

**How deep
is the mud?**

**Depends on
who you ask.**

**We all go through the
same stuff differently.**



“A MIND LIKE HIS”

PART IV

“Striving Together” *(for the faith of the gospel)*

**Struggle along with; contend (fight for); labor together;
stand together**

**It a picture of an athletic team...being a part of The
church is a team sport**

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

JUDE 3

“Contend” *(to exert intense effort; to struggle for; fight for)*

The church should be exerting intense effort; struggling together as we fight for the faith by standing fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together like an athletic team working together for one common goal.

**This is a faithful and trustworthy saying:
If we died with Him, we will also live with Him;**

2 TIMOTHY 2:11 *(AMPLIFIED BIBLE)*

**If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny
Him, He will also deny us;**

2 TIMOTHY 2:12 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

If we are faithless, He remains faithful [true to His word and His righteous character], for He cannot deny Himself.

2 TIMOTHY 2:13 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

Remind the people of these facts, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God to avoid petty controversy over words, which does no good, and [upsets and undermines and] ruins [the faith of] those who listen.

2 TIMOTHY 2:14 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

**Study and do your best to present yourself to God
approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no
reason to be ashamed, accurately
handling and skillfully teaching the word of truth.**

2 TIMOTHY 2:15 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

**But avoid all irreverent babble and godless chatter
[with its profane, empty words], for it will lead to
further ungodliness,**

2 TIMOTHY 2:16 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

**And their teaching will spread like gangrene. So it is
with Hymenaeus and Philetus,**

2 TIMOTHY 2:17 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

Who have deviated from the truth. They claim that the resurrection has already taken place, and they undermine the faith of some.

2 TIMOTHY 2:18 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God [which He has laid] stands [sure and unshaken despite attacks], bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord stand apart from wickedness and withdraw from wrongdoing.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:19 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

“If I consider you above me and you consider me above you, then a marvelous thing happens: we have a community where everyone is looked up to, and no one is looked down on.”

GUZIK

**For I have come down from heaven, not to do My
own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.**

JOHN 6:38

And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.

JOHN 8:29

**But that the world may know that I love the Father,
and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do.
Arise, let us go from here.**

JOHN 14:31

**For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the
Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I
should say and what I should speak.**

JOHN 12:49

**Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him
who sent Me, and to finish His work.**

JOHN 4:34

Therefore if you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead], keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:1 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

Set your mind and keep focused habitually on the things above [the heavenly things], not on things that are on the earth [which have only temporal value].

COLOSSIANS 3:2 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

**For you died [to this world], and your [new, real] life
is hidden with Christ in God.**

COLOSSIANS 3:3 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:13

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:14

But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:15

For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have (echo- to have and possess firmly) the mind of Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:16

“Robbery” *(to be seized upon or to be held fast, retained)*

Has the idea of something being grasped at clung to or a thing held as a prize.

“Equality with God” (*glories or prerogatives of God – He gave up His rights*)

If you put all that together it says...Jesus did not consider equality with God as something to be seized upon or to be held fast, retained, grasped at, clung to or something to be held onto as a prize.

For you know the grace (giving) of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

“The Kenosis” *the emptying...*

“Himself He emptied”

To empty of contents.

To take something and pour it out.

To completely remove or eliminate elements of high status or rank by eliminating all privileges or prerogatives associated with such status or rank.

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

GALATIANS 2:20

The son of man did not come to be served. He came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

MATTHEW 20:28

“Jesus humbled Himself. He went from commanding angels to sleeping in the straw. From holding stars to clutching Mary’s finger. The palm that held the universe took the nail of a soldier. Why? Because that’s what love does.”

MAX LUCADO

He is the Alpha & Omega; the Beginning and the End; He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; He is the Door; He is the Good Shepherd; He is the Vine; He is the Bread of Heaven; He is the Living Water; and He is the Light of the world.

**He is the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the
Everlasting Father, and the Prince of peace. He is
the Lamb of God; the Lilly of the valley; the Rose of
Sharon, the Lion of the tribe of Judah.**

**He is the Messiah, He is Immanuel, He is Son of
God and Son of man; He is our Kinsman-
Redeemer. He is our Bridegroom. He is the King
of kings and Lord of lords. He is Lord, Savior, and
Redeemer, the Rock of our salvation.**

**He is the King of glory and the great I Am. He is
Master, Ruler, and the Hope of our salvation.**

HE IS!

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:13