

Read Jude

A deconstructed faith needs a planted faith

What have you seen that has contributed to your own sense of cynicism, consumerism, humanism in relation to your faith?

What seeds do you need to plant to counter this?

Read the quote by Noelle Mering - How are you seeing God be diminished in our world? How is He diminished in your own life?

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A distorted faith needs a portrait faith

Read through the distortions of identity - which of these is the one you are most vulnerable to believing?

A distracted faith needs a praising faith

How can you create an altar of worship?

A diluted faith needs a potent faith

Who needs you to be a place of love and compassion? How can you create a safe space for questions and confusion? Safety does not require sacrificing truth, it holds space in truth!

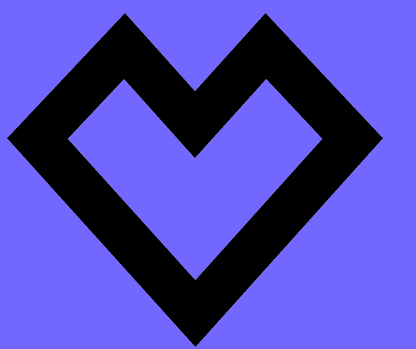
A discouraged faith needs a praying faith

Contend with one another! Pray the blessing in Numbers 6 over one another!

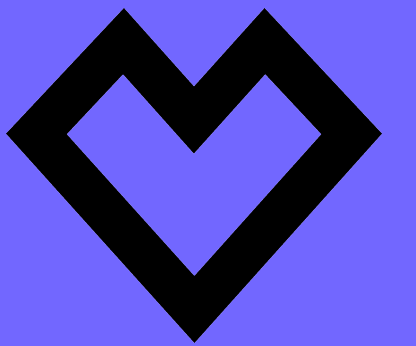
**NURTURING
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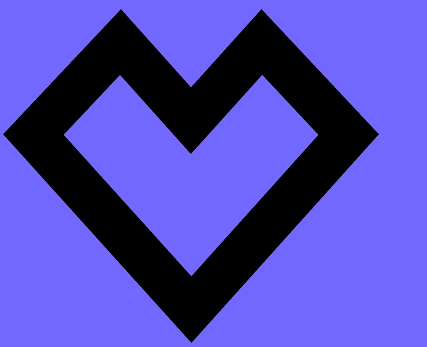
Contending Faith



JOHN 10:10



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.



**A DEEPLY
FORMED LIFE
MOVES US
FROM...**

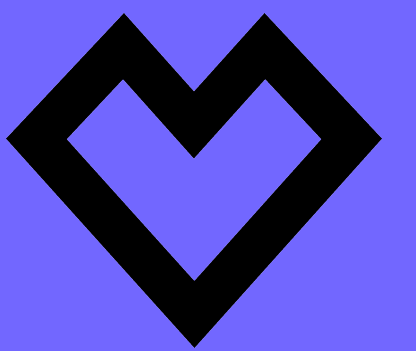
VICTIM to VICTOR
RESTLESS to RESTING
WORTHLESS to WORTH FULL
PLEASING PEOPLE to RELEASING PEOPLE
INSECURITY to SECURITY
ABSENCE to ACCESS
POVERTY to PROVISION
INTIMIDATED to INTIMIDATING
WORRY to WORSHIP
PREVENTED to PRESENCE
PROVING to APPROVED
FEAR to FREEDOM

