"A Call to Arms"

Sunday, February 26, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI Pastor Jonathan DeCou Jude 1:1-4

BIG IDEA: Get into the battle.

"I found it necessary to write, appealing to you to contend for the faith." Jude 1:3b (CSB)

- A bold <u>leader</u>: <u>Jude</u>. (v1a)
 - Jude, the <u>servant</u>.
 - $\circ~$ Jude, the <u>brother</u>.
 - Jude, the <u>warrior</u>.
- His special people: The People of God. (v1b-2)
 - Their <u>unique</u> <u>identity</u>.
 - Their <u>favored</u> <u>status</u>.
- Their critical <u>challenge</u>: <u>Stay</u> on <u>mission</u>. (v3-4)
 - o <u>Defend</u> the <u>faith</u>.
 - Stand <u>firm</u> against <u>false</u> <u>doctrine</u>.

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READ: Jude 1:1-25, then review v1-4

THINK: Consider these passages, then ask yourself these questions: When was the last time someone "read you the riot act"? What had you done wrong? How did it feel to be soundly rebuked? What are your first impressions of Jude, the man, and his letter? How does he describe himself? How does he describe his fellow Christians? How would you define "the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all"? How do "some people" "come in by stealth" among believers? Why does Jude identify these infiltrators as "ungodly"? Why are they so dangerous? DO: What can you do to understand "the battle" better? How can you "contend for the faith" right where you live every day?