

Sermon Notes

(Luke 8)

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. This year's fighter verses will relate to each week's Catechism question. Memorize it in the translation of your choice as part of your arsenal to help you stand firm against the enemy.

Colossians 1:19-20

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

This week's Catechism # 26

What else does Christ's death redeem?

Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

Next week's Catechism # 27

Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

Future Worship Services

You should have received an email this week about our plans for our worship services over the next few weeks. If not please take note

- Starting in July, the 9 AM service will be geared toward a stricter social distancing for those with health concerns, or who simply prefer
- The second service will be at 10:45 AM and will be less strict (though we still recommend distancing)
If you have any question, please see one of the elders

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - June 28

Live 9 AM
Live / Livestream 11 AM

WEDNESDAY - July 1

Prayer Meeting at Rockport 7 PM

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,284.00
May Weekly Average.....\$4,443.32

Announcements

- **Wednesday, July 1 at 7 PM** - We do want to encourage those who can to join us for prayer right here this Wednesday at 7 PM.
- **Saturday, July 4** - NO celebration at Rockport this year
- **Sunday, July 5** - worship at 9 AM (strict social distancing) and 10:45 AM (less strict social distancing)
- **Saturday, July 11 - Wedding Celebration for Ben & Dana**
1 PM Ceremony at Rockport and 4 PM Reception at American Legion on Montebello Rd in Imperial
PLEASE RSVP by July 4 to thekorandwedding@gmail.com
- **August 14-16** - Men's Weekender conference here at Rockport. Our special guest will be Larry McCall of "Walking Like Jesus" ministries. Our subject will be "servant leadership"
- **September 24-27** - Family Camp

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday June 28, 2020

*For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
that dwell in the tents of wickedness!*

Psalm 84:10

As many of you know, I took off this past week to go back home to Arkansas and spend a little time with my family, and especially my mother, on the anniversary of my father's passing. I'm very grateful to have been able to do so, and confident I was where I needed to be. I will, likewise, be gone again this coming week for a needed time of spiritual renewal and retreat at a place not far from here. And so, thank you Nevin and Kyle for being willing to take up the slack while I'm away these two weeks. I can't express enough how much I treasure these two brothers both as friends and co-laborers. God's goodness truly is seen in the fellowship we share in Christ!

But there's a question I want to answer that occurred me as I was making plans this week. "If I've taken two weeks off, why am I here at Rockport this morning?" Two answers come to mind. First, I'm here because not only am I a pastor in this church, I'm also a sheep. My soul needs to be fed by the Word. My heart needs to be fueled in it's passion for Jesus through worship. I need what God supplies when his people gather on the Lord's Day just as much as anyone else. I'm here to worship and receive! And that is a privilege I don't intend to neglect! (Heb 10:25). But that's only a partial answer. Second, why am I *here* at Rockport? I could have taken advantage of this time "off" to go worship with another fellowship in our area (perhaps Heritage of Grace?). Nothing wrong with that, indeed, I've done it in the past. But with all that's going on in the world, my heart longs to be here with you, my church family: to hear the same Word you hear; sing the same songs you sing; and be together in this place with the people I love most in Christ! I'm where I need to be.

I love to be with you when we gather in Christ's Name!

Pastor Scott

June 28, 2020

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“I Need Thee Today”**

by Frederick Whitfield, Music by Matthew Smith ©2007 Detuned Radio Music CCLI # 801260

I need Thee, precious Jesus For I am full of sin My soul is dark and guilty My heart is dead within I need the cleansing fountain Where I can always flee The blood of Christ most precious The sinner's perfect plea

■ **I need Thee, I need Thee, Jesus I need Thee today**

I need Thee, blessed Jesus For I am very poor A stranger and a pilgrim I have no earthly store I need the love of Jesus To cheer me on my way To guide my doubting footsteps To be my strength and stay

I need Thee, blessed Jesus I need a friend like Thee A friend to soothe and pity A friend to care for me I need the heart of Jesus To feel each anxious care To tell my every trial And all my sorrows share

I need Thee, blessed Jesus And hope to see Thee soon Encircled with the rainbow And seated on Thy throne There, with Thy blood-bought children My joy shall ever be To sing Thy praise, Lord Jesus, To gaze, my Lord, on Thee

■ **“How Great Is Our God”**

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash © 2004 WorshipTogether.com CCLI #801260

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God! And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. **Name above all names, worthy of all praise My heart will sing, “How great is our God!”**

■ **Catechism**

■ **“When Trials Come”** Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty © 2005 ThankYou Music CCLI #801260

When trials come no longer fear For in the pain our God draws near To fire a faith worth more than gold

■ **And there His faithfulness is told**

Within the night I know Your peace The breath of God brings strength to me And new each morning mercies flow

■ **As treasures of the darkness grow**

I turn to Wisdom not my own For every battle You have

known My confidence will rest in You

■ **Your love endures Your ways are good**

When I am weary with the cost I see the triumph of the cross So in its shadow I shall run **Till You complete the work begun**

One day all things will be made new I'll see the hope You called me to And in Your kingdom paved with gold

■ **I'll praise Your faithfulness of old**

■ **Confession of Apostle's Creed/ Lord's Supper**

■ **“Be Thou My Vision”**Hymn 382

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best Thought, by day or by night Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord Thou my great Father, I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight. Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower. Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise Thou mine Inheritance, now and always Thou and Thou only, first in my heart High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

■ **“Behold Our God”**

by Jonathan, Meghan, and Ryan Baird & Stephen Altrogge ©2011 Sovereign Grace Worship; CCLI #801260

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne Come, let us adore Him Behold our King nothing can compare Come, let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands? Bearing all the guilt of sinful man God eternal, humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)

■ **Message - Luke 8 - Nevin**

■ **Closing Song - “He Will Hold Me Fast”**

by Ada Habershon, Music by Matt Merker © 2014 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast

For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast

Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last

Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast

Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast

'Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

■ **Benediction**