



Series: Jude, Contending for Real Faith
Passage: Jude: 1:7-11
Title: Toxic Faith (Part 4)
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Discussion Starter – How do you describe “Toxic Faith”? How does it differ from “the faith which was once delivered to the saints”? What is its danger?

- 1) Read Jude verse 4. Describe how the grace of God is turned into lewdness and how the only Lord God is denied by certain men who crept into the church?
- 2) How do you think these men go un-noticed within the church?
- 3) What is attractive (to some) about their message? Why is their message dangerous?
- 4) Read Jude verses 5-9. What 3 groups does Jude identify that have succumbed to this toxic faith?
- 5) What is the defining characteristic of Sodom and Gomorah? (Compare verse 7 with Romans 1:24-26)
- 6) What are some societal boundaries God has given us? Why?
- 7) What examples from history illustrate the incremental and gradual destruction of these God-given boundaries?
- 8) What is meant by man having “free moral agency”? Why has God provided this freedom to man?
- 9) Read Jude verse 10. What does Jude say is the source of moral corruption, or poor choices?
 - a) How do you exercise your free moral agency every day? What motivates your free decisions?
 - b) Why are you sometimes tempted to make poor choices?
- 10) Read Matthew 6:23. Why is toxic faith the greatest risk to the church?
- 11) Read Jude verse 11 and Genesis 4:1-7. What was the problem with Cain’s offering to God? How did God respond to his offering and why was Abel’s offering to God accepted? What biblical truth is revealed here?
- 12) What options did God give to Cain following his offering? What were the consequences of his choice?
- 13) How is the way of Cain a path to toxic faith?
 - c) Have you ever exercised your free moral agency to put your needs and opinions above God’s revealed will? What have these experiences taught you?
- 14) What is the antidote to “the way of Cain”, the first path to toxic faith?
- 15) How can we warn and encourage family and friends who are ensnared in this great darkness described in Matthew 6:23?