

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH
JUDE
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INTRODUCTION

JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, THE ADULTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STUDIES THE BOOK OF JUDE. BEFORE I BEGAN TEACHING THE CLASS HOWEVER, I BEGAN PUTTING SOME IDEAS DOWN ON PAPER FOR A SERMON ON THE SAME BOOK. SO FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE IN MY CLASS, THIS WILL BE A REFRESHER ON THE BOOK OF JUDE. IF YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO ATTEND, YOU WILL GET AN IDEA OF WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT IN CLASS.

WHENEVER I HEAR THE NAME OF JUDE, THE BOOK IN THE BIBLE IS NOT USUALLY THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MY MIND. BUT RATHER IT IS THE #1 HIT BY THE BEATLES. IT SHOULDN'T COME AS A SURPRISE SINCE OUT OF SINCERE TRUTH, I'VE HEARD THE BEATLES SING ABOUT JUDE MORE THAN I'VE HEARD THE CHURCH SPEAK FROM OR REFERENCE THE BOOK IN THE BIBLE.

I FIND IT INTERESTING THAT MOST CHURCH PEOPLE AND MANY REGULAR BIBLE READERS DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BOOK OF JUDE IS ABOUT. JUDE IS NOT THE ONLY EXCEPTION. MANY OF THE SO-CALLED MINOR PROPHETS FALL INTO THE SAME CLASS. IT WAS THIS THAT SERVED AS MOTIVATION FOR ME PERSONALLY TO REALLY READ THESE BOOKS AND TO KNOW THEM AS WELL AS THE OTHER BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. FOR SINCE I TRULY BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THESE 66 BOOKS ARE APART OF GOD'S ENTIRE MESSAGE, THEN I BEST KNOW WHAT HE HAS TO SAY. SO IT IS WITH THIS IN MIND THAT I ASK YOU TO TURN IN YOUR BIBLES TO THE BOOK OF JUDE.

JUDE 1-2

JUDE BEGINS HIS INTRODUCTION WITH WHO HE IS. HE CALLS HIMSELF THE BROTHER OF JAMES AND A SERVANT OF JESUS. IT'S REAL EASY TO JUST GLIDE ON BY THIS INTRODUCTION, BUT WITH A DEEPER LOOK, WE CAN FIND SOMETHING PROFOUND. FIRST OF ALL JUDE, OR JUDAS, WAS NOT THE APOSTLE JUDAS. NEITHER WAS THE WRITER OF THE BOOK OF JAMES THE APOSTLE JAMES, SINCE WE KNOW FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS THAT THE APOSTLE JAMES WAS THE FIRST TO BE MARTYRED. SO WHO WERE JAMES AND JUDE? THEY WERE BROTHERS TO JESUS. SO, WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

WELL IN THE WORDS OF JESUS, "A PROPHET IS WITHOUT HONOR AMONG HIS RELATIVES AND IN HIS OWN HOUSE." (**MARK 6:4**) WHILE JESUS WAS INVOLVED WITH HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY, HIS FAMILY CAME TO GET HIM, BELIEVING THAT HE, JESUS, WAS NUTS. HE WAS OUT OF HIS MIND. (**MARK 3:21**)

SO FOR JUDE TO PROCLAIM THAT HE IS A SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST, THAT IS A PROFOUND STATEMENT. HE WASN'T A BELIEVER, NOW HE IS. AND HIS MESSAGE IS FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED. THIS CALLING IS NOT ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS, BUT BY GOD'S PURPOSE AND GRACE (**2 TIMOTHY 1:9**). JUDE'S MESSAGE IS FOR THOSE WHO ARE LOVED BY GOD. THE KING JAMES VERSION TRANSLATION SAYS THOSE WHO ARE SANCTIFIED BY GOD, WHICH MEANS SET APART FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE. AND THOSE KEPT BY JESUS. THE WORD "KEPT" MEANS TO GUARD FROM LOSS OR INJURY. FRANKLY, THE MESSAGE OF JUDE IS FOR US. AND JUDE WASTE NO TIME IN GETTING TO THE MAIN POINT OF HIS MESSAGE.

