

Jude : Wolves – Persevere in the Faith Jude 17-25

A healthy church responds to deception and spiritual struggle with discernment, faithfulness, mercy, and dependence on God.

Jude shows us how believers live faithfully in confusing times:

Remember truth.

Remain in Christ.

Rescue the struggling.

Rely on God.

1. REMEMBER

Stay alert to what Scripture has already warned us about

“But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles...” — Jude 17

The apostles told us there would be:

- scoffers
- division
- worldly thinking
- people without the Spirit (Jude 18–19)

False teaching is not new.

Spiritual deception should not surprise us.

How believers remember:

- Study Scripture regularly
- Pray consistently
- Stay connected to other believers

“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit...” — Colossians 2:8

Truth remembered protects hearts from deception.

2. REMAIN

Stay rooted in your relationship with Christ

“Building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit...” — Jude 20

Jude calls believers to stay grounded through:

- Scripture
- prayer
- obedience
- expectation of Christ’s return

“Keep yourselves in the love of God...” — Jude 21

Spiritual stability does not happen accidentally.

It grows through intentional daily faithfulness.

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed...” — Romans 12:2

Remaining in Christ keeps us steady when culture shifts around us.

3. RESCUE

Respond to struggling people with mercy and wisdom

“Have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire...” — Jude 22–23

Not everyone struggling is a wolf.

Some people need:

- patience
- truth
- encouragement
- restoration

Others require stronger correction.

Jesus-centered correction is never harsh for its own sake.

It is always aimed at restoration.

“Bear one another’s burdens...” — Galatians 6:2

Rescue work is often messy—but always worth it.

4. RELY

Trust the God who keeps His people

Jude closes with one of the strongest promises in Scripture:

“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling...” — Jude 24

Your security is not based on:

- your strength
- your ability to avoid error
- your awareness

Your security is based on **God’s keeping power.**

He is faithful.

He sustains His church.

He keeps His people.

This Week’s Application

Ask yourself:

- Am I intentionally remembering God’s truth?
- Am I actively remaining in Christ daily?
- Is there someone God is calling me to encourage or restore?
- Where do I need to rely on God instead of myself?

Closing Encouragement

“To the only God, our Savior... be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority...” — Jude 25

Correction done God’s way is not harsh.

It is loving.

It is restorative.

It is hopeful.

Because **God is still keeping His people.**