

### **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.

#### **Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me..

### **This week's Catechism # 30**

#### **What is faith in Jesus Christ?**

Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

### **Next week's Catechism # 31**

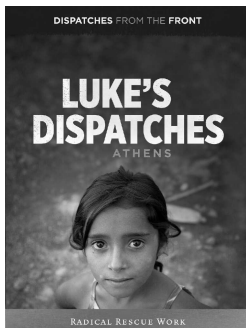
#### **What do we believe by true faith?**

Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into the grave. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

## **"More of Jesus, Less of Me"**

(John 3:22-30)

- I. The setting: The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' ministry vv22-24
- Before John was thrown in prison v24 ; Mk 1:14-15
  - After Jesus left Jerusalem for the countryside v22
- Baptism was a picture of \_\_\_\_\_ Mt 3:11
- II. The controversy: Jesus' popularity was eclipsing that of \_\_\_\_\_ vv25-26
- A controversy over purification led to questions
  - John's disciples thought it was a competition
- III The joy of being faithful to keep the focus on \_\_\_\_\_ vv27-30
- (1) Understand this general statement of \_\_\_\_\_ v27  
It's not about \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) Learn to apply this \_\_\_\_\_ to our own lives v28  
I am not \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Cor 4:5
  - (3) Learn the lesson of the 'Best Man' at a wedding v29
    - The best man is not there to \_\_\_\_\_
    - He is there to rejoice as the groom gets the girl  
The church belongs to \_\_\_\_\_ not me!
  - (4) Let this be our theme: More of Jesus, Less of Me  
Gal 2:20



Sunday July 26 @ 6 PM for Acts Then and Now – Dispatches from Athens (Acts 17)  
– This teaching/video time will cover Paul's preaching in Athens (Mars Hill) and the current work God is doing in the poorest sections of Athens today among refugees and victims of sex trafficking.

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - July 26

Worship	9:00 AM
(Please enter/leave w mask & strict social distancing)	
Worship (less strict social distancing)	10:45 AM
Dispatches from the Front	6:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY - July 29

Prayer Meeting at Rockport 7 PM

### Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,284.00
June Weekly Average.....	\$4,892.34

### Announcements

- **Nursery** - If you are willing to serve in the nursery during the 10:45 hour please let Mayci Loving know. We will only be able to restart the nursery when we its safe and we have enough volunteers to fill out the schedule for at least one month.
- **Today, July 26 at 6 PM** - Dispatches from the Front Athens This teaching/video time will cover Paul's preaching in Athens (Mars Hill) and the current work God is doing in the poorest sections of Athens today among refugees and victims of sex trafficking.
- **Wednesday, July 29 at 7 PM** - We do want to encourage those who can to join us for prayer right here this Wednesday at 7 PM.
- **Sunday, August 2 - Deacon affirmation vote.** We will ask you to affirm three men, Greg Chastain, Mark Stoner and Brad Tompkins to serve as deacons. See the Pastor's Word for more details. If you have questions, talk to one of the elders.
- **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" " Men, sign up online. You'll want to be a part of this time of teaching and fellowship.
- **September 24-27** - Family Camp

## A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday, July 26, 2020

*Let them first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.*

### 1 Timothy 3:10

**Deacon Affirmation.** Way back in November, we presented a set of names for you to consider as potential deacons. Since then, three men on that list, *Greg Chastain, Mark Stoner and Brad Tompkins*, have been involved in deacon training and are now ready to serve our church. When these men were first presented, we hoped to have them affirmed by April at the latest. But then Covid-19 happened, and everything went on hold. So it was decided to wait until the church could meet in a single service before affirming them. But then, as you know, even that has been delayed and no one knows at this point when we'll all get back together in a "regular service." So it's time to move forward!

With that in mind, the elders believe it is in the best interest of our church and it's ministry to go ahead and ask you to affirm these brothers now, which we'll do next Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, even though that will require two separate "votes" (one at the end of each service). Since their names were announced to you over eight months ago, we believe you've had ample time to consider these men and their qualifications (based on Acts 6:3 and 1 Tim 3:8-13) and hopefully to have found them worthy of service as we have.

So next Sunday we will ask you to affirm "Yes" or "No" to the following question for each man: "*Do you affirm this man to serve as a deacon?*" You should vote "No" only if you have a clear, biblical reason to believe this man is not qualified based on the passages given above. If that is the case, hopefully you've taken time to speak to one of the elders so we can be aware of your concern and address it. Otherwise, it is our hope you will affirm these men for service based on the recommendation of the elders and the training each has received. If you have any questions, please ask one of the elders.

*Looking forward to serving you with the help of these brothers!*

*Pastor S. Scott Lee*

July 26, 2020

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”**

by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren © 2018 CityAlight Music CCLI #801260

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to His Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior He will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus For He has said that He will bring me home And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to Him **When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!**

■ **Catechism**

■ **“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; **let them flow in ceaseless praise,**

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be **swift and beautiful for Thee**

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King Take my lips and let them be **filled with messages from Thee**

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold Take my intellect and use **every power as You shall choose,**

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine Take my heart it is Thine own; **it shall be Thy royal throne**

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be **ever, only, all for Thee,**

■ **Confession / Lord’s Supper**

■ **“The First Place”**

By Matthew Westerholm © 1999 Matthew Westerholm CCLI#801260

Jesus the perfect picture of the unseen God. Maker, of things we cannot comprehend. Wisdom, the earth displays Your strength and beauty. Sovereign, yes every throne knows You are God.

**Every inch of this universe belongs to You, O Christ. For through You and for You it was made. Your creation endures by the order of Your hand. So You must have in all things the first place.**

Victor, over sin and death You triumphed. Firstborn, You’ve shown us life beyond the grave. Bridegroom, we long for You in expectation. Jesus, Your church rejoices to proclaim.

■ **“He Is Exalted”**

by Twila Paris © 1985 StraightWay Music; CCLI #801260

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His Name For He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name

**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!**

■ **“I Love You Lord”**

Words and Music by Laurie Klien; arr. by Eugene Thomas © 1978, 1980 House of Mercy Music CCLI #801260

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice To worship You O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

I love You, Lord and I stand amazed. My sins are gone May Your name be praised. Exult my soul And behold His face I will ever sing, O my King of Your Grace

I love you Lord, and for You I wait Your promises and Your power are great Make haste my God, may I taste Your ways I will magnify Your sweet peace all of my days

We Love You Lord, We exalt Your Name. We yield our lives to Your Holy reign Your blood bought bride, dressed in white array. Waits Your soon return, for Your own may be today

■ **Message - John 3:22-30 -“More of Jesus, Less of Me”-**  
Scott

■ **Closing Song - “I Surrender All”..... Hymn 366**

■ **Benediction**

**Kids' Listening Sheet (7/26/20)**



Message Title: "More of \_\_\_\_\_, Less of \_\_\_\_\_!"

Bible Passages: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Words: Circle each word every time you hear it.

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|---------|--------|--------|----------|
| Baptist | Prison | Water  | Facebook |
| Teacher | Truth  | Christ | T-Shirt  |
| Wedding | Groom  | Bride  | Best Man |
| More    | Less   | Me     | Jesus    |

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.