JUDE 3-4

THE MAIN MESSAGE OF JUDE IS A WARNING. HIS WARNING OF THE PROBABILITY THAT AT SOME POINT WE MAY COME FACE TO FACE WITH FALSE TEACHERS, EVEN HERE WITHIN THE CHURCH. AND HE SAYS TO US TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH. LET ME START OFF BY SAYING THAT DEFENDING AND CONTENDING THE FAITH IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GOD AND AS SHEPHERDS IT IS THEIR JOB TO KEEP THE CHURCH SAFE FROM ANYTHING THAT CONTRADICTS GOD'S WORD. BUT IF ANY OF THINK THAT IT IS THE JOB OF THE ELDERS ALONE, WE ARE BADLY MISTAKEN. JUDE SAYS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE INTEGRITY OF GOD'S MESSAGE. IT IS THE APOSTLES WHO ENTRUSTED GOD'S CHURCH IN THIS MATTER. AND WE MUST CONTEND FOR IT TO THE UTMOST, EVEN TO THE DEATH.

SO HOW DO WE KNOW WHO IS A FALSE TEACHER AND WHO ISN'T? JUDE GIVES US SOME GUIDANCE IN ANSWERING THIS. HE GIVES US SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF A FALSE TEACHER.

1) A FALSE TEACHER WILL DENY THE ALL-SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE.

WHEN JUDE SAYS TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE FOR ALL ENTRUSTED TO THE SAINTS, HE IS INCLUDING THE VALIDITY OF SCRIPTURE. THE TERM "ONCE FOR ALL" CAN BE RIGHTLY WORDED "ONE TIME FOR ALL TIME." THAT IS, "THE FAITH" WAS DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH "ONE TIME FOR ALL TIME." REVELATION WAS NOT TO BE REPEATED, NOR WAS THERE MORE TO BE REVEALED.

GOD HAS REVEALED THAT HIS WORD, THE SCRIPTURES, CONTAINS ALL WE NEED TO BECOME WHAT GOD WANTS US TO BE. BUT WHEN PEOPLE SUGGEST THAT GOD'S REVELATION IS INCOMPLETE OR STILL IN PROGRESS, THEN IT IS OUR TASK TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH.

2) A FALSE TEACHER DISREGARDS GOD'S GRACE

HE SAYS THAT THESE GODLESS MEN CHANGE THE GRACE OF GOD INTO A LICENSE FOR IMMORALITY. NOW WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? IT MEANS USING GOD'S GRACE AS A REASON TO SIN. IT SPEAKS ABOUT PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG AND YET WHEN TEMPTED TO DO SOMETHING WE KNOW GOD DISAPPROVES OF, WE MAKE THE CHOICE TO GO AHEAD AND PARTICIPATE IN SIN BECAUSE GOD'S GRACE WILL FORGIVE US. THE PROBLEM IS MANY TIMES THESE SINS BECOME HABITS AND WE FIND OURSELVES SO FAR IN THAT WE CAN'T GET OUT. **2 PETER 2: 17-22 SPEAKS ABOUT THIS PLAINLY.**

WHILE GOD'S GRACE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL, THERE IS A POINT WHERE GOD WILL ALLOW US TO BE CONTROLLED BY OUR SINS, IF WE CHOOSE TO BE CONTROLLED BY THEM. PAUL USES GOD'S GRACE AS A MOTIVATION FOR NOT SINNING WHEN HE SAYS IN **ROMANS 6:1-2** **"WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN? SHALL WE GO ON SINNING SO THAT GRACE MAY INCREASE? BY NO MEANS! WE DIED TO SIN; HOW CAN WE LIVE IN IT ANY LONGER?"**

AS CHRISTIANS WE NEED TO BE AWARE OF PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT WE CAN DO ANYTHING WE WANT, THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER TO GOD SINCE HE EXTENDS HIS GRACE. THE WAY WE LIVE DOES MATTER.

3) A FALSE TEACHER DENIES GOD'S AUTHORITY.

JUDE GOES ON AND SAYS THAT THESE MEN DENY JESUS CHRIST AS OUR ONLY SOVEREIGN AND LORD. HOW DO THEY DO THIS? WELL, I'LL GIVE YOU SOME MODERN DAY EXAMPLES. ONE IS TO BELIEVE THAT ALL WAYS EVENTUALLY LEADS TO HEAVEN. ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR TALK SHOW HOST, ESPECIALLY AMONG WOMAN IS OPRAH WINFREY. AND WHILE SHE CERTAINLY PROVIDES ENTERTAINMENT SHE ALSO SHARES HER VIEWS ON THINGS. ONE OF THE QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO HER IS THAT JESUS IS NOT THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN. NOW, SHE CERTAINLY IS NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS EVER THOUGHT THIS OR STATED THIS. BUT HERE'S THE THING, EITHER SHE IS RIGHT OR JESUS IS. JESUS SAID THAT HE **"IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME (JOHN 14:6)."**

AND IF OPRAH IS RIGHT, THEN JESUS IS A LIAR FOR CLAIMING TO BE THE ONLY WAY. JUDE AND THE APOSTLES CERTAINLY BELIEVED JESUS WAS RIGHT. BUT IF JESUS IS RIGHT, THOSE WHO CLAIM HE ISN'T THE ONLY WAY TO THE FATHER ARE LIARS. THIS IS WHY WE MUST CONTEND FOR THE FAITH.

