"Have Mercy ... Have Mercy"

First Words: In light of his Spirit-breathed expose concerning false teachers (vss. 5-16) and the great danger they pose for the church, Jude followed exhorting us to ___________ by _______________ contending for the faith in practice.

A. Having instructed us to contend for the faith on a personal level in verse 17-21, Jude, at verses 22 and 23 furthers us in the ministry of contending for the faith by instructing us to compassionately __________ to those who have been negatively affected by false teachers and their deceptions.

B. This ministry to which we are called is a painstaking and often times painful work but it is our scripturally defined calling, the work to which we are here called, a __________ which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in it. Therefore, let us give ourselves to this ministry as prepared certified lifeguards ready to dive in the waters to __________ in danger of being swept away.

I. We are commanded to ___________ to others!

A. We must minister to those who are ____________.

1. These have come to ___________ the ________ of Christ and are wondering if what the false teachers say is true, being in need of ministry.

2. We are to have mercy which is to have ________________, to have feelings of empathy, to show unmerited favor just ___ ______ has us. And dear family, our God is called the Father of mercies (2 Cor. 1:3), and if He is our Father, who caused us to be born again, then are we not the children born of mercy? We are to have tender compassion and ______________ toward those who waver in the truth.

B. We must minister to others by ______________ them ____ ____ the ________.

1. The word snatched is vivid as it means to take hold of or to ________ by force. It denotes swiftness in heroic action. We cannot be passive but we must earnestly contend for the faith by ______________ snatching others out of the fire!

2. While it is God alone who saves He so employs His servants in ____ divine ________ of sovereign grace that the Holy Spirit speaks in such terms as we find here in Jude: that ____ ____ ________ to save others!
C. For some we must minister mercy while ________________ a healthy ______.

1. MacArthur writes, “Sometimes Christians may have the opportunity to ____________ out to the most committed apostates. Such heretics are profoundly _________________ individuals who are deeply committed to their own deception. In some cases, they are even the articulators of heretical doctrine and the leaders within a false system.”

2. We are not to greet these with hatred or as despicable individuals but with mercy for who knows ____________ ________ will even grant repentance to some of them!

3. This command comes with this ________________: to such as these we are to have mercy with _____, hating the garment polluted by the flesh!
   a. One ________________ is that we would get so ___________ to such a one that we would be influenced by them.
   b. Further, in ministry to such as these there is the danger that we enter into a _____ __ _______ ________ (much as I have alluded to), where we become haughty, arrogant, talking down to others, rebuking without mercy, even hating the sinner.

4. And how would God have us gain this healthy fear? ___ our “__________ even the garment ______________ by the flesh.”
   a. If we will ______ even everything sin has stained then how much more will we hate the ______ itself? This holy hatred of sin will serve to _________________ us with the healthy ______ we need in approaching those who are going and have gone apostate with mercy.
   b. The Spirit here makes His point clear: ______ the individual’s _____, the garment that he stained but do not hate the individual but rather __________ ______________ on them, neither entering into their sin or a sin of our own.

Last Words: We are to minister _________________ to those who, due to the ill influence of false teachers, are doubting, snatching others from out of the fire, on some having mercy with fear. Have mercy upon those who have been touch by false teachings! Have mercy! Have mercy with fear! This is the will of ______ ______ in Jesus Christ!