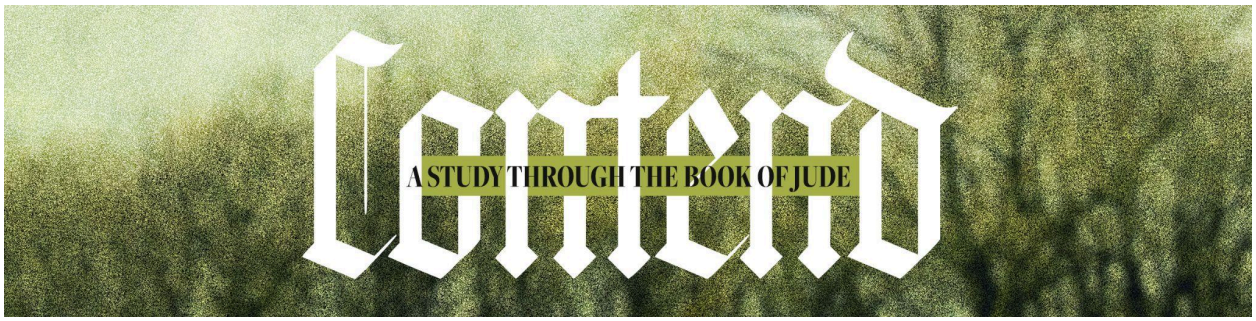


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Book of Jude Summary, by The Bible Project
The Daniel Dilemma: How to Stand Firm and Love Well in a Culture of Compromise, by Chris Hodges
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