JUDE 5-7

HERE JUDE GIVES US THREE EXAMPLES OF GOD'S JUDGMENT UPON GODLESS MEN. ALL THREE EXAMPLES SHOWS DEFIANCE TOWARDS GOD. HE USES THE ISRAELITES; GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, AS THE FIRST EXAMPLE. GOD HAD RESCUED ISRAEL OUT OF THE BONDAGE OF EGYPT, BUT ALMOST FROM THE START THE PEOPLE GRUMBLED AND COMPLAINED AND TESTED GOD'S PATIENCE. THE FINAL STRAW WAS WHEN THE ISRAELITES REFUSED TO GO INTO THE PROMISED LAND. THE LAND GOD PROMISED THEM. AS PUNISHMENT, NONE OF THE ISRAELITES, EXCEPT TWO-JOSHUA AND CALEB, GOT TO ENTER THE PROMISED LAND. THIS EXAMPLE IS FOR US CHRISTIANS WHO TURN AWAY FROM GOD. THIS SPEAKS ESPECIALLY AGAINST THE THEORY OF ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED. JUDE USES GOD'S OWN PEOPLE TO PROVE HOW VITAL IT IS TO CONTINUE IN OBEDIENT FAITH.

THE SECOND EXAMPLE SHOWS THAT NOT EVEN ANGELS WHO HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM GOD ARE SPARED. JOHN REVEALS IN HIS REVELATION GOD'S JUDGMENT ON SATAN AND HIS FOLLOWERS. JUDE SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT GOD HAS ALREADY PUNISHED SOME ANGELS.

THE LAST EXAMPLE IS SODOM AND GOMORRAH WHO WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE FROM HEAVEN. JUDE TELLS US THAT THEY SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE TO REJECT GOD.

NOW LET ME PAUSE A MOMENT TO SAY THIS. MY INTENTION THIS MORNING IS NOT TO GIVE A FIRE AND BRIMSTONE MESSAGE. RATHER, LIKE JUDE, IT IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF WARNING THE CHURCH OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN LEAD US AWAY FROM GOD. IN CONVEYING THIS MESSAGE, JUDE IS REMINDING US OF THE REAL FACT OF GOD'S JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT AS WILL APPEAR TO THE UNGODLY.

JUDE 8-11

4) A FALSE TEACHER DEVISE THEIR OWN BELIEFS

JUDE BEGINS BY CALLING THESE UNGODLY INDIVIDUALS "DREAMERS." WE LIVE TODAY IN A WORLD WHERE MANY INDIVIDUALS HAVE CLAIMED TO HAVE SOME VISION OR HIGHER KNOWLEDGE, WHICH ENABLES THEM TO LEAD PEOPLE AS AN AUTHORITY OF GOD. IT SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISING THAT THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES, MORMONISM AND CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ALL BEGAN THIS WAY. AND OFTEN TIMES THEY USE THE BIBLE TO BACK UP THEIR BELIEFS.

THE REASON MANY ARE SO SUCCESSFUL IN LEADING PEOPLE AWAY FROM GOD IS THAT LIES ARE MIXED WITH TRUTH. LOST AND HURTING PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING TRUTH ARE EASY TARGETS.

JUDE REMINDS US THROUGH THE EXAMPLE OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL THAT IT IS NOT OUR PLACE TO JUDGE THEM, THOUGH. THAT IS GOD'S PLACE ALONE. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE CAN'T SHOW PEOPLE THE ERRORS OF THEIR WAY BY OPENING GOD'S WORD. ABOVE ALL ELSE, WE MUST CONTEND FOR THE FAITH.

JUDE GIVES THREE OTHER OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF FALSE PROPHETS IN CAIN, BALAAM AND KORAH.

5) A FALSE TEACHER DEBASE GOD'S WORD

MOST OF US KNOW THE STORY OF CAIN AND ABEL. BOTH BROUGHT SACRIFICES TO GOD, GOD ACCEPTED ABEL'S BUT NOT CAIN'S. IN ANGER, CAIN THEN KILLED HIS BROTHER. CAIN IS SEEN AS AN EXAMPLE OF THOSE WHO PERVERTOR CORRUPT GOD'S WORD. THEY DEVALUE GOD'S WORD BY MAKING IT LESS IMPORTANT THAN THEIR OWN WAYS AND THOUGHTS.

