

## **CONTENDING AS DISCIPLESHIP**

Jude 17-23 November 27th, 2022 Adam Fix

SERMON NOTES

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Read Jude 17–23 (Groups: read it twice with different readers)

What have been some of your biggest discipleship challenges? They may (and likely have) come in the midst of difficult circumstances, but beyond the externals, what did those struggles reveal about your spiritual life and maturity?

Why is the presence of ungodliness and those who deny the goodness of God to be expected? How does this ongoing widespread denial of the gospel shape the way we follow Jesus?

Why is the controlling command of these verses to "keep yourselves in the love of God" (v. 21)? How do all the secondary commands that surround that imperative relate back to keeping ourselves in the love of God?

What is the theological tension between us keeping ourselves in God's love and God keeping us in his love (v. 1 and 24)? How can that tension of ultimate responsibility be solved simply? What is our part and what is God's part in a Christian remaining in his love?

Why is being merciful toward those who doubt so important for our growth in Christ? What doubts do you wrestle with most? When have you been shown mercy when your faith was weak?

What is the "garment stained by the flesh"? Read Zechariah 3:3-5. How do we hate sin while showing mercy to the sinner at the same time? Why is this posture crucial to every person becoming more like Jesus?