COLOSSIANS

1:28-29

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

JUDE 1:3



Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith

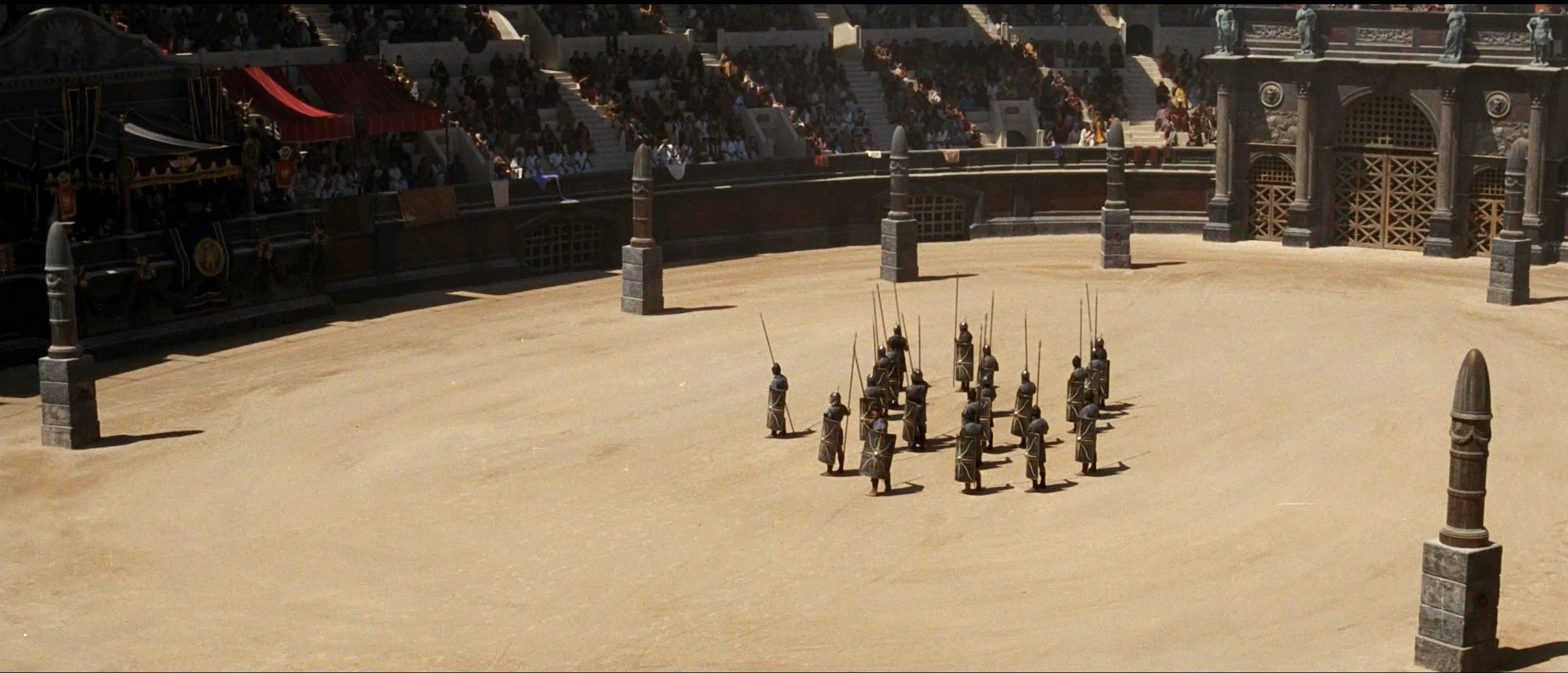
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**To battle, fight, and defend
with tenacity.**

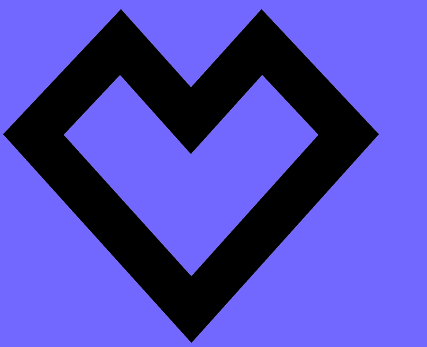
PHALANX

A rectangular mass military formation, usually composed entirely of heavy infantry armed with spears and swords.

