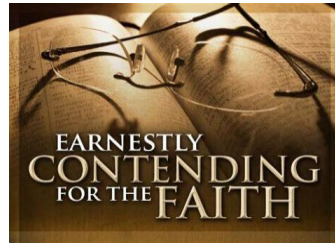


**JUDE 1:3-4**

Jude is torn between what he wants to write and what he feels compelled to write. As one who often writes devotionals and sermons, I can identify with this tension.



<sup>3</sup> Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. <sup>4</sup> For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

What did Jude want to write to them about? Explain...

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What is it that he feels must be addressed instead?

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What does it mean to “contend” for something?

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What does Jude mean when he says the faith was “entrusted once for all” to the saints?

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What were some “godless men” doing?

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**JUDE 1:5-7**

Jude going to now remind them of some things they had learned of God’s dealings with sin and rebellion in the past. He wants them to recall a common theme throughout history.

<sup>5</sup> Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered His people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home--these He has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. <sup>7</sup> 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.

Though not popular these days and certainly not considered to be politically correct, what is Jude reminding them of?

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What does Jude clearly say the issue was with the people of Sodom and Gomorrah?

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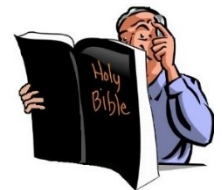
Why does what happened in the past matter to do us now?

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***Points to Ponder***

*Why would Jude feel so compelled to warn them about the godless people among them?*

*Read Romans 6:1-5. How do Jude’s words echo those of Paul?*



*Is a sexual relationship between those of the same gender worse than one between a man and woman outside of marriage?*