



Jude 17-23

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Acts 20v29-31: I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

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V19: These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

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“God knows the difference between the lifted sails of prayer and the outboard motor of human method”

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Col 4v12: He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

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How do we engage with those who are moving away from the truth or teaching things that are not true?

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V24-25: To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – ²⁵ to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore! Amen.

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*For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at
last!*

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

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Romans 8v35: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

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Romans 8v37-39: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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