The Challenge of True Faith

We are exhorted in the book of Jude “...to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints” (Jude 3). This is a clear challenge to believers to keep the true faith. We are challenged to live up to our calling as saints – those set apart for God through Jesus Christ.

There will always be the challenge of false teachers. Jude has warned us in his letter with a very dramatic array of negative examples. Jude has presented us with models of false teachers that pile up to be what points to an avalanche of arrogance. They show us what God’s people are NOT to be like. His use of repetition, metaphor and catch-phrases should be like an air raid siren to the heart. Or, like a slap in the face: “Thanks, I needed that.” These are meant to get our attention.

Now what do we do? We do our homework. If we are idle, we get busy. If we are asleep, we wake up. If we are not grounded in the faith, we get grounded. We learn to speak the truth in love. We grow and become mature enough in the faith that we will not be swayed by false teaching. And God will use us to gently sway others toward him.

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**Jude 5-25**

5-11 GOD’S JUDGMENT

12-16 GOD’S WARNING

17-23 GOD’S EXHORTATION

 ▪ Be wise with God’s Word

 ▪ Be wise with ourselves

 ▪ Be wise with others

24-25 GOD’S BLESSING