

JUDE 4-19 "WHAT YOU BELIEVE MATTERS"

Sad story 2 brother ice fish – suddenly plunged freezing waters – tragically killing 1
broth - **ICE 1 inch** -- **IF THERE WAS A WARNING SIGN "THIN ICE". RANGER PRES.**

- Reality not always Ranger/Sign. **RANGERS KNOW basic facts 4" thick I.F.**
Wisely Aware PPI need to know facts...TEST THE ICE THEMSELVES – very hang bal
JUDE'S PIVOT PURPOSE **PEOPLE AT RISK – FAITH THIN ICE.** Forgotten basic/not test
In their present condition of **complacency**, they were susceptible to deception.

- HE COMPELS THEM TO CONTEND 4 THE FAITH – VALUES IMPACT ACTION
**MP: Contending for the faith means intentionally prioritizing God's truth so that
you know it, live it, and can weigh all other things by it.**

In this digital age where our appetites are satisfied by a barrage of video clips, bits, and
tweets 280 characters, we need to learn or relearn to love God's word. **X3 PSALM 119**
We love God's word because we can love the God of the Word...revelation

SO YOU CAN SEE WITH THE LENS OF GOD'S TRUTH- GLASSES (far and dark)

- WHAT GOD'S TRUTH DOES - APOSTLES

2 Peter 2:1-3 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers
among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought
them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. ²And many will follow their sensuality, and
because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³And in their greed they will exploit you with
false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

- **CREPT** in unnoticed – TAKEN BY SURPRISE – SNUCK PAST THE GUARDS
 - o **DISTRACTED/COMPLACENT – MISSED THE OBVIOUS SIGNS..**

UNGODLY: Upon closer insp, NOT CHRISTLIKE – **though silver tongue unchanged life**
1 John 2:5 By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in
the same way in which he walked.

PERVERTED GOD'S GRACE FOR SENSUALITY

Hijacked grace – God's free favor, gives what we don't deserve as LICENSE SIN - TSA

- I Can indulge the flesh: sex, gluttony, money, self-centeredness – using grace to
accommodate a life free of divine moral expectations **BANNER: I love Jesus...**

1 John 3:6 No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either
seen Him or known Him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices
righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

DENY OUR ONLY MASTER AND LORD JESUS CHRIST – amounts too...

- **DENY HIS** authority over our lives, bodies, desires – **LET THAT SINK IN**
 - o When you gave your life to **CHRIST – AUTHORITY SHIFT**

SO YOU ARE REMINDED GOD DOESN'T CHANGE

The methods we use to reach people with the truth may change, God and His truth don't change.

- Reminds them **GOD'S JUDGMENT**

- Unbelieving Israelites - Rebellious Angels - Immoral Inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah and Surrounding Cities – consumed sexual sin

This is how God has handled this in the past – GOD HASN'T CHANGED.

- **Reminds them of the shared ungodly characteristics**

Their Dreams over God's word, they live in sin reject authority (disregard church leaders), arrogant WORST CHARACTERS - **CAIN BALAAM KORAH – WATCH on inside**

- **THREAT NOT FROM THE OUTSIDE BUT THE INSIDE..**

LOOK GOOD EMPTY/EVIL LURKING: Hidden Reefs, Selfish Shepherds, Waterless Clouds, Fruitless Trees, wild waves, Wandering stars **PROMISE LIFE/DELIVER DESTR**

Jude's exhortation probably offended - LIKE LEADERS – FRIENDSHIPS – BELIEVED **That GOD IS THE SAME GOD TODAY....doesn't fit modern sensibilities – und assault**

SO YOU CONTEND FOR THE FAITH - rig def the body of truth taught by apostles

If you don't know and live the facts of your faith you will be deceived. **KNOW WHAT U BL**

- YOU ONCE KNEW THIS – YOU CAN'T LET UP IN YOUR PURSUIT GOD'S TRUTH
- PIC CRITTER: bad rap - Urban Legend – so stupid

LEMMING: a person who follows the will of others, especially in a mass movement, and heads straight into a situation or circumstance that is dangerous, stupid, or destructive

- **digital media has made lemmings out of humanity**

On avg, media consump in U.S. nearly 12 hrs/day - Gen Z spends 41% of media time mobile device. 60% of Americans use SM engage with news content - Teens social media 4.8 hours/day

- **BOEING: VIDEO OF THE CHAOS – ARTICLES DANGER FLYING – FACTS**

WSJ: biggest U.S. commercial airlines have now gone nearly 15 years without a fatal crash, which is something of a miracle itself, as there have been more than 100 mill flights and 10 billion passengers.

DIGITAL CONTENT IS NOT JUST INFORMING/FORMING YOUR MIND

- ONLY handle bits pieces, 5 minute clips, shortened attention span -

I have 45 min MAYBE every week. steady stream of content homes hearts 12 hours/day.

AFTER SUNDAY STRATEGY TO GROW IN GOD'S TRUTH: 40min/sun not enug

- EVERY SUNDAY NOT GOAL LAUNCH POINT - ? U answer with all dist priorities

- **Closeness, discernment, sensitivity spirit**

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ²through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared.

- ALL SORTS OF WAYS GROW – WOMEN'S/MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – DAILY DEVO

Stop living on thin ice and firm up the foundation of your faith by getting serious bible