

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.

John 15:12-14

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.

"Friends of the King!"
(John 15:12-17)

What is the theme of this passage? _____

- I. Jesus commands us to love each other with _____
vv12-13
- (1) We are _____ to have this love
 - (2) The love we give one another is the love _____
v12 ; Rm 5:5 ; 1 Jn 4:10-11 ; Jn 13:34-35
 - (3) The love Christ gives is the _____ v13
Rm 5:8 ; Jn 13:1 ; 1 Jn 3:16:
- II. Jesus has claimed us as _____ of the King vv14-15
- (1) _____ was very important in the ancient world
Only two men are called Friends of God in the OT
_____ (Isa 41:8) and _____ (Ex 33:11)
 - (2) We are Jesus' friends, but not His _____
 - (3) Our obedience is a response of _____, not _____ v15
No longer servants/slaves (douloi) but friends (philoï)
- III. Jesus chose us to join Him in His _____ vv16-17
- (1) The initiative for this friendship begins with His _____
not ours v16 ; Eph 2:8-9
 - (2) The one who chose us as friends has _____ us for a
worthy task Jn 15:5 ; Eph 2:10 ; Mt 29:19

This is what we pray for as we walk with Christ!

Mens Discipleship Breakfast

Saturday

June 11

8:00 AM

Speaker:

Bake Ottofy

BRING FOOD TO SHARE

**EQUIPPED
TO
DISCIPLE**

**Repentance and Faith
Which Lead to Eternal Life**

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - May 29

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 - Julie & Grace Bird

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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**)
- **Wednesday, June 1** - Congregational Prayer Meeting at Rockport at 7 PM. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays for the summer
Dates include June 1 and 15, July 6 and 20, August 3
- **Saturday, June 11** - Men's Breakfast at 8 AM
Bake Ottoby speaking on "Repentance and Faith Which Lead to Eternal Life". Bring food to share.
- **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 29, 2022

Let love be without hypocrisy.

Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

Romans 12:9

What do Christians do? Among other things, Christians love each another. At least, that's what Jesus says in John 13:35. *"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

Love is the *authenticating* mark of genuine Christianity. By that I mean, the way you know you've been in the presence of real Christians – and not just people who pretend to know Jesus – is by the love they share for one another. The apostle John says the same in 1 John 4:7-8,

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

How important is it to have love for fellow believers? It's so important that having such love is proof that you belong to Jesus and not having it shows that you don't. That's why Paul says that *"love must be without hypocrisy"*, that is, it must be genuine and unfaked. A fake love, like a pretend faith, does nothing. And that's the point.

Real love – genuine Christian love – is active! It's not just a feeling you get once in a while. It is a motive for active ministry. It moves you to take action for the good of those you love. People who love one another share in each other's burdens. They join together to fight the evil and confront the sins they know would bring harm to each other's lives if left unchecked. By their actions they seek to bring good to one another, to meet each other's real needs, and to heal each other's hurts with the grace and compassion of Jesus. That's the love that comes from God to us through Christ and through us reaches out to others.

May God fan such love into a flame in our hearts and fellowship at Rockport!

Learning to love you for His sake!

Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (5/29/22)

Message Title: "Friends of the _____"

Bible Passages: _____



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

Friends	Love	King	Joy
Root	Father	Son	Give
Go	Feet	Kids	Pray
Face	World	Fruit	Life

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

Commandment to Love Each Other (John 15:12-17)

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

ABIDE	ANOTHER	APPOINTED
BEAR	CALL	CHOSE
COMMAND	DOING	FATHER
FRIENDS	FRUIT	GIVE
GREATER	HEARD	KNOW
KNOWN	LIFE	LONGER
LOVE	MADE	MASTER
NAME	SERVANT	SOMEONE