



Fight For The Faith

Jude 1-7

"Say, Jude" (Part 1)

President George Bush 9/11/01

- “The search is underway for those who were behind these evil acts. I have directed the full resources of our intelligence and law enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice. We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them.”

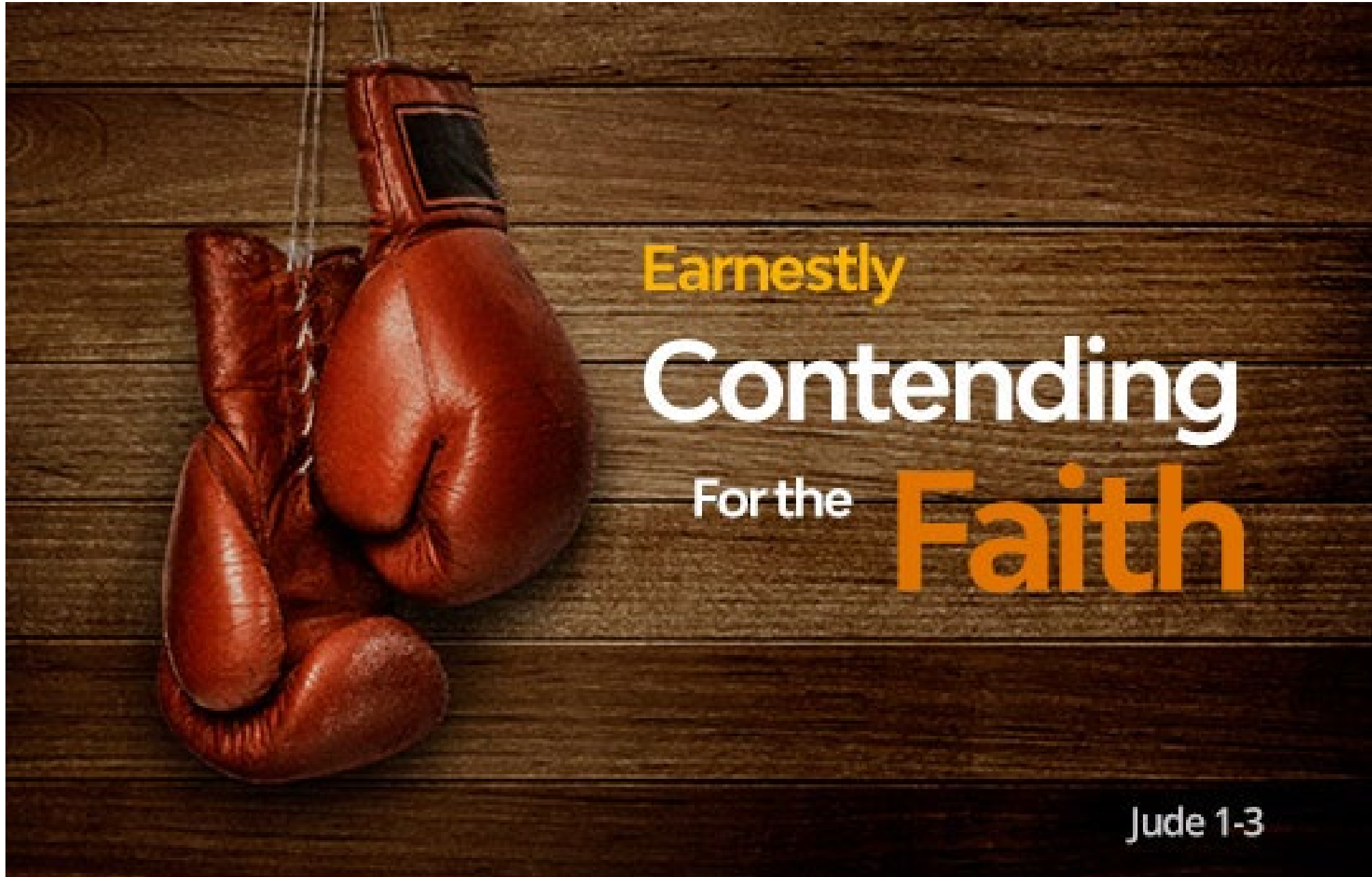


Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto

12/7/41

- “I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve.”
 - Movie: “Tora! Tora! Tora!”





