

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. Memorize it and use it for the good of your soul!

Jude 20-21 (ESV)

²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

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"Keep Keeping On In God's Love"
(Jude vv 20-23)

I. Keep yourselves in the Love of God by Keeping Hold of Faith in Christ
vv 20-21

One Main Command - _____

Three ways we do it - _____ : _____ : _____

(1) Keep yourselves in the love of God by building yourselves up in _____ v20

- It is a _____ project (plurals)
- It is a _____ project = it is a most _____ faith

(2) Keep yourselves in the love of God by _____ in the Holy Spirit v20b Romans 8:26-27; Eph 6:18

(3) Keep yourselves in the love of God by _____ with hope-filled anticipation for His promised _____ v21

- This is hope in future _____

How do we keep ourselves in the love of God?

II. Reach Out to Those whose faith has been _____
_____ vv 22-23

(1) To Those limping along in _____, show mercy v22

(2) For Those following false teachers into _____, Go After Them v23a

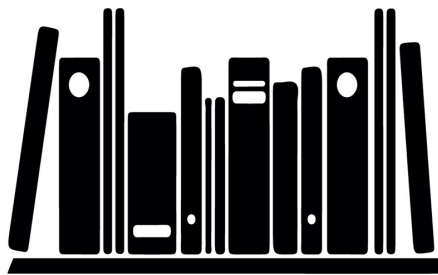
- Judgement for False Teachers in Jude v4, v6, v7, v13
- A brand plucked from the Fire Zech 3:2

(3) For Those in the midst of soul-killing sin, continue to hold out Redemption _____ to them v23b

- "Mercy with _____"
- "Garments stained by the flesh" Zech 3:3-4

Don't join them in their sin! Gal 6:1

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Questions? Contact Tynetta at 314-795-5268

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
Fellowship Meal (immediately following Morning Worship)	
Semi-Annual Meeting	1:30 PM
Systematic Theology	6:00 PM

Today’s Greeters - Kathy Blunt & Mike or Kristy Booker

Today’s Tellers - Cindy Boehm & Sandy Fischer

Today’s Nursery - Lucy Blunt & Megan Blunt

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

Prayerfully consider Rockport’s Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$6,710.00
March Weekly Average.....	\$8,243.63

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Good Friday Celebration / Concert** - Friday, April 18th at 7pm
- **Save the Dates for Upcoming Baby & Wedding Showers**
 Friday, April 25th for Paige (& Nate) Baechle (Baby)
 Friday, May 16th for Julian (& Will) Pierce (Baby)
 Saturday, June 7th for Tony Koranda & Sydney Dinwiddie (Wedding)
 Saturday, June 21st for Jonathan Dickmann & Riley Coumerilh (Wedding)
 Saturday, July 19th for Ernie Dickmann & Lillie Clinton (Wedding)
- **Mark your Calendars – Rockport’s Annual Family Camp** dates have been set for Thursday, September 25th through Sunday, September 28th. Watch for more details!

A Word from Pastor Warren

Sunday, April 13, 2025

“...And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem...”

Acts 6:7a

Growth is hard. Some of you read that and think, “What are you talking about? Growth is exciting! Growth is life!” And you’re right. But growth is hard too.

It’s hard when the bathroom queue is long. It’s hard when the need for systems and structure threatens to displace the organic feel that has always characterized our Rockport family. It’s hard when classes or ministries you have treasured are put on pause. It’s hard when you feel your church no longer has room for you.

That feeling is not figurative. Finding seats on Sunday morning is increasingly difficult. Some