

**Contend for the Faith**  
**Jude 3**  
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of contend (fighting) for the faith.

Intro: 1. We must encourage others to stand up for truth and to fight false teaching.  
2. This was the purpose of what Jude was writing.

- I. His original intention of writing – our common salvation (**v.3a**)
    - A. They had a like precious faith (**2 Peter 1:1**).
      1. They were united in truth.
      2. They shared a common love for God.
    - B. His writing original may have been to exhort them (**Heb 3:13**).
      1. Those who stand for truth deserve to be exhorted.
      2. Encouragement helps everyone.
  - II. He found it necessary (**v.3b**)
    - A. Jude realized they had issues they were battling (**Eph 6:12**).
      1. He realized they were battling error (**Titus 1:10-11**)
      2. (**2 Tim 3:12**) the church is included in this.
    - B. Jude realized they needed to be encouraged in their present battle (**1 Thess 3:1-5**).
      1. Battling error is not easy (**2 Peter 2:18**).
      2. It must be done – error cannot be tolerated.
  - III. Contend earnestly for the faith (**v.3c, Eph 6:14a**)
    - A. When it comes to the truth we must be willing to fight (**1 Tim 6:12, 2 Tim 4:7**).
      1. Some may be mistaken others however are actually false teachers.
    - B. Those who want to ignore problems or compromise/pervert the truth are displeasing to God (**Gal 1:7b**)
      1. We must declare all the truth (**Acts 20:27**)
      2. We must not dumb down or sugar coat the truth (**Gal 2:14a**)
    - C. Those who cause divisions (**Jude 14-19**)
      1. Some cause divisions by binding their opinions on others.
      2. False teaching divides us, it separates us from God.
- Conc: 1. Are you contending for the faith?  
2. If we are compromising truth or not fighting those who are contrary to the Bible then we are not contending for the faith.  
3. Full Invitation