

# S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



***“Beloved...it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”***

**Jude 1: 3**

## Contending For The Faith

There is a statement that some people use: “go along to get along.” This means that rather than have any conflict, a person would give up personal convictions to get along with someone else. On the surface this may seem like a good thing. Who doesn’t want peace? But this is exactly the kind of compromise the Apostle Jude warned against in his letter to the church.

*“But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts,” (Jude 1: 17 - 18).* Jude knew that there would be those who would mock righteousness, following after their own fleshly desires rather than following the Word of God. These smooth-talkers would gain an audience with their charm, *“...their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men’s persons in admiration...” (Jude 1: 16).*

Why was Jude talking to the church about these issues? He knew that unless the saints were diligent, they, too, might be swept away by Satan’s devices. After reminding them about the Israelites who were freed from the bondage of Egypt and were afterward destroyed for unbelief, the angels who rebelled against God and were cast out of heaven, and those who were destroyed at Sodom and Gomorrah, Jude said, *“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,” (Jude 1: 20).*

In his small but powerful epistle, Jude passionately reminds us that we must contend for the faith that has been given to us. This is no time to be slack in our commitment to prayer and study of God’s Word. This is the perfect time to share with the world the salvation message of baptism in Jesus’ name and the infilling of the Holy Ghost! *“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,” (Jude 1: 24).*

**Family Prayer:** *Lord, I know that this is no time to give in to the temptations of the world. Help me stand firm and declare the truth of your Word! In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

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At the beginning of “family night,” give each person 5 clothes pins, representing items of faith of your choosing (example: Baptism, the Holy Ghost, Holiness, Oneness, Prayer, etc). Throughout the evening, anytime a person is caught using the word “I” (or any other word of your choosing) someone else is able to snatch a clothespin and keep it for themselves. We must be diligent in protecting what has been given to us!

### Let's talk

Has there ever been a time when you were tempted to “go along to get along?” How did you handle it? How can you better prepare for something of this nature in the future? We have to be diligent to be able to stand rather than compromise.

Do you know someone who is wavering in their commitment to God? Be a friend and encourage them to stand firm in the faith that they have known. The Apostle Jude must have thought it was worth the effort. Just think, you may help save a soul from hell. Jude actually gave us the picture of “pulling them out of the fire,” (Jude 23). They will be eternally grateful that you cared!



## Additional Challenges

Jude gave us plenty to think about in his epistle to the church. Let's take a closer look.

- After reminding the church of those who had failed in the past, he mentioned three things that these “filthy dreamers” did. What were they? (verse 8)

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- Jude gave quite a word picture of those who compromised their faith! (12 - 13)

“These are \_\_\_\_\_ in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: \_\_\_\_\_ they are without \_\_\_\_\_, carried about of winds; \_\_\_\_\_ whose fruit \_\_\_\_\_, without \_\_\_\_\_, twice \_\_\_\_\_ plucked up by the \_\_\_\_\_;

Raging \_\_\_\_\_ of the sea, foaming out their own \_\_\_\_\_; wandering \_\_\_\_\_, to whom is reserved the blackness of \_\_\_\_\_ for ever.

- But Jude had encouragement for the saints. (verse 21)

“Keep yourselves in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, looking for the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ unto \_\_\_\_\_.

*God is able to keep you from falling  
if you keep your faith in Him!*

# Puzzle Page

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Unscramble each of the clue words.

Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.



FROM 1 JOHN 5:4