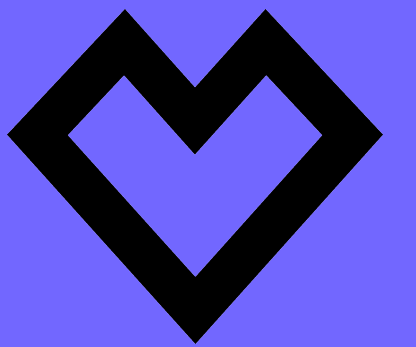








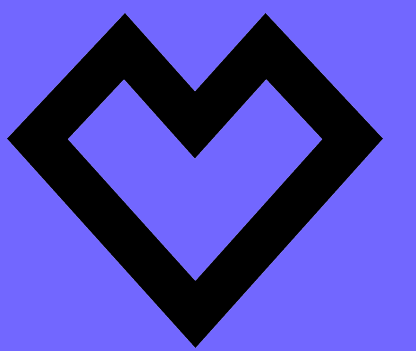
JUDE 1:4



For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality

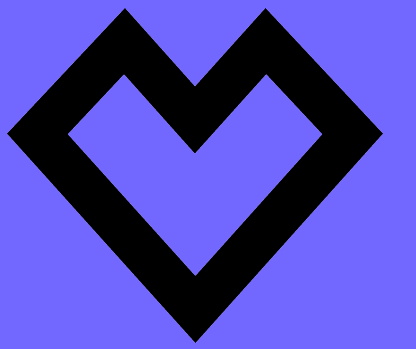


JUDE 1:8



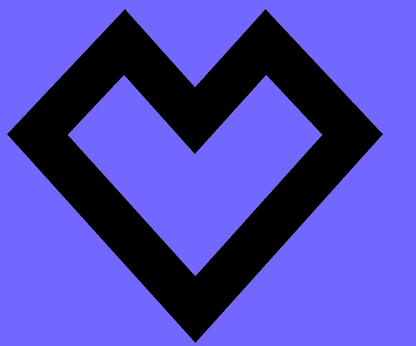
In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings.

JUDE 1:10 CEV



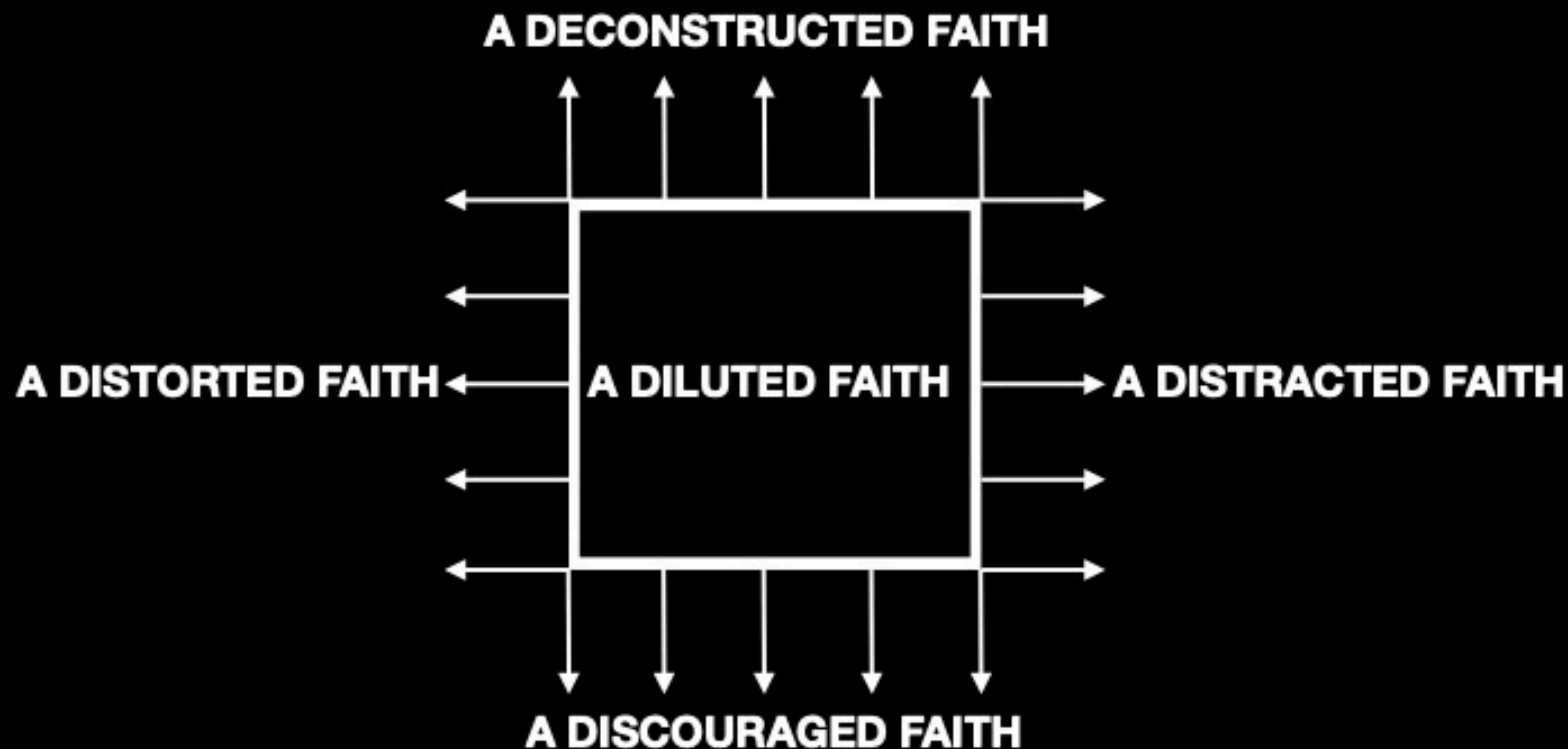
But these people insult powers they don't know anything about.
They are like senseless animals that end up getting destroyed,
because they live only by their feelings.

