

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 week's verse is very short, a partial verse. But it's a partial verse with a huge meaning!

John 9:39

Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

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Hand 'n Hand Pregnancy Help Center in Barnhart

Take a baby bottle and fill it with change/currency or a check (made out to Hand 'n Hand PHC)

See <http://www.hnhcenter.org> for more information.

Please return bottles (EMPTY OR FULL)

ASAP! 5 more to go!

Rockport Survey for Ministry Service

Soon we will begin the process of looking toward the new church year (September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022). This includes calling people to places of service where each can use their gifts to serve Christ and His body through our church. One way we attempt to do this is through the nominating process (seeking to match volunteers to areas of ministry). Rockport Survey for Ministry Service forms (goldenrod color sheets) will be available in the church foyer for the next few weeks. Please help us by letting us know your interest in potential areas of ministry and service. You may place completed forms in the secretary or pastor's bins just outside the office door.

"The Deepening Blindness of Unbelief"

John 9:13-41

Two parallel stories: The blind man who _____.

The religious man who _____

- I. The Pharisees were blinded by their _____ vv 13-16
 - Pharisees were not secular unbelievers, they were religious _____
 - "When Jesus warned people about Pharisees, he was warning them about _____"

A growing spiritual _____ to God's grace
When legalism and law focus the eye, grace _____

- II. Legalism brings a deepening _____ as it fixes our eyes away from Christ on to other's sins
 - (1) A legalistic mind is quick to make _____
v16, v24, John 7:24
 - (2) A legalistic mind is _____ of others v18
A hermeneutic of suspicion
 - (3) A legalistic mind makes you _____ toward others vv19-34
 - We must not treat anyone with _____
Lk 6:27 ; Gal 6:1-3
 - Our actions can't be fueled by suspicion, they must be ruled by _____
1 Jn 4:7-11 ; 1 Cor 13:4-8a
 - (4) A legalistic mind breeds _____ vv28-29
"revile" = "slander" Jas 4:11-12

- III. God's _____ falls on those whose pride blinds them to their own sin and need for grace vv35-41
 - (1) Good news: Jesus _____ to this world 9:5 ; 1:5
 - (2) His coming brings _____ to all John 3:16-20

What is your response to His Light?

 - If the Gospel offends your pride..... v40
 - Jesus' final warning to them v41
Prov 26:12 ; John 3:36

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - July 4

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
First Sunday Fellowship (but no fireworks fellowship)	

WEDNESDAY - July 7

Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM
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SATURDAY - July 10

Men's Breakfast	8:00 AM
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Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,341.00
May Weekly Average.....	\$5,171.47

Today's Nursery - Erin Pfleeger & Gracie Jackson

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

Announcements

- Summer D-Groups studying 2 Timothy continue.
- First Sunday Fellowship Meal is today!
There will NOT be a fireworks fellowship this evening!
- **Wednesday, July 7** - Prayer Meeting at 7 PM
- **Saturday, July 10** - Men's Breakfast at 8 AM
- **Sunday, July 18** - Trevor Johnson will be sharing about his mission work in Papua New Guinea
- **Friday, July 30** - Women's Workshop - Front Line
Apologetics Friday, July 30 from 4-9 PM
Please register - see your e-mail or contact Tynetta
- **Family Camp** - September 23-26

A Word from Pastor Scott

July 4, 2021

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 2:1-4

If there are things that are "good and pleasing in the sight of God", I want to make sure I'm making that a part of my life! Here in 1 Timothy 2, Paul tells us that prayer for our nation and it's leaders is one of those things that are "good and pleasing" to God. Now why is that? I can think of at least three reasons. *First, prayer for our nation and leaders is pleasing to God because it helps remind us that this nation – whether it chooses to recognize it or not – is still in God's hands and dependent upon His mercy.* For that reason the future of this nation (and our happiness in it) depends more on what happens in your house as you pray than it does on the White House and it's decisions. *Second, God is pleased when we pray for our nation and leaders because prayer is the means God uses to build up our trust in Him and bring His will to bear on earth.* Remember how Jesus taught us to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Mt 6:10). Through prayer, God works to strengthen our faith in heaven and accomplish His will on earth. And then, *Third, God is pleased when we pray for our nation and its leaders because this is how He enables us to live peaceful, quiet, grace-filled lives in the midst of this turbulent world.* You might notice that at no point does he tell us this life will be easy, or that we'll always enjoy the government's favor. In fact, as Paul writes these words, Emperor Nero was on the throne in Rome getting ready to unleash fierce persecution against the church. Yet, despite that coming trial, Paul urges us, as God's faithful people, to pray for those in power, knowing that God is in control and we are in His hands. *As we celebrate the 4th remember from where true freedom comes.*

Pastor Scott

July 4, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Battle Hymn of the Republic”**Hymn 569

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword. His
truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps I
can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps His
day is marching on

Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!

Glory, glory hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat; Oh be
swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory
in His bosom that transfigures you and me; As he died to make men
holy, let us live to make men free, While God is marching on.

■ **“May the Peoples Praise You”** Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart
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You have called us out of darkest night Into Your glorious
light That we may sing the wonders of The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace That broke into our
strife With boundless love and deepest joy With endless life

May the peoples praise You Let the nations be glad

All Your blessing comes That we may praise

May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us For those who have not
heard May songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your Word

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe, and tongue, Your church proclaim

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty Worthy, worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty All creation praise
Your glorious Name

■ **Scripture** - Isaiah 41:17-29 / Prayer for our giving

■ **“Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?”**

Words by Ora Rowan (alt. K Twit) Music by Joel Littlepage ©2010 Joel Littlepage Music CCLI #801260

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him? Is not thine a
captured heart? Chief among ten thousand own Him; Joyful choose
the better part.

**Captivated by His beauty, Worthy tribute haste to bring; Let His
peerless worth constrain thee, Crown Him now unrivaled King.**

Idols once they won thee, charmed thee, Lovely things of time
and sense Gilded thus does sin disarm thee, Sweetened lest thou
turn thee thence

What has stripped the seeming beauty, From the
idols of the earth? Not a sense of right or duty, But the sight of
peerless worth. Not the crushing of those idols, With its bitter void
and smart But the beaming of His beauty, The unveiling of His heart

'Tis that look that melted Peter, 'Tis that face that Stephen
saw, 'Tis that heart that wept with Mary, Can alone from idols draw:
Draw and win and fill completely, Till the cup o'erflow the brim What
have we to do with idols? Who have companied with Him?

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“O Help My Unbelief”** Words by Isaac Watts, Music by Justin Smith © 2007 Justin Smith Music CCLI #801260

How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it
stains! And Satan binds our captive minds Fast in his slavish chains
But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, Sounds from the sacred word:
"O, ye despairing sinners come, And trust upon the Lord."

My soul obeys th' almighty call, And runs to this relief I would
believe thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief! To the dear fountain
of thy blood, Incarnate God, I fly; Here let me wash my spotted soul,
From crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King, My reigning sins
subdue; Drive the old dragon from his seat, With all his hellish crew.
A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, On thy kind arms I fall; Be thou
my strength and righteousness, My Jesus, and my all.

But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, Sounds from the sacred
word: "O, ye despairing sinners come, And trust upon the Lord."

■ **“Begone Unbelief”** CCLI License #801260

Begone unbelief, My Savior is near, And for my relief will
surely appear: By faith let me wrestle, with God in the storm

And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn

Though dark be my way, Since He is my guide, Tis mine to
obey, and His to provide;

**Though cisterns be broken, And creatures all fail, The word He
has spoken will surely prevail. The word He has spoken will
surely prevail.**

Begone unbelief, The Savior is here

Why should I complain, Of want or distress Temptation or pain? He told me no less The heirs of salvation, I know from His word
Through much tribulation Must follow their Lord

Since all that I meet will work for my good, The bitter is sweet, The medicine food; Though painful at present, will cease before long,
And then, O! how glorious, The conqueror's song!

Begone unbelief, The Savior is here

■ Message – The Deepening Blindness of Unbelief”

John 9:13-41 – Scott

■ Closing Song - “**God Moves**” Words by William Cowper, Music plus alternate and additional words by Bob Kauffman © 2005 Sovereign Grace Praise (BMI) CCLI #801260

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform
He plants His footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm
Deep in His dark and hidden mines With never-failing skill
He fashions all His bright designs And works His sovereign will

So God we trust in You O God we trust in You

O fearful saints new courage take The clouds that you now dread
Are big with mercy and will break In blessings on your head
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense But trust Him for His grace
Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face

So God we trust in You O God we trust in You

When tears are great And comforts few

We hope in mercies ever new We trust in You

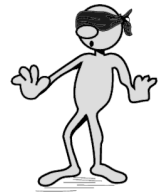
God's purposes will ripen fast Unfolding every hour
The bud may have a bitter taste But sweet will be the flower
Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain
God is His own interpreter And He will make it plain

■ Benediction

Kid's Listening Sheet (7/4/21)

Message Title: “Deepening _____ of Unbelief”

Bible Passages: John 9: _____



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

Blind	Eyes	Pharisees	Law
Grace	Faith	Unbelief	Mind
Face	Trust	Love	Mercy
Pride	Worship	Light	Dark

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

John 9:13-41

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S S A B B A T H K S W
O W S E L T J E S U S
M E I L I L D A G O I
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P H A R I S E E S O N

AGAIN	ANSWERED	ANYONE
BEEN	BELIEVE	BLIND
BORN	DISCIPLE	EYES
HEARD	JESUS	JEWS
KNOW	LISTEN	OPEN
PARENTS	PHARISEES	RECEIVED
SABBATH	SAID	SIGHT
SINNER	SOME	SPEAK

