



Holding to the Truth...Even When it Hurts!

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Some “Battles” might not be worth fighting over!

Some “Battles” are worth fighting

Be ready to hold to your faith and [fight for it](#)... even when it [hurts](#)!

Jude 1:3

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 that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people.

How do we willingly become uncomfortable in a world of comfort?

Why we must know what we [believe](#)...deeply!

Jude 1:4

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 and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

Two Massive Warnings!

1. Watch out for those who use God's grace as an excuse for immoral behavior.
2. Watch out for those who compromise on the salvation and Lordship of Jesus.

God takes [rebellion](#) and [sin](#) very seriously... so should we!

Jude 1:5-7

⁵ Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶ And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. ⁷ In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

Where is sin and rebellion lurking in my heart and life?

Beware... keep your [gloves up](#)!

Jude 1:17-19

¹⁷ But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. ¹⁸ They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." ¹⁹ These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

What are ways we can stand against false teaching and the division it brings?

Get in **shape** and get in the **fight**!

Jude 1:20-23

²⁰ But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

²² Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

My Training Program: *Where do I need to get in shape?*

- Building up my Faith (The Scriptures)
- Praying in the Holy Spirit (Prayer)
- Growing in Love (Worship)
- Being Merciful (Loving Others)
- Rescuing Others (Organic Outreach)
- Fleeing from Evil (Holiness)