

This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing

Scripture! Each week's *'Fighter Verse'* is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith. Memorize it in the translation of your choice, and then meditate on it until it becomes a part of your thinking.

Philemon vv 17-18

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

Mark Your Calendar!

- D-Groups will meet on the following weeks at 7 PM – Wednesday 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20 and 4/3.
- Friday, February 8 at 6:30 PM - **Rockport Ladies Fellowship**
Eternity in our Hearts - Ecclesiastes 3:11
Dinner will be served. Suggested donation \$3 per person
For ages 11 and up. Please sign up online
- Saturday, February 9 at 8 AM - Men's Breakfast
- Wednesday, February 13 at 7 PM - Congregational Prayer Meeting
- Thursday, February 14 at noon - Ladies Lunch with Kim Nelson
Please sign up and bring sides, salads or desserts
- Behold Your God II Study meets Sundays at 6 PM
(except on 1st Sunday Fellowship Sundays)
- Mondays at 6:30 PM - Spanish Class
- Tuesdays at 9:00 AM - Refit exercise class followed by Fitness & Nutrition Study from 10 - 11 AM in the fellowship hall
- 2019 Founder's Conference Midwest Feb 26-27 at FBC Fenton.
(Pray for Pastor Scott who will be speaking)
- 2019 Grace Bible Conference - April 12-14
"The Heart of Evangelism" Speakers: Jerram Barrs, David Comstock, Darren Casper, Brig Jones, Geoff Ingram, Scott Lee
The theme of this year's Grace Bible Conference is "The Heart of Evangelism." There are a couple of books on the book table on this theme by one of our main speakers, Jerram Barrs, head of the Francis Schaeffer Institute at Covenant Seminary.
- 2019 Family Camp - September 26-29

"Philemon and the Gospel of Reconciliation"

(Philemon vv 17-20)

- I. The Gospel has power to welcome the _____ home as a _____
v17
As Christians we are partners (koinonos) in the 'shared life of Christ' (koinonia)
Based on that Paul appeals to Philemon to "receive his runaway home as if he was ____"
This is what Christ has done for us - 1 Pet 3:18 ; 2 Cor 5:21
 - He stood in our place to take our _____
 - So we might stand in His place and be _____
by GodIn the same way, we must "welcome home" those who've sinned against us (Rm 15:7)
- II. The Gospel gives us the assurance that every _____ has been paid
v18-19
Theologically, Paul is taking on the role of _____
Whatever sin there is, whatever he owes, _____
 - Col 2:13-14 , 3:13
 - This is the doctrine of the imputation of Christ's _____This is the guarantee of the _____ of sins Heb 10:10-14
Application: Just as our debts have been fully paid by Christ, we must count our brother's debt as _____ in Christ
Mt 6:14-15 ; 18:23-35
- III. The Gospel restores and _____ believers in fellowship v20
 - (1) Our obedience in forgiveness _____ the reputation of God's kingdom
 - (2) Our obedience in forgiveness _____ the hearts of others

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - February 3

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
First Sunday Fellowship	

Tellers Jerry & Kurt M

Today's Nursery B - Terri S, Kaylyn G
T - Phoebe D

Please note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

Sunday Ushers: Herman Ben, Luke, Ernie
Greeter: Don A

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,072.00
December Weekly Average.....	\$4,318.97

Wifi is available at Rockport_Guests (password is 1689Confess)

Wifi will be limited during the service so we can stream the message online

A Word from Pastor Scott

Sunday February 3, 2019

. . . receive him as you would receive me.

If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything,
charge that to my account.

Philemon vv 17b-18

As we've seen, on one level, the book of Philemon is the story of a slave named Onesimus who ran away from his master, Philemon. Not only did he run away, but he also stole from his master. He became a fugitive. And he kept on running until he ran in to the Apostle Paul and became a Christian. And now he is being sent back home to his former slave-master who has also become a Christian through the ministry of the Apostle!

Now, to anyone watching, that would have seemed like a crazy thing to do! Run-away slaves could expect to be punished harshly when caught. And even if they returned home on their own, there could be dire consequences. So why does he do it? Onesimus chooses to return home in hopes that he will receive a warm welcome and be readmitted to the "family" he left behind, "*no longer as a slave,*" v 16 says, "*but as a beloved brother!*" So why does he think that?

Because that's the kind of difference the Gospel brings when it takes us home! The Gospel of Christ has the power to take a runaway slave and thief, and restore him as a brother. It has the power to take those who are enslaved – whether by chains or by sin – and set them free! It has the power to take those who were once enemies and runaways, and reconcile them as brothers!

So at a deeper level, the story of Philemon is really a story of Gospel reconciliation! It pictures how each of us needs to be reconciled to God through faith in Christ. And then it shows us how we each must be reconciled to one another through that same faith in Christ!

That's what we want to look at this morning – the Gospel of reconciliation and how it must work its way deep into our lives.

May we see Him in His Word!

Pastor Scott Lee

February 3, 2019

■ Announcements / Baptisms / Call to Worship

■ **“Arise, My Soul, Arise”** by Charles Wesley CCL #801260

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off your guilty fears:
the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears: before the throne
my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede, His
all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead; His blood
atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race, and
sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive Him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive Him, O forgive,"
they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

The Father hears Him pray, His dear Anointed One;
He cannot turn away the presence of his Son.
His Spirit answers to the blood, His Spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God!

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear; with confidence I
now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

■ **“Before the Cross”** Music and words by Jon Payne ©
2003 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

My Savior's sacrifice paid for all my sin So in my
suffering I look to the cross again No need, no want, no trial, no
pain Can compare to this The wrath of God, once meant for
me Was all spent on Him

**Before the Cross, I humbly bow I place my trust in the
Savior Your finished work captures my gaze
You bore the wrath, I know the grace**

In my darkest hour, Your presence is my peace
In my days of joy, Your grace carries me Jesus, my Great High
Priest The One who pleads for me My heart is filled with faith
in You Here at Calvary on my knees

No need, no want, no trial, no pain Can compare to this

The wrath of God, once meant for me Was all spent on Him

■ Scripture Reading

■ **“What Wondrous Love is This?”** CCLI #801260

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is
this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking
down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His
crown

for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; To God
and to the Lamb I will sing To God and to the Lamb Who is the
great I Am While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from
death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity I'll
sing on,
I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

■ Confession / Pastoral Prayer / Offering

■ **“It is Finished, Tetelesti”** by James Needham
CCLI#801260

It is finished, It is finished, Tetelesti The beauty of the
double meaning phrase He ceased from His labor and so have
I Now resting only in His grace

It is finished, It is finished, Tetelesti The Son of Man
succeeding where I failed The wrath of God now satisfied
In Jesus, my Emmanuel

**It is done, He's alive And He is able to bring us life
In three days, He will rise Tetelesti**

It is finished, it is finished, Tetelesti My hope found in the
Savior's words alone He willingly laid down His life
And gloriously He rolled away the stone

It is finished, it is finished, Tetelesti No longer need I
labor for His love For Christ fulfilling the law of God
Was deemed by God to be enough

It is finished, It is finished, Tetelesti The wedding bells of
freedom now ring Your sons and daughters will testify
Now to you, Jesus, we will sing

We will sing We will sing We will sing

On Christ the solid rock I stand All other ground is
sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

■ **“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”** by Dawn Rodgers and Eric
Wyse Copyright 1989, Arr. 1990 Word Music; CCLI #801260

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and
Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the
souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to
embrace;

You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.

**You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger
for,**

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.