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Getting Ready to Contend

Jude 1-6

1. "Jude" - our life objective

- A. Praise gets the focus off ourselves and back on God.
- B. Praise brings us to a place of humility.
- C. We join God in the battle when we praise Him.

And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the Lord and praise Him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, 'Give thanks to the Lord, for His steadfast love endures forever.' And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.

2 Chronicles 20:21-22

- D. Praise crowds out complaining.

2. "a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James" - our life order

Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." But Jesus said to him, "No one,

having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:57-62

3. "to those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ" - our life