**Title:**KCCO: But Not Passively!

**Scripture:**Jude 1-16

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**Big Idea:**True followers of Christ are not bench riders but are expected to be in the game!

**Outline**

1.  Fight! True Identity Must be Owned (1-2)
2.  Soldier Up! Because of What’s At Stake (3-4)
3.  Submit! We Are Not the Master (5-11)
4.  Investigate! True Motives Aren’t Always Obvious (12-16)

***WHAT DID YOU LEARN?***

1. Consider the recent political elections. What “identities” did you see candidates emphasizing in their campaigns? What are identities our culture prizes today? What are some identities in your own life? What does the intentional greeting of Jude remind us about our true identity? How can these true identities in the greeting of Jude educate the way we view ourselves…others…and the way we respond to the emotional claims of identity in our culture?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. What truths from these verses should bolster us to stand firm on truth in our lives? What truths about the reality of our trials (light & momentary) should encourage us when we face people who are against truth? How does the impact of the “eternal weight of glory” give us confidence to stand firm?

***HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?***

**Confess**

1. Have you ever breathed a sigh of relief that there are firemen and women who rush toward the smoke…soldiers who run toward the battle…*instead of you*? How can the pursuit of relief affect the way we view spiritual battles raging? Instead of relief, what should we pursue in our trials? (Think theologically and practically)

2. Based on God’s Word, is it possible for a true Christian to spend a life of passivity - refusing to engage in the battle for truth and the Lordship of Christ? In light of scripture, can a true Christian embrace Jesus as Savior but *not*as Lord? What desires or idols are you submitting to that need to be eradicated out of your life? How do you need to submit to the Lord in a new way that reflects Christ being the Lord of your life?

**Renew Your Mind**

1. Read Jude 5-11. How might the ones identified as examples of failure justify their behavior? What are the common denominators of the three OT accounts of the groups of people that sinned (verses 5-7)? What are the common denominators of the individuals that sinned (verse 11)? Are any of these playing out in *your*life? How can *we*be more driven by “dreams” than Scripture like the false teachers in verse 8? How can *you*personally grow in your foundation of the Word to ensure you are not easily swayed by emotions, feelings, or your own logic?

2. Consider the subtlety of the empty illustrations from creation in verses 12b-13. What do each of those initially promise but *actually*deliver? Combine this with the concept of a *hidden reef* (verse 12a). Are there any resources you are pursuing in your life that are actually empty or dangerous as defined in Scripture? How can you grow in your “investigation” skills of the activities and pursuits of your life? Why is growing in this important (see verses 14-15)?

***Live It Out***

A focus on eternity should drive the focus of our life. List all the blessings that a believer in Christ will experience. Give praise and thanks to the Lord for these blessings as you celebrate Thanksgiving. Tell 5 people who don’t know the Lord about these blessings.

***READ AHEAD***

Read Jude 17-25. How can the dangers of verses 3-16 be overcome by *you*?