



**Judah: Beyond Belief to Conviction**  
**Home Fellowship Notes**

**Sermon Date: May 18, 2014**

**Scripture: Ephesians 4:13,14**

**Speaker: Pastor Mike Jacobson**

**Opener:** Did you have any pets as you were growing up?

**Question?** Why is it that so many "Christians" are turning from their relationship with God and end up doing things they live to regret?

**Question?** What connection do "Beliefs" "Values" and "Actions" have to each other?

**Question?** All around the world Christ-Followers are taking a stand for Christ even if it means losing their life. What is it about someone that would motivate them to do that?

**Question?** Why is it that so many young people are caving into the negative pressures of peers and society?

**Question?** Read and discuss - **Ephesians 4:13,14**

**Question?** What do you think of the statement: And while we need to fear what our kids could be tempted to do, we need to be more concerned with what our kids are led to believe.

**Question?** What do we learn from the Israelites regarding taking a stand for truth? What was their downfall? Was it a lack of knowledge?

**Question?** What is relativism? What are examples of that in our society?

**Question?** What is a Biblical World-view of life? Is it accurate to say that most people (even "Christians") do not have a Biblical world-view?

**Question?** What do you think of the statement: There are at least two things that are throwing people off: Wrong beliefs about God and a distorted view of truth

**Question?** What is absolute truth? Is it proper to set out to live one's life based on absolute truth?

**Question?** What do you think of the statement: mere believing isn't enough. In fact even believing the "right" things is not enough to keep people from turning their back on Christ.

**Question?** What does it mean to move from belief to conviction?

**Question?** Do you recognize the problem in the church with many Christians associating Biblical knowledge with spiritual maturity? Do you see the problem that comes from doing that? Read: **I Corinthians 8:1**

**Question?** What do you think of the statement: To have a conviction is to be thoroughly convinced that something is absolutely true. A conviction goes way beyond having a personal preference for something. It is something you would be willing to take a stand for regardless of the consequences.

**Question?** Read **2 Timothy 1:12** and share the connection Paul made between belief and conviction.

**Question?** Comment on the following: Belief and convictions are vital, but we must be believing and convinced about the right things.

**Question?** Is it reasonable to be a Christian? Do you have to put your brain on a shelf to be a Christian?

**Question?** Do you have enough of an understanding of the Bible to dialog with someone from a cult who believes differently?

**Question?** What does a relationship with God have to do with standing strong in the midst of life's pressures and lies?

**Prayer needs**