Common Struggles (Part 2, Jude 3)

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INTRODUCTION

- We began by talking about the common salvation of Jude verse 3, and yet also the common struggles that we experience.
- We can be better as a result of the things that we endure as we conquer with God's help.
- Tonight, we're going to have five different speakers who are going to further address these five topics and a song associated with each one.

1 Committed to the Objective: Regular Assembly

- If we're committed to that principle, then we will be here when the Lord's people assemble.
- We worship so that we can live worshipfully throughout the week.
- That's why the scripture says that one of the purposes of our assembly is to provoke unto love and to good work.
- When we are here, we want to build spiritual momentum that will carry forward into the things that we do throughout the week.

2 Relationships: Go and Tell Him His Fault

Galatians 6:1

- If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and he alone. If he hears you have gained your brother.
- There shouldn't be any reason that we should be hesitant to go to anyone about anything. We're a family here.
- But they're just asking for advice on how to handle the situation, that's not gossip. Gossip is malicious intent.
- When we do take the initiative to go someone, then we need to remember Galatians 6, to do it in a loving manner and in a spirit of gentleness.
- If there's something that you feel someone else has done to offend you or to sin against you, please go talk to them.

3 Frustration, Pain, and Weariness: The Peace of God

- The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- Where does this peace come from? Nowhere else but God.
- It doesn't come from people, it doesn't come from things, and it certainly doesn't come from the circumstances that we deal with each and every day in our lives.

- Whatever circumstances we face, we know that God is on our side. And the peace that comes from knowing Him will be with us.

4 Desires: It Always Starts With a Slight Deviation

Matthew 5:27–30

- These two things can be very good things in our life in the proper context. We have these desires for a reason.
- But however, unchecked, it can become a cancer.
- Whoever looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
- It always starts with a slight deviation. It's very small in our lives.
- I just want each of you to look at your life, get that big red marker out, and address those deviations.

5 Words Are Powerful

Mark 7:14–23; James 3:6–10; James 1:19

- There is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him. But the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man.
- Words can hurt people deeply and discourage them, but they can also be used to build one another up, to encourage each other and to edify each other.
- Everyone must be quick to hear and slow to speak and slow to anger.
- How much more severe a fate would it be if we lost our souls because of how we use our tongue.
- Our words are an example of what issues from the heart. So it's a window into our heart, and we have to be careful what we fill our heart with.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you laid hold on eternal life? Will you fight through the struggles that present themselves as we certainly have a very real adversary? Will you live for him who died for you?

MY NOTES