

TEXT: BOOK OF JUDE.

I Corinthians 16:13 The Voice (VOICE)

¹³ *Listen*, stay alert, stand tall in the faith, be courageous, and be strong.

I Corinthians 16:13-14 The Message (MSG)

¹³⁻¹⁴ Keep your eyes open, hold tight to your convictions, give it all you've got, be resolute, and love without stopping.

Brethren, just as it is important for a sinner to repent and receive salvation, it is even more important for those who are saved to be careful to stand tall.

Bible says “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” (Philippians 2:12 KJV).

In the book of Jude, Jude was writing to all who have been called by God the Father. Jude’s message was not to the sinners (the unsaved) but to those who are saved.

I. Fight with All You Have in You (Msg)

³⁻⁴ Dear friends, I’ve dropped everything to write you about this life of salvation that we have in common. I have to write insisting—begging!—that you fight with everything you have in you for this faith entrusted to us as a gift to guard and cherish.

⁴ I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. (Jude NLT).

“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?” (Romans 6:1-2)

“God rewards those who diligently seek Him.” (Heb 11:6)

2. Do not be Lost Stars in Outer Space (Msg)

⁵⁻⁷ I'm laying this out as clearly as I can, even though you once knew all this well enough and shouldn't need reminding. Here it

is in brief:

- The Master saved a people out of the land of Egypt. Later He destroyed those who defected (*those who did not remain faithful*).
- And you know the story of the angels who didn't stick to their post, abandoning it for other, darker missions. But they are now chained and jailed in a black hole until the great Judgment Day.
- Sodom and Gomorrah, which went to sexual rack and ruin along with the surrounding cities that acted just like them, are another example. Burning and burning and never burning up, they serve still as a stock warning.

Brethren, the bible warns:

“12So the one who thinks he is standing firm should be careful not to fall.” 13No temptation has seized you except what is common to man.” (1 Corinthians 10:12-13).

3. You are sheep among wolves – use your authority wisely

“Look, I am sending you out like sheep among wolves; therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.” (Matt. 10:16).

Jude ⁸ Yet in the same way, these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and slander the glorious ones.”

- **Do not be a dreamer**

- Jude:⁹ But when the archangel Michael contended with the devil and disputed about the body of Moses, he did not dare to bring a condemnation of slander against the devil, **but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”** ¹⁰ But these people (dreamers) slander whatever they do not understand, and they are destroyed by those things that, like irrational animals, they know by instinct.

- David said unto Goliath, “I come against you in the name of

the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

- A standing Christian can bind principalities, spirits and authorities but we can only tell the devil “the Lord rebuke you” or tell him “the blood of Jesus is against him” or tell him “to get behind you”.

- People who do not use their authorities wisely are:

Puffs of smoke pushed by gusts of wind;

late autumn trees stripped clean of leaf and fruit,

Doubly dead, pulled up by the roots;

wild ocean waves leaving nothing on the beach
but the foam of their shame;

Lost stars in outer space

on their way to the black hole.

4. Prayer is key

²⁰⁻²¹ But you, dear friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of God's love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the *real* life!

5. Win Souls

²²⁻²³ Go easy on those who hesitate in the faith. Go after those who take the wrong way. Be tender with sinners, but not soft on sin. The sin itself stinks to high heaven.

Finally: Stand and not fall:

²⁴ Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of His glory with rejoicing, ²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus

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Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

GOD BLESS YOU!

2018 PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray over the message of today. Ask God for grace to stand tall for Him.
2. Pray that KCM will continue to fulfil its mandate as “the house of prayer for all nations” (Isaiah 56:7), extending God’s love to all the nations.
3. Prayer for the Leadership of Nations ...
 - a. Pray against corruption and corruptive minds
 - b. Ask God to forgive the sins of our Leaders and give them the grace to stand.
 - c. Ask God to give leaders humility for service.
4. Commit Troubles/Wars in nations into God’s hands and ask God to cleanse our environments so people will freely serve God.
5. Ask God to have mercy, forgive our sins & rid our land of calamities (2 Chro 7:13-18).
6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries to stand tall for God.
7. Pray: Marriages, Children and families to stand tall for God.
8. Pray for Members of the fellowship – to stand tall for God.
- 9 Needs in fellowship & and any special request we have not covered
10. Ask for God’s unmerited favours and grace this week and pray for next Sunday.

