

### **Review**

W1: Rhythms of the church

W2: Rhythms of a Disciple

W3: Rhythms of growth (Spiritual Maturity)

W4: Rhythms of everyday life

W5: Unity

**Jude 1:1-5 NLT**, This letter is from Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and a brother of James.

I am writing to all who have been called by God the Father, who loves you and keeps you safe in the care of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more mercy, peace, and love.

Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. So I want to remind you, though you already know these things...

### **"Contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (ESV)**

#### **Contend**

- To fight, to struggle for
- We have to recognize evil, deal with evil, avoid evil, *and* confront evil.

#### **For the faith**

- Objective truths of the Gospel, in both beliefs *and* practices
- There can't be unity in the faith if there's not a defined "faith"

#### **Once for all**

- One time, for all times
- Complete and final, nothing new needed

#### **Delivered to the saints**

- Responsible to preserve what was passed down, without remodeling
- Stewards, not owners

**It's your responsibility to “contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” in your BELIEFS**

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**1 Timothy 4:1-2 NLT**, Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead.

**1 Timothy 4:7-10 NLT**, ...train yourself to be godly. Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it. This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers.

**It's your responsibility to “contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” in your PRACTICES**

#### **Application:**

- What's your part in helping restore Jesus' church, versus remodel it?
- What does it look like for you to "contend for the faith" in what you believe?
- What does it look like for you to "contend for the faith" in what you practice?

