

November 13, 2022

■ **Welcome / Announcements / Call to Worship**

■ **“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”**

Music and words by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa © 2014 Messenger Hymns CCLI #801260

Christ the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through men when my sails have all
been torn In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are
few I will hold fast to the anchor, it will never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused I will
hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of
unbelief Hopeless somehow, o my soul, now, lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved I will hold
fast to the anchor, it will never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of
death When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final
breath We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure
And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure
Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed

■ **“A Debtor to Mercy”** by Bob Kauflin © Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

A debtor to mercy alone Of covenant mercy I sing.
I come with Your righteousness on My humble offering to bring
The judgments of your holy law With me can have nothing to
do. My Savior's obedience and blood Hide all my transgressions
from view.

The work which Your goodness began The arm of Your
strength will complete Your promise is yes and amen, And never
was forfeited yet.

The future or things that are now, No power below or above,
Can make You Your purpose forgo, Or sever my soul from your
love.

My name from the palms of Your hands Eternity will not
erase Impressed on Your heart it remains, In marks of indelible
grace.

Yes, I to the end will endure, Until I bow down at Your throne,
Forever and always secure, Forever and always secure, Forever
and always secure, A debtor to mercy alone

■ **Scripture** - Galatians 4:21 - 5:1 / **Offertory Prayer**

■ **“All I Have is Christ”** By Jordan Kauflin © 2008 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

I once was lost in darkest night Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave I had no
hope that You would own A rebel to Your will And if You had not
loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me Now all I know is grace
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life In any way You choose And let my
song forever be My only boast is You

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper - The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name Your kingdom come.
Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and
the glory forever. Amen

■ **Before The Throne”**

Words by Charitie Less Bancroft, alt. lyrics and music by Vikki Cook © 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect
plea A great High Priest whose name is love Who ever lives and
pleads for me My name is graven on His hands My name is written
on His heart I know that while in heaven He stands No tongue can
bid me thence depart No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt
within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my
sin Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To
look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb My perfect, spotless,
Righteousness The Great unchangeable I AM The King of Glory
and of Grace One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased by
His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my Savior
and my God With Christ my Savior and my God

■ **Message** – Understanding Abuse in an Abusive World

(Ezekiel 34: 1-24 ; 1 Pet 3:7) - Pastor Scott

■ **Closing Hymn**

■ **Benediction**

How to Join Rockport Baptist Church

We as a church are committed to the biblical teaching that church membership is for believers in Christ who voluntarily band together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit for worship, fellowship and service. We therefore require the following:

- (1) A credible profession of faith in Christ for salvation
(Romans 10:9-10)
- (2) Obedience to Christ through water baptism
(Matthew 28:18-20)
- (3) A willing commitment to the basic beliefs and practices of this church as evidenced in our Confession of Faith and Church Covenant (available upon request)

Those who are interested in seeking membership are asked to make this known to Pastor Scott and/or an Elder who will provide a copy of our Petition for Membership and explain the process.

Why Should I Be Baptized?

Baptism is commanded by Christ (Matthew 28:18-20) for all those who would follow Him as disciples. It is a picture on the outside of what Christ does on the inside of all those who come to Him by faith. As Paul declares in Romans 6:4, “We are buried with Him through baptism into death, and raised to walk in newness of life.” Baptism, therefore symbolizes our new life in Christ as believers. It is a public declaration that my old life is dead and I now belong to him. As such, it is the first act of obedience for all who would profess their faith in Him for salvation. If you have placed your faith in Christ and need to follow through with believer’s baptism, please contact Pastor Scott.

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Scott Larson	Jared Weber

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.

1 Peter 3:7

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.



Rockport Women's Discipleship Ministry

STATISTICALLY, ONE IN FOUR WOMEN WILL EXPERIENCE SEXUAL OR DOMESTIC ABUSE

The Rockport Women's Council has participated in training to help us recognize and respond biblically to situations of abuse. If you need help or information, or if you would like to participate in training to be an advocate for the abused, please see or contact one of us.

Books on the topic of abuse and a Resource Guide listing local and national organizations, people, and helplines are available in the library.

