

**CrossRoads Community Church**  
**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of August 15, 2021**  
**“CONTENDERS”...A Study of the Book of Jude**  
**Part 16: “Compelling Souls (to Come to Christ) –**  
**Active in the Work of God” Jude 23a**

We are living in a critical time in our world, when the basic truths of the Christian faith are being ignored or intentionally rebelled against. The study of Jude is appropriate and timely as Jude challenges us to contend for the faith!

**TODAY’S TRUTH:** When apostasy arises, when false teachers emerge, it is time to defend our faith. **Part of our defense means having a good offense, namely, reaching out with the good news of Jesus Christ to those who don’t know Him.**

**CONTENDER:** One who struggles with **skill and commitment** to oppose whatever is not of faith.

**MERCY:** “Compassion, pity, covenant-loyalty.” The withholding of a just condemnation.

**1. RECOGNIZE THE STATUS OF LOST SOULS**

*“for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19: 10*

- **WANDERING**  
*James 5:20*
- **WORLDLY / WASTEFUL**  
*Luke 15: 13*
- **WRATH RECEIVING**  
*John 3:36, Rev. 21:8*

**2. REACH OUT WITH THE SURETY OF GOD’S SALVATION**

*“but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire,...” Jude 23a*

- **RACE (urgency) - 2 Cor. 6:2, Rev. 20:15**
- **REPOSITIONING - John 4:35**
- **RESCUE - Proverbs 24:11**
- **RISK - Galatians 6:1**

**CONCLUSION**

*In humility and faith, we who would be faithful (contenders) must be willing to be used by God to save others. God remains the ultimate source of salvation, but we are the secondary means He uses to reach sinners.”*  
*John MacArthur*