

## Jude: Contending for the Faith The Call

### ■ Overview

- When was it written? Not sure likely between AD 67 and 90
- Where was it written? Not certain
- Who wrote it? Jude, the half-brother of Jesus
- Why was it written? To urge believers to contend for the faith in the face of false teachers.\*

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Greeting (1-2) You are called, beloved, & kept.	Charge (3)	Challenge (4)	Benediction (24-25) God is able!
	Contend for the faith Actions of contenders (17-23)	False teachers creeping in Character & Consequences of Creepers (5-16) <sup>†</sup>	
	Remember! Creepers are predicted. (17-19) Abide in God's love. (20-21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Grow in your grasp of the faith</li> <li>— Depend on the Spirit</li> <li>— Look for the return of Christ.</li> </ul> Show mercy to doubters. (22) Seek to reach unbelievers. (23)	Examples of God's judgment of ungodly in the past. (5-7) Present character of ungodly is similar. (8-13) Future judgment of ungodly is certain. (14-16)	

- **The Challenge: Realize false teachers are creeping into the church.**

- **The Call: Be a Contender for THE FAITH.**

\* Adapted from Swindoll, Charles R.. Insights on 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude (Swindoll's Living Insights New Testament Commentary Book 14) (p. 161). Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.. Kindle Edition

<sup>†</sup> For more detail on verses 5-16 see Dr. Tom Constable notes <https://www.planobiblechapel.org/tcon/notes/html/nt/jude/jude.htm>

## **Midlothian Bible Church 2021 Vision Emphasis:**

To contend for the faith by growing in what you believe, why you believe it, and how to communicate it in a gracious biblical, manner.

### **Key action steps every believer at MBC can take to help fulfill the vision:**

1. Read through or listen to the entire New Testament at least once in 2021.  
→ <https://midlothianbible.com/events/category/mbc-bible-reading-plan-nt/>
2. Attend a class, small group, or read a book that teaches on the essential doctrines of the faith.  
→ Classes and groups to be announced.  
→ Example: Know What You Believe by Paul E. Little
3. Attend a class, small group, or read a book that deals with questions about the faith.  
→ Tough Faith Questions? Let's Talk. Wednesday nights at 6:30 Room A104.  
→ Example: I'm Glad You Asked: How to Talk to Your Friends About the Christian Faith and Their Questions by Larry Moody & Ken Boa  
→ More classes and groups to be announced.
4. Pray, care, and share the faith with at least one unbeliever in your relational circles this year.

