



Series: Jude 2024 - Contending for Real Faith

Passage: Jude: 1:1-11

Title: Toxic Faith (Part 2)

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Discussion Starter –We have seen that “toxic faith” is a risk to the health of the church. Is toxic faith a stumbling block that outsiders impose onto an otherwise sound congregation? Or is it something that we are vulnerable to as individuals? What is the lure of these doctrines to believers? When we “contend earnestly for the faith” who are we contending with?

- 1) Read Jude 5-8. What 3 groups does Jude identify? What do they have in common?
- 2) Why does Jude remind us of these groups? What is his cautionary message to believers?
- 3) How would you define discernment? Why is discernment so important to our Christian walk?
- 4) Read Jude 11. What 3 paths to failure are described by Jude? What three verbs are used? Do you recognize a progression?
- 5) Briefly describe the “way of Cain”. How is Cain’s failed offering to God a warning to us today?
- 6) How does Balaam “double down” on his wrong understanding of God’s gifting to him?
 - a) What gifts has God given to you? Why do think God have you these specific gifts?
- 7) Read Numbers 16. Describe what you think is the root cause to Korah’s rebellion? How does Korah gain followers to his sinful rebellion?
- 8) What are some of the great things we see from Moses as he responds to Korah’s accusations?
- 9) What grace was shown to Cain, Balaam, and Korah along the way as they each fell into their own rebellion?
 - b) In what ways you ever been tempted to follow the way of Cain, the error of Balaam, or the rebellion of Korah?
 - c) Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. How has God provided grace to us as believers when tempted in these areas?
- 10) How does toxic faith impact the testimony of the church to the unbelieving world?
- 11) Read 1 John 2:15-17 and Matt 6:22-23. What is the antidote given in these passages for falling into the progression towards toxic faith?
- 12) Read 1 John 1:7-10. What is our response when we discover temptation in these areas?