

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 one of those every Christian should know and regularly rejoice in.

Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. .

"Christ's Prayer for Genuine Disciples"
(John 17:6-10)

I. Jesus' Prayer makes His mission clear - To _____ v6a

- In this world of darkness, Jesus is the Light by which God _____ Jn 8:12
- A Person's name = Their _____ Isa 42:8 ; Ex 34:5-6 ; John 1:18

II. Jesus' Prayer tells us who these _____ are vv6-8

- (1) A Genuine Disciple has been taken _____ to belong to Christ v6a ; 1 Pet 2:9-10
- (2) A Genuine Disciple will keep hold of _____ v6b 1 Thess 2:12
- (3) A Genuine Disciple knows _____ v7
- (4) A Genuine Disciple receives God's words as _____ v8a
 - rhemata = "utterances" = "every little word"
 - Every one of those words carries God's full _____ Jn 12:49-50 ; 2 Tim 3:16-17 ; Prov 30:5 ; Isa 66:2 ; Ps 119:97
- (5) A Genuine Disciple has an assurance that centers his life _____ v8b

III. Jesus Prayer gives us a reason to have _____ we are His vv9-10

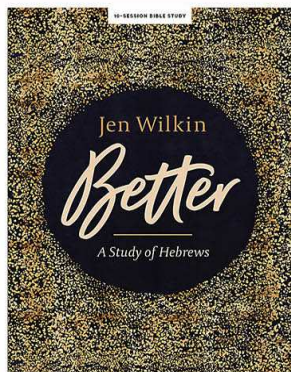
- (1) He is praying for _____ if you are a Christian Rm 8:24 Php 1:6
- (2) Our security comes from God's _____ on us through Christ
 - Rm 8:31-32 ; John 10:28-29
 - How do we bring Him glory? 1 Cor 10:31 ; John 15:8

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 PM
Beginning September 6
In Person Only

OR

Thursdays 9-11 AM
Beginning September 8
In Person or Zoom



Sign up today:
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THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - August 21

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
July Weekly Average.....\$4,856.70

Today's Nursery - Erin & Gwyneth Pfleeger

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday, August 28 - Fellowship Meal** followed by our annual **Congregational Business Meeting**. We will vote on the budget and leadership for the church year beginning Sept 1.
- **Sunday, September 4** - No First Sunday Fellowship Meal
- Tuesday evenings beginning **September 6** - Women's Hebrews Bible Study. Please sign up!
- Thursday mornings beginning **September 8** - Women's Hebrews Bible Study. Please sign up!
- **Sunday, September 11** - Strange New World study begins
- **September 22-25 - Family Camp** - Theme: *"Stand Firm Therefore"* Camp opens at 1 PM on Thursday, September 22. Camp closes after lunch on Sunday, September 25. Family Camp t-shirts are available to order online. The cost is \$15 per shirt. The deadline to order a t-shirt is August 28th. Please sign up for camp, t-shirts, and sports online.
- **Tuesdays at 1 PM** at Rockport. - **Exercise Class**. Please contact Susan Jackson for more information susanij1966@gmail.com or (636) 375-1113

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday August 21, 2022

"I am praying for them."

John 17:9

TAKING COMFORT IN JESUS' PRAYER! That's what I hope will happen for you over the next few weeks as we make our way through John 17. Many of you know that this passage has traditionally been called "the High Priestly Prayer" of Jesus. The reason for that is because, just as the high priest in the Old Testament would pray for the people of Israel just before He went into God's presence to offer sacrifice on the Day of Atonement, so Jesus, here, intercedes for His people, lifting them up before God just before He goes to the cross to offer the full and final sacrifice for their sins. That's what makes this chapter in John one of the most high and holy places in the Bible as we get to listen in and gain insight into the heart of Christ for those He came to save.

That's why the five words I've quoted (above) from John 17:9 truly astound me. Jesus says, "I am praying for them." Meaning who? Initially, it's clear He means the disciples themselves, those eleven men (Judas is now gone) who were standing near Him as he prayed. But then, when we get to v 20 we find Him saying that this prayer is not just for them alone, but also for "those who will believe in me through their word." In other words, Jesus wants to make sure we know that we are included in this prayer, too! I take great comfort in that thought (and believe you should as well, if you're a Christian). It's as if Christ has taken you by the hand, laid his arm around your shoulder, placed his hand on your head and begun to pray for you by name that God the Father would see to it that everything He has promised you is delivered in the end! And in a very real way, that's exactly what we have in this prayer: Christ's own assurance to us that the Father will see to it that the salvation He has purchased on our behalf, cannot fail. Take comfort in that dear Christian. Meditate on these words and drink them in. That's why he gave them to you!

Standing in Awe of God's great love in Christ for His own!

Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (8/21/22)

Message Title: "The Prayer of Jesus: _____"

Bible Passages: John _____



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

Priest	Prayer	Mission	Name
Moses	World	Word	Bible
Gift	Truth	Life	Deep
Guitar	Love	Trust	Work

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples (John 17:6-10)

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 G M A N I F E S T E D
 H C G A V E M I B S C
 V I L Y T R U T H V R
 P E O P L E P S E N T
 W O R D P C P V W A K
 G M I F R E M C O M E
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BELIEVED	CAME	COME
EVERYTHING	GAVE	GIVEN
GLORIFIED	KEPT	KNOW
MANIFESTED	NAME	PEOPLE
PRAYING	RECEIVED	SENT
TRUTH	WORD	WORLD