

## Contend for the Faith *Part 1*

To **contend** is to struggle, strive, or wrestle for or against something.

Story of Jacob ~ *Genesis 32:22-31*

Before we can contend for the faith we have to first contend with the **LORD** and then **ourselves**.

We contend against the **enemy** of our faith.

***Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8***

We contend for the faith because it is our God given **role** as His people.

We contend for the faith because there are physical and spiritual forces **working** against it.

***What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Romans 6:1-2***

Jude makes it clear that there is a natural **order**.

Jude makes it clear that there is **judgement** for going outside of that natural order.

To avoid judgement, we need to **confess** our sins and **repent**.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*