great Counterfeiter

Satan is the counterfeiter. . . . He has a false gospel (Galatians 1:6-9), preached by false ministers (2 Corinthians 11:13-12), producing false Christians (2 Corinthians 11:26). . . . Satan plants his counterfeits wherever God plants true believers (Matthew 13:38). -Warren Wiersbe

Matthew 7:15-16

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

Matthew 7:17–20

17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

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2 Peter 2:2-3

1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.

2 Peter 2:2-3

3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

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20 Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable.

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Timothy 2

21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

The 2 Timothy 2

22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 23 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels...

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False Teachers Characteristics

- 1. Ungodly people acting "Christian"
- 2. Who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and in so doing,
- 3. Deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Deuteronomy 13

1 "If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,'

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Deuteronomy 13

3 you shall not listen to the words of that [false] prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.

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	True Teaching	False Teaching
True Brethren	Embrace	Exhort
False Brethren	Expose	Eliminate

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🖬 🖾 Jude Purpose to Warn of Apostasy

The book of Jude is about the subject of apostasy, listing examples of historical apostates, giving the causes, godless characteristics, tragic results of apostasy, and concluding with safeguards against it.

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Apostasy

Greek: apostasía, "a defection or revolt ") is the formal disaffiliation from, abandonment of, or renunciation of a religion by a person. It can also be defined within the broader context of embracing an opinion that is contrary to one's previous religious beliefs.

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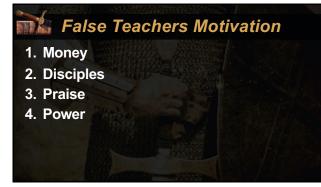
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