Tynetta Chastain
Phoebe Davis
Darla Ferguson

Stephanie Tompkins
Carolyn Walton
Stephanie Weber



Julie Bird
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“Understanding Abuse in an Abusive World”
(Ezekiel 34: 1-24 ; 1 Pet 3:7)

- I. We must understand what _____ is from a biblical perspective
- 1) Abuse is _____
 - 2) Biblical terms for abuse: mistreat, _____, afflict, do violence, etc. Ex 22:22-24 ; Zech 7:10
 - 3) Abuse is the _____ of power or position through coercion, violence, threat, intimidation, etc to control others to get what I want
Abuse is not _____

God calls out the _____ of Israel for their abuse Eze 34

- (1) Abusive shepherds are _____ vv2-3 ; Eph 5:25
 - (2) Abusive shepherds focus on their right to _____ v4
 - (3) Abusive shepherds maintain _____ through force and intimidation v4 ; Isa 40:11 ; 1 Pet 3:7
 - (4) Abusive shepherds bring harm when they act like _____ vv5-6
 - (5) Abusive shepherds will face the _____ of God vv7-10
- This sin, like all sin, is _____ and hides in the shadows

II. We give the _____ of the Gospel to both sinner and sinned against

- 1) For the Abuser (sinner)
 - (1) Hear God's _____ Mal 2:13-14
 - (2) _____ (more than saying 'sorry') Acts 26:20
 - (3) _____ to others, submit to accountability
 - (4) Realize there may be _____ (they are worth it)
- 2) For the Abused (sinned against)
 - Hear Christ's heart for you
Eze 34:11-12, 15-16, 23-24, Ps 78:52-53
 - Christ came to bear sin and _____ in your place Isa 53:3-8
 - Come to Christ! Find help among His people! Isa 14:32

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - November 13

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
Strange New World	6:00 PM

Today's Greeters - Danielle Weber & Kyle Davis
Today's Tellers - Tren Groat & Herman Meyer
Today's Nursery - Amy Lee & Amanda Boyer

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

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$5,263.00
Sept Weekly Average	\$5,341.65

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Tuesdays at 1:30 PM** at Rockport. - **Exercise Class** .
Please contact Susan Jackson for more information
susanjj1966@gmail.com or (636) 375-1113
- **Wednesday, December 7th** - Congregational Prayer Meeting
at 7pm
- **Sunday December 11th** - Rockport Christmas Celebration
at 6:30pm

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday November 13, 2022

"Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Psalm 82:4

So why take on this topic of abuse? Isn't it controversial? Hasn't it divided churches? Don't people use a word like "abuse" to mean lots of different things? For some it seems to be defined so broadly it can mean almost anything – so if something hurts my feelings, I can claim to be abused! Others define it so narrowly that, if it doesn't break a leg or leave a scar, it doesn't qualify as abuse. Still others dismiss the current concern about abuse as little more than so much cultural whining.

And yet, the headlines keep reminding us that it is a big deal. From the #MeToo movement, to the circus of attention surrounding the Johnny Depp vs Amber Heard trial, abuse remains in the news. And not just in the secular world, churches have been forced to face this difficult topic with far too many stories of abuse and coverup coming out, including from within the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention last year.

So it is because abuse is controversial and easy to misunderstand, that we need to do what we can to understand it biblically! What does the Bible say about how we must treat those God has entrusted to our care? As a husband, when does my exercise of the leadership God has given me to shepherd my family cross the line from the right use of authority for their good, to the abuse of that authority in a way that is sinful? And where there is abuse, what help can we find in the Lord? How can the church reach out to those who've been sinned against in this way, as well as offer hope to those who have sinned?

This morning, I want us to think biblically about this issue, especially as it impacts marriage. My goal is that by giving this topic our attention, we'll be better equipped to recognize what the sin of abuse really is so that we are able to give care to those who've been abused and call abusers to repentance in Christ.

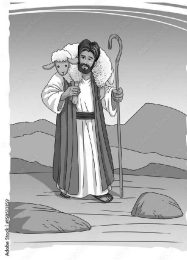
Seeking His glory in every life as we submit our all to Him!

Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (11/13/22)

Message Title: "Understanding _____"

Bible Passages: Ezekiel _____



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

Abuse	Sin	Mistreat	Husband
Wife	Love	Sheep	Shepherd
King	Men	Wife	Care
Serve	Wolf	Help	Good

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 Bad Shepherds Ezekiel 34:1-24

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

BECAUSE	BEEN	BEHOLD
BRING	COUNTRY	FEED
FEET	FLOCK	FOOD
GOOD	ISRAEL	JUDGE
LAND	LORD	MOUNTAIN
MUDDY	PASTURE	PROPHECY
RESCUE	SCATTERED	SEARCH
SEEK	SHEEP	SHEPHERD
STRENGTHEN	THERE	THEREFORE
THUS	WEAK	WORD

