

# Living by His word

## FIGHT | Contending for the Faith

In reading **Jude 1:3** Jude was asking us to "contend earnestly for the faith which was once 'for all' delivered to the Saints". He was referring to the sound teaching of God's word that came through the prophets and apostles.

The key to this verse is found in the word **contend**. The Greek word translated is "to struggle for". This word implies to be combatant about our Faith. This small epistle and its context led me to believe he was addressing laity as well as the church leaders. Christians must cultivate a lifestyle of living in the will of God; doing this requires constant self-discipline. (**1 Cor 9: 27**).

In **Romans 5:19**, Adam failed through his one act of "disobedience" and brought sin upon the whole human race. The word disobedience means "A failure to give attention when God spoke; the active disobedience which ordinarily follows inattention".

Let me share some truth that helped me to comprehend God's word. The early church received the Word of God in letter form only, not in chapters and verses. Those were added later, and thank God! The breakdown into smaller portions helps us to locate specific verses and topics as we need to find them. But since the Word of God was written **originally** in letter form, we need to keep in mind where and when the beginning and the end of a subject or theme is located. **Example, when you address a letter to someone you complete your thought on**

**that particular subject before you move onto the next.** That's why chapters and verses are secondary to the context and completed thought.

According to **Mark 4** you are the ground and His word is the seed. (Think of it like a package of seeds) Within the seed is the complete truth. In **Mark 4**, the writer says we are responsible to do something to our ground in order to receive His seed. There are four types of ground mentioned in **Mark 4**.

1. **The wayside** - fell on the ground that had no purpose for the seed.
2. **Stony ground** - hard heart, no depth in himself and not willing to yield. Short lived.
3. **Thorny ground** - The heart that carries many worries and cares of this world in him.

4. **A good ground - Receives (Greek: para-dechomai)** one who embraces the word to put it alongside of himself to conform to it; self change **by application**. Notice in **verse 20**, it says that the seed grew in this type ground, some **30** fold some **60** and some **hundred** fold.

Remember, the seed sown is a **completed** thought. When you go to the store to purchase seeds, they come in packages that have a picture on front that tells you what will be the "fruit" of that seed you are planting. If we want to plant corn, it comes in stages; first the blade then the ear and then the full corn in the ear. **Mark 4:26-28.**

If the seed does not take root in the ground it can't grow. All this really adds up to is: how much do we want to hear? What measure have we decided to measure out to ourselves? Many times we missed out by not paying attention, not being faithfully present when teaching and sermons are given, so we miss out on the complete thought; not realizing we are only hearing "partial insight". It is like taking a seed, placing it in on a table and smashing it with a hammer. We fragment the seed and it won't grow. Next month we are going to show you how to meditate and comprehend God's word so that it completes its full cycle to bear fruit in your life. **Mark 4:30-32.**

Love,

*Pastor Jann*

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*The heavens proclaim the glory  
of God. The skies display  
His craftsmanship.  
Day after day they  
continue to speak;  
night after night they  
make Him known.*

Psalm 19: 1,2

HAPPY  
father's day

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Honoring High School Grads | Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Last Week of Word Connection until September | June 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Happy Fathers Day! | June 16<sup>th</sup>

No Wednesday Service | July 3<sup>rd</sup>

OFFICES CLOSED | July 4<sup>th</sup>

SUMMER BREAK | for Men's Breakfast & Women's Bible Study

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SUMMER LUAU | Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>



### GROWKIDS

Vacation Bible  
School *IN THE WILD!*  
Grade schoolers are  
going to VBS! It runs  
from July 9-11 on the  
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campus

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@7PM in GRC  
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August 19-22nd  
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