6) A FALSE TEACHER DEFIES GOD'S WORD.

BALAAM WAS PROPHET WHO WAS HIRED BY KING BALAK OF MOAB. BALAK WANTED BALAAM TO CURSE THE ISRAELITES, BUT GOD CHANGED THE CURSES INTO BLESSINGS. SO WHEN THIS FAILED, BALAAM HELPED THE KING LEAD ISRAEL INTO SIN BY ENGAGING THEM INTO SEXUAL IMMORALITY. BALAAM'S EXAMPLE IS A WARNING FOR THOSE WHO PROSTITUTE AND CORRUPT GOD'S WORD. THIS IS A PROBLEM WE HAVE TODAY. IN ITS MOST BLATANT FORM, SOME HAVE DEFIED GOD'S WORD BY ADDING OR TAKING AWAY FROM IT. SOME HAVE DEFIED GOD'S WORD HAVING THE BIBLE SAY SOMETHING IT DOESN'T. FALSE TEACHERS DO THIS.

7) A FALSE TEACHER DISAPPROVES OF GOD'S WORD AND THOSE IN BIBLICAL AUTHORITY.

KORAH MAY BE SOMEONE THAT YOU MAY NOT BE TOO FAMILIAR WITH. HE CHALLENGED MOSES' AUTHORITY BY INDICATING THAT HE COULD PERFORM THE DUTIES OF PRIEST SINCE ALL OF THE PEOPLE WERE HOLY. KORAH WAS CHALLENGING EVEN WHAT GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO MOSES. AS A RESULT, THE EARTH SWALLOWED UP KORAH AND HIS FOLLOWERS. KORAH IS AN EXAMPLE OF THOSE WHO PROTEST GOD'S WORD AND CHALLENGE GOD'S AUTHORITY.

ALL THREE EXAMPLES CAN BE SEEN IN THE WORLD TODAY. AND ALL THREE ARE DANGEROUS TO THE INTEGRITY OF GOD'S WORD. WE MUST, AS CHRISTIANS, CONTEND FOR THE FAITH.

JUDE 12-16

JUDE INDICATES THAT THESE FALSE TEACHERS MAY BE LEADERS WITHIN THE CHURCH. BUT INSTEAD OF TAKING CARE OF THE FLOCK, THEY TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. LET'S NOT BE TOO SURPRISED THAT THESE UNGODLY PEOPLE FIND THEMSELVES IN THE ROLE OF LEADER. USUALLY THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE A QUALITY AROUND THEM THAT SHOWS THAT THEY'RE GOOD PEOPLE. THEY'RE POPULAR, OUTGOING INDIVIDUALS. AND MOST TIMES, THEIR BELIEFS GO UNCHALLENGED. BUT ONCE IN A LEADERSHIP POSITION, THEY CAN DO MORE DAMAGE WITHIN THE CHURCH THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

JUDE SAYS THAT ENOCH SPOKE ABOUT THEM. I DON'T REALLY WISH TO GET INTO A DEEP DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THAT THIS QUOTE IS NOT FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE BIBLE. IT IS ACTUALLY A QUOTE FROM A JEWISH BOOK CALLED, "THE BOOK OF ENOCH."

ENOCH IS SOMEONE WE DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT. HE IS BRIEFLY MENTIONED IN GENESIS 5 IN THE GENEALOGY LEADING UP TO NOAH. AND NOT MENTIONED AGAIN UNTIL HEBREWS 11. BUT WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT ENOCH "WALKED WITH GOD." HE WAS A RIGHTEOUS MAN WHO WAS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN. HE IS ONE OF ONLY TWO PEOPLE THAT DIDN'T FACE DEATH. BUT THIS IS ALL WE KNOW.

BUT SINCE JUDE WAS WRITING UNDER THE SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE MUST THEN BELIEVE THAT ENOCH ACTUALLY SAID THESE WORDS ASCRIBED TO HIM. LIVING IN A TIME BEFORE THE FLOOD, IT SEEMS UNDERSTANDABLE WHY HE SAID THIS. WE KNOW GOD WILL DEAL WITH THE UNGODLY AND ENOCH POINTS THIS OUT.

