

# GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## **GETTING CONNECTED: *Conquering Faithful Living* Jude 23-25**

Introduction : The book of Jude is a small but powerful book. It was written around 75 AD. His theme: Fight, contend, and do battle! The enemy is near!!! However, the underlying theme shows us how to get connected with the lost and stay connected to the Lord. We need to find ways to stay connected to our power source, but find ways to reach out to those outside of the Lord's body! Let's study together . . . .

Discussion :

### ***I. Faithful Christians Fear God (v.23)***

We can snatch the sinner from the gates of hell.  
We can snatch our own souls out of the hands of Satan.  
We can rest assured that our eternal life is safe.

### ***II. Faithful Christians Save Others (v.23)***

We should love the sinner and hate the sin.  
We should do all that we can to save sinners and teach about sin.  
We should fulfill the Great Commission.

### ***III. Faithful Christians Depend Upon God (v.24)***

Dependence upon God shows a sign of faith.  
Dependence upon God shows a sign of strength.  
Dependence upon God shows a sign of maturity.

### ***IV. Faithful Christians Trust God (v.24)***

We should know that God will give us eternal glory.  
We should know that God will give us eternal joy.  
We should know that God will give us eternal salvation.

### ***V. Faithful Christians Glorify God (v.25)***

We recognize that God alone is God.  
We recognize that God alone saves.  
We recognize that God alone deserves praise.

Conclusion : God deserves the praise, honor, and glory. He will bring the victory! The church needs to be prepared to fight, contend, and do battle. The enemy is on our doorstep and we have to stand up! We are the soldiers of the Lord. We need to stay connected to our Lord and find ways to connect the lost to Him!