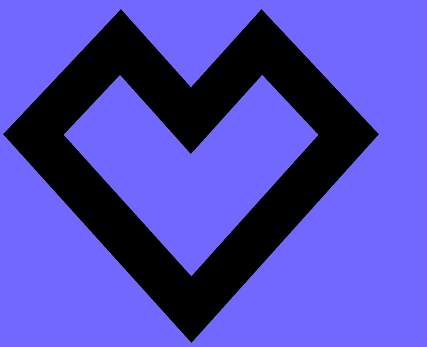
JUDE 1:11 NLT



What sorrow awaits them! For they follow in the footsteps of Cain, who killed his brother. Like Balaam, they deceive people for money. And like Korah, they perish in their rebellion.

A CONTENDING FAITH





**A DECONSTRUCTED
FAITH NEEDS
A PLANTED FAITH.**

JUDE 1:18-19 AMP

They used to say to you, “In the last days there will be scoffers, following after their own ungodly passions.” These are the ones who are agitators causing divisions—worldly-minded secular, unspiritual, carnal, merely sensual—unsaved, devoid of the Spirit.

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-2

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

1 million people will leave the church this year.

- Great Opportunity

67% of kids will lose their faith in college.

- Barna

80% of people who attend evangelical churches do not have a biblical worldview.

- Barna

3 INGREDIENTS OF DECONSTRUCTION

Cynicism = Disillusionment

Consumerism = Entitlement

Humanism = Outrage

“Because deconstruction rises from the shapeless tar of critical theory, it is often suspicious of any and all forms of structure and authority as inherently oppressive. Thus, deconstruction wants no master beyond self, creating a colossal arrangement of near-impenetrable hyperindividualism. This is a very American thing to do. As theologian Greg Boyd once put it, “If the fall is about humans wanting to be independent lords of our own lives, then America is the fall on steroids.””

— Joshua Porter, *Death To Deconstruction*

“Religion is the opium of the people. It is the sigh of the oppressed creature.”

— Karl Marx

CRITICAL THEORY

Premise 1: Human relationships should be fundamentally understood in terms of power dynamics, which differentiates groups into 'oppressors' and the 'oppressed.'

Premise 2: Our identity as individuals is inseparable from our group identity, especially our categorization as 'oppressor' or 'oppressed.'

Premise 3: All oppressed groups find their fundamental unity in their common experience of oppression.

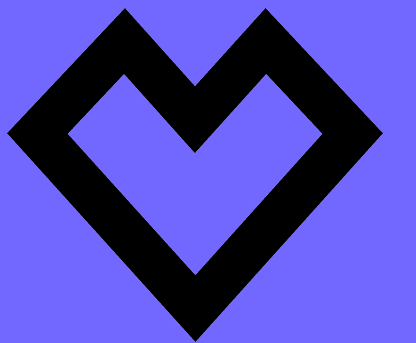
Premise 4: The fundamental human project is liberation from all forms of oppression; consequently, the fundamental virtue is standing in solidarity against the oppressor.

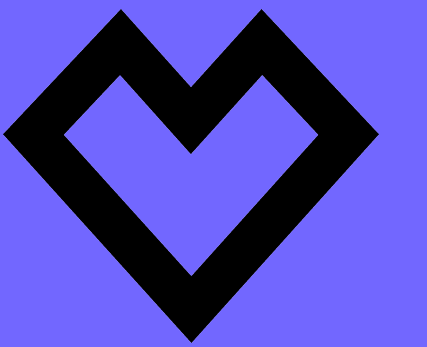
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JUDE 1:20

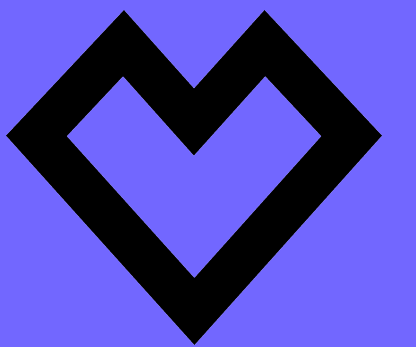
But you, dear friends, must build each other up
in your most holy faith





**A DISTORTED
FAITH NEEDS A
PORTRAIT FAITH**

JUDE 1:16



These people are grumblers and faultfinders;
they follow their own evil desires;
they boast about themselves
and flatter others for their own advantage.

What I have done (My Accomplishments)

What I do (My Career/Calling)

What I have accomplished (My Trophies)

Who I know (My Connections)

Who I am attracted to (My Sexuality)

What I own (My Possessions)

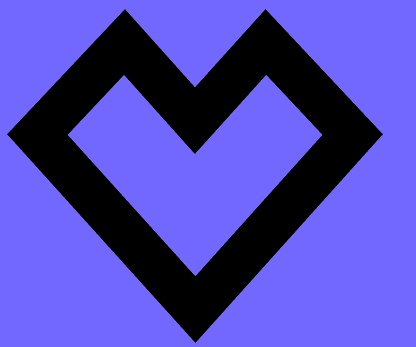
What I look like (My Appearance)

**Don't let Satan reduce
you down or typecast
you into a cheapened
version of a false self.**

You are more than a like, more than an athlete, more than a job title, more than a pronoun, more than relationship status, more than a name brand, more than paycheck, more than a gym selfie, more than a scale number, more than a political party, more than a hood ornament, more than a victim, more than a villain.

**A DISTRACTED
FAITH NEEDS A
PRAISING FAITH**

JUDE 1:24-25 NLT



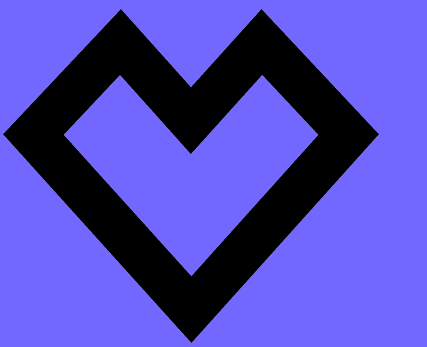
Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.

Replace idols with altars.

**Make the world around you
bow to the world within you.**

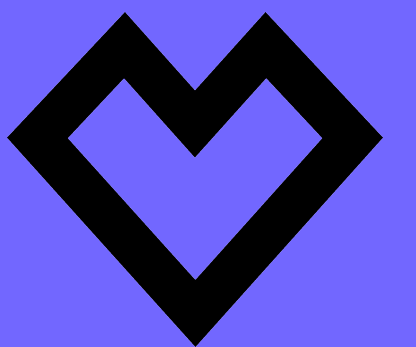
What causes revival?

**God comes where
He is wanted.**



**A DILUTED
FAITH NEEDS A
POTENT FAITH**

JUDE 1:21-23



keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy

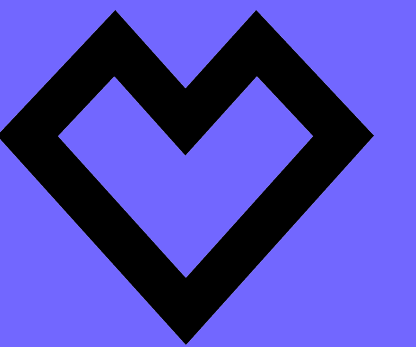
**The Kingdom moves
at the speed of love.**

**Bring kids into the miracle.
Do ministry together.**

**A DISCOURAGED
FAITH NEEDS A
PRAYING FAITH**

JUDE 1:20B

...praying in the Holy Spirit



**Pray from the riches of
God's word rather than
the poverty of my heart.**

CONTENDING

Weaponize your disappointments.

Pull that sword out and hold it to the throat of the enemy. Make the devil regret he messed with your family.

**NURTURING
FAMILY ON
MISSION**

