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- An exhortation

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- The faith – objectively
  - Galatians 1:23
- Faith
  - Romans 10:17
  - Romans 5:1-2
  - 2 Corinthians 5:7
  - 2 Thessalonians 1:3

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- That formal body of information, system of belief, the gospel
- Once for all – Complete & final
- Delivered – Authoritative
- Delivered to the Saints –  
Responsibility...Accountability....Stewardship

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- Cannot be indifferent
- Strive for, agonize for, with intensive force, to contend about a thing as a combatant, struggle for
- “literally, to wrestle, and as here figuratively used, denotes the extreme efforts which are to characterize the faithful in their defense of the truth”

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- 1 Corinthians 16:13: battle imagery
- Watch
- Stand fast in the faith
- Be brave
- Be strong

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- Why?
- Because the faith is being contended against
- Because it is worth contending for!
  - The faith is that by which we are saved
  - The faith is that which will make us conformed to the image of His Son
  - The faith is that which will lead us to the crown of life