IF ANY OF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS SECTION, PLEASE SEE ME AFTER THE SERVICE, AND I WILL TRY AND HELP ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

JUDE HAS GIVEN US SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF FALSE TEACHERS. HE GIVES US SEVEN REASONS WHY WE MUST CONTEND FOR THE FAITH. NOW LET'S TURN OUR ATTENTION TO HOW WE CONTEND FOR THE FAITH. IT'S INTERESTING TO MENTION THAT JUDE'S INSTRUCTIONS IN THESE STARTS WITH GOD AND THEN MOVES TO OTHER PEOPLE.

JUDE 17-23

1) THE FIRST WAY TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH IS TO KNOW GOD'S WORD. JUDE SAYS TO REMEMBER WHAT THE APOSTLES FORTOLD. WE MUST STAND ALONE UPON THE TRUTHS OF GOD'S WORD. AS JUDE POINTS OUT IN VERSES 18-19, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL SCOFF AT THIS. AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE DIVISIVE. JUDE SAYS IT'S BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE SPIRIT.

2 PETER 3:2-3 BACKS UP THIS STATEMENT BY JUDE SAYING, "I WANT YOU TO RECALL THE WORDS SPOKEN IN THE PAST BY THE HOLY PROPHETS AND THE COMMAND GIVEN BY OUR LORD AND SAVIOR THROUGH YOUR APOSTLES. FIRST OF ALL, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE LAST DAYS SCOFFERS WILL COME, SCOFFING AND FOLLOWING THEIR OWN EVIL DESIRES."

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER IN CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH, WE CAN'T CONTEND FOR SOMETHING WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. THAT'S WHY THIS FIRST STEP IS THE MOST CRITICAL.

THE NEXT TWO SHOWS A RESPONSIBILITY ON OUR PART. JUDE SAYS:

2) WE NEED TO BUILD OURSELVES UP IN YOUR MOST HOLY FAITH. NOW HOW DO WE DO THIS? THE BEST WAY I KNOW OF TO DO THIS IS TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE BODY OF BELIEVERS; TO BE APART OF THE BIBLE STUDIES WHERE WE CAN BUILD EACH OTHER UP. BEING A PART OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF OTHER BELIEVERS IS ONE OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE WAYS TO BUILD US UP IN HOLY FAITH.

3) THE THIRD WAY TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH IS TO BE IN PRAYER. WE CAN SEE MANY COUNTLESS EXAMPLES WHERE PRAYER CAUSED GREAT THINGS TO HAPPEN. JESUS DEMONSTRATED THE NECESSITY TO PRAY ON MANY OCCASIONS. HE SOUGHT GOD ESPECIALLY ON THE NIGHT OF HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS. HEZEKIAH PRAYED AND GOD WON FOR HIM A GREAT BATTLE OVER THE ASSYRIANS.

IN DANIEL CHAPTER 10 WE GET AN IDEA HOW PRAYER IS A PART OF A SPIRITUAL BATTLE.

IN ORDER TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH WE MUST PRAY ABOUT IT. WE MUST ASK GOD TO HELP US IN THOSE TIMES WHERE OUR FAITH IS PUT TO THE TEST.

DID YOU REALIZE THAT THESE STEPS MAKE UP THE PARTS OF THE SPIRITUAL ARMOR WE ARE INSTRUCTED TO PUT ON BY PAUL IN EPHESIANS 6? THEY PREPARE FOR THE BATTLE. THEY PREPARE US FOR THE NEXT STEPS, WHICH INVOLVE OTHERS.

JUDE INSTRUCTS US TO **BE MERCIFUL** TO THOSE WHO DOUBT, TO **SAVE SOME** FROM THE FIRES OF HELL, AND TO **SHOW MERCY MIXED WITH FEAR**. SAVING OTHERS IS WHAT WE ARE INSTRUCTED TO DO BY JESUS HIMSELF. HE SAID, **“TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACH THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.” (MATTHEW 28:20)**

AND WHY MUST WE DO THIS? THE VERY LAST SECTION OF JUDE TELLS US, BECAUSE THE VERY SIGHT OF SIN MAKES US SICK TO OUR STOMACHS. WE CAN'T STAND TO EVEN LOOK AT SIN. YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT'S HOW GOD FEELS. AND THAT'S WHY GOD SENT JESUS TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR SIN. AND SINCE WE HAVE BEEN REDEEMED, SHOULDN'T WE FEEL AN OBLIGATION TO REDEEM OTHERS TOO?

IN CLOSING, I WILL END WITH THE CLOSING WORDS OF JUDE.

JUDE 24-25

INVITATION