Earnestly

Contending

For the

Faith

Jude 1-3



The Bible Tells Us That We Are At War

- **Jude 3** contend for the faith
- **Psalm 144:1** trains my hands for **war**, And my fingers for **battle**
- **1 Timothy 6:12** Fight the good **fight** of faith
- **Matthew 11:12** And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers **violence**, and the violent take it by **force**.



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- **Ephesians 6:11** Put on the whole **armor** of God, that you may be able to **stand against** the wiles of the devil.
- **2 Timothy 2:3-4** ³endure hardship as a good **soldier** of Jesus Christ. ⁴No one engaged in **warfare** entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a **soldier**.



Glossary

- **Orthodoxy** – Sound Doctrine (lit. “straight teaching”) (Titus 2:1)
- **False Teaching** – “contrary to sound doctrine” (1 Tim 1:10)
- **Heresy** – teaching contrary to the Scriptures (2 Pt 2:1)
- **Apostasy** – abandoning the teaching and faith in Christ (Jd 5; 2 Tim 3:8)



Introduction To Jude

- 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.



Jude, brother of James, half-brother of Jesus

- **Matthew 13:55** ⁵⁵Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?
- **Mark 6:3** ³Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.



Hey, Jude (and/or Judas')

- **Jude**, brother of James, half-brother of Jesus (Mt 13:55; Mk 6:3)
- Judas – also known as Thaddeus (Lk 6:16; Acts 1:13)
- Judas the Galilean – martyred revolutionary (Acts 5:37)
- Judas Barsabbas – participated at the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:22,27,32) and mail deliverer among the churches
- Judas, ancestor of Jesus
- Judas Iscariot



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I. Fight The Right Fight

Jude 3

Fight For The Biblical Teaching On Salvation

- ^{3a} Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation,



Galatians 1:6-9

- ⁶I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.



Fight For The Authority Of Scripture

- ^{3b} I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.



Barna: “only 9% of self-identified Christians have a biblical worldview”

- 72% people are basically good
- 71% consider feelings, experience, or the input of friends and family as their most trusted sources of moral guidance
- 66% having faith matters more than which faith you pursue
- 64% all religious faiths are of equal value
- 58% if good enough, earn their way into Heaven
- 58% Holy Spirit is not a real
- 57% believe in karma
- 52% claim that determining moral truth is up to each individual; there are no moral absolutes that apply to everyone, all the time





II. Fight Against Apostasy

Jude 4-7

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

- ³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not **war** according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our **warfare** are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds



The Characteristics Of An Apostate

- ^{4a} For certain people have crept in unnoticed
- who long ago were designated for this condemnation,
- ungodly people,
- **Their Infiltration**
- **Their Condemnation**
- **Their Character**



The Strategy Of An Apostate

- 4^b who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality
- and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.
- **Perverting God's Grace Into Sensuality**
- **Denying The Lordship Of Christ**



C. The History Of The Apostates

- Jude 5-7



The Apostasy Of Israel

- **Jude 5** Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.



The Apostasy Of Fallen Angels

- **Jude 6** And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—



The Apostasy Of Sodom & Gomorrah

- **Jude 7** just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.



Conclusion:

- God's teaching on salvation is worth fighting for because souls are at stake.
- God's teaching on Christ is worth fighting for because salvation is at stake.
- Don't fight just to be pugnacious but because we love people enough to be right with God.



Discussion:

- What battles do Christians fight today that distract us from where the real battle is?
- What essential truths are under attack today that we must defend?
- How can we rise from passivity to contend for the essential truths of the Scriptures?

