

Contending for the Faith

Operation Rescue

Jude 22-25

Introduction

The Christian faith is experiencing one of the greatest periods of apostasy in history. These are times when Jude would say we must contend earnestly for the Faith! We must never be ungracious or antagonistic, but we must never surrender our faith in Jesus Christ as God's only begotten Son and the future ruler of the world.

1. The church today has gone from a house of prayer to a place where apostates _____ on the innocent and oppose the faithful.
2. Jude exhorts believers to be strong in the _____ so they can repel these ungodly and false teachers.
3. Many leaders today are controlled by the spirit of the _____.
4. Jude urges those strong in Faith to have _____ on those who are weak and rescue those who are in danger of perishing.

I. Reach Out to Those Who Doubt or Waver

5. Jude challenges those grounded in the faith to reach out to those who have _____ or are wavering.
6. It is the _____ of those who are strong in the Faith to reach out to those who are easily influenced by false teachings.

7. Instead of being merely defensive, we must become _____ in our fight for the Faith.
8. We must be able to recognize the difference between _____ and error.
9. Jude says we must show mercy to those who struggle with doubts recognizing that with God's _____, we can rescue them.
10. Even those who seem to have aligned themselves with the teachings and behaviors of the _____ teachers should not cause us to give up on them.
11. Showing mercy is far more likely to rescue someone and bring them back into the fold than harsh _____.
12. "When the power of reclaiming the _____ dies out of the church, it ceases to be the church."
13. Some need solid _____ for Faith, and we must be able to point out the difference between their error and God's truth.
14. We are God's vessels, God's instruments, God's _____ of the soul-saving Gospel.
15. Doubters need our help and _____.
16. Jude encouraged those who are strong to show mercy and kindness to those wavering with doubts and to reclaim them with _____.

II. Reach Out to Rescue those trapped in the Fire

17. Some must be snatched from the _____.

18. Jude describes those entirely misled by the false teaching as " _____ in the fire."
19. If you genuinely care about that person, you'll do everything in your power to _____ them even from themselves!
20. We are not the authors but the _____ of salvation.
21. When a believer's faith is in great peril, Jude recommends a spiritual _____.
22. Jude says, "Snatching them out of the fire." – It's a _____ operation!
23. It is spiritually dangerous to fellowship with _____ and others who steadfastly reject and oppose the Gospel of Christ.

III. Reach Out to Those in Peril of Perishing

24. Some have moved so far from "the faith" that they are even dangerous to the _____.
25. Despite the depth of their decline from the truth, Jude says even then; we are to shown _____.
26. To rescue a person in a perilous situation presents a real danger to the _____.
27. There are some people you are not _____ to reach and will not be able to rescue.
28. But one thing you can do is _____ for them—
Intercede before God on their behalf.

29. Intercessory prayer is not an afterthought; it is the cry of spiritual warfare and petition for divine _____.

30. Dedicated believer's trying to rescue the fallen have become _____ instead of rescuers.

Conclusion

31. To be a Christian, we are to be like _____.

Jesus had a reputation for being a friend of sinners, but He hated sin. He came to save the world and to rescue us from sin.

32. If you want to drive out the darkness, turn on the _____!

Jude concludes, "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen." (Jud 1:24-25 NKJV)

ANSWERS

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| 1. Prey | 12. Lost | 23. Apostates |
| 2. Faith | 13. Reasons | 24. Faithful |
| 3. Antichrist | 14. Ambassadors | 25. Mercy |
| 4. Compassion | 15. Reassurance | 26. Rescuer |
| 5. Doubts | 16. Gentleness | 27. Equipped |
| 6. Responsibility | 17. Fire | 28. Pray |
| 7. Proactive | 18. Trapped | 29. Intervention |
| 8. Truth | 19. Rescue | 30. Victims |
| 9. Help | 20. Ministers | 31. Jesus |
| 10. False | 21. Intervention | 32. Light |
| 11. Criticism | 22. Rescue | |