

## **“Contend for the Faith”**

The Book of Jude calls us to contend for the faith, to walk boldly into the wind in a broken world and spread the fragrance of Christ. There are many places around the world today where Christian believers stand true and faithful in the face of severe persecution. Here in the West, the enemy often uses censorship for silencing and punishing believers who defend God’s ways. We must never conform to social pressure to be silent in moments when we must speak against the lies that permeate our culture.

We know that every person is made in the image of God and is of immeasurable worth. But Satan wants to keep the world in darkness. But the church is called to be the light. Jude gives us four directives we should be doing every day:

- 1) We should build up our faith
- 2) We should pray in the Spirit
- 3) We should keep ourselves in God’s love
- 4) We should snatch people back from the enemy

### **Discussion Guide/Action Steps**

1. Pray in the Spirit for the cultural and family realities that grieve you deeply.
2. Spend time in the Word and prayer.
3. Encourage others in their battles so they can continue to contend for the faith.
4. Speak to your soul with the Words/Promises God has given to you.