



Introduction:

- As Jude brings his challenge to “contend for the faith” to a close, he does not leave us on our own to figure out how to fight. In these closing verses, Jude gives us three strategies to employ so that we might stand strong even when the world is falling apart around us.

What the Training Manual Says (v. 17-19)

But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ (v. 17).

- **It Tells Us to** _____ **Defectors of the Faith**
They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions” (v. 18).

- **It Teaches Us Their** _____
It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit (v. 19).

In the Love of God (v. 20-21)

Keep yourselves in the love of God (v. 21a).

- **By** _____ **In the Faith**
But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith... (v. 20)

- **By** _____ **In the Spirit**
And praying in the Spirit (v. 20b).

**WE ARE NEVER SO STRONG
AS WHEN WE ARE ON OUR KNEES.**

- **By** _____ **Jesus’ Return**
Waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life (v. 21).

We stay in His love by keeping the torch of hope lit within our hearts. Like soldiers who dream of the day when they will return home to the warm embrace of their families and loved ones, we anxiously look forward to that day when we will see our Savior face-to-face.

Charles Swindoll, **New Testament Postcards Study Guide**, p. 44

Conclusion: