

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. It would be worthwhile to memorize the whole passage from this morning's message, **John 15:1-11**

John 15:9-11

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"The Fruit-Bearing Life of a Disciple"
(John 15:7-11)

- I. The Fruit-Bearing life of a disciple is shaped by Christ's presence through His _____ and _____ vv7-8
How do we abide in Him according to v7?
(1) By continuing in His _____ (v7a)
(2) Growing out of that, through _____ (v7b)
My words = my utterances = every _____
• This is more than a casual reading
• It is His word dwelling _____ Col 3:1
We are being called into a lifestyle _____ with Jesus
Man's chief end? v8
- II. The Fruit-Bearing life of a disciple is driven by _____
into a faith-filled _____ vv9-10
_____ is at the center of our relationship with Jesus Gal 2:20
What kind of love is this? v9 ; 1 Jn 3:1
When did God begin to love? He has _____ loved within
the Trinity
There is no love like _____
1 Jn 4:16-18 ; Rm 8:35 ; Eph 3:17-19
What does keeping commands have to do with Christ's Love?
1 Jn 5:3 ; John 14:15
- III. The Fruit-Bearing life of a disciple is a life of seeking _____
in communion with Christ v11
Jesus does not tell us these things to steal our joy, but to give us
even _____ joy
Daily walking in obedience to Christ does not hinder joy, it

What kind of joy is this? It is _____
Lk 10:21 ; Gal 5:22 ; 1 Pet 1:8-9

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - May 15

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

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,506.00
April Weekly Average.....	\$5,908.04

Today's Nursery - Amanda Boyer & Ellen Bonnel

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday, May 15** following the morning service we will be asking you to affirm four men for deacon service, Kanoa Benz, Scott Larson, Alex Starkey and Jared Weber. These men have been nominated by our elders and deacons and have spent the last several months in training. If you have any question, feel free to speak with these men or any of the elders. Also, see the Pastor's Word for a little more information. There is also an information sheet in the foyer.
- **1st & 3rd Wednesdays** - Summer Congregational Prayer Meetings at Rockport at 7 PM. Dates include **May 18**, June 1 and 15, July 6 and 20, August 3
- **Sunday May 8 - Sunday, June 19** - Please help support Hand n Hand Pregnancy Help Center by picking up a baby bottle on Mother's Day from the foyer table, filling it with change, cash or check made out to Hand n Hand, and returning it by Father's Day (June 19)
- **Refit Exercise Class Tuesdays at 1 PM** at Rockport. Please contact Susan Jackson for more information susanjj1966@gmail.com or (636) 375-1113
- **D-Groups** will not be meeting during the summer months. They will begin again in August.- watch for more info

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday May 15, 2022

"These men must first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach."

1 Tim 3:10

This morning at the end of the worship service, those of you who are members of this church will be asked to affirm four men to serve as deacons. They are Kanoa Benz, Scott Larson, Alex Starkey and Jared Weber. As you have heard, these men have been nominated by our elders and existing deacons and put through a period of basic testing and training. We believe they are qualified and ready to serve this church. We are asking you to affirm them for service if you do not know of any specific reason they should not serve.

As I mentioned in an email sent out earlier this week, you are not being asked to "vote" for these men. This is not a popularity contest or political exercise. These men did not run for office. They have been asked to serve. You are being asked to affirm the judgement of the elders and deacons that these men are qualified to serve.

How will we do this? At the end of the service, we will call a brief business session. Each member of Rockport in good standing (members only please) will be given a ballot with the names of these four men and the following question: *"Do you affirm the following men to serve as deacons?"* Beside each man's name there will be a box to mark "Yes" and another to mark "No." You should mark "No" if you have a clear, biblical reason to believe this man is not qualified based on what is found in Acts 6:3 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13. If you do have a reason to believe that one or more of these men are not qualified, you should mark "No" and consider making your concern known to one of the elders or Kurt Boehm, chairman of deacons, since this would be a concern to us.

It is our hope that the addition of these men to our current active deacons will help us better serve the needs of the members of this body.
Looking forward to serving with these men!

Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (5/15/22)

Message Title: "The Fruit-Bearing _____"

Bible Passages: _____



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

Fruit	Apple	Joy	Love
Father	Word	Pray	Son
Truck	Life	Tiger	Children
Keep	Faith	Home	Map

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

The Fruit-Bearing Life of a Disciple (John 15:7–11)

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U O A R F L B R I O O
C N H M H O L P T M F
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O H R D O N E B E N L
C H L P V L A B I D E
T A O E E N R R C M F
N H P I P F A T H E R
B R E S L C C L C N U
R U O O N O T C C T I
P D I S C I P L E S T

ABIDE	BEAR	COMMANDMENTS
DISCIPLES	DONE	FATHER
FRUIT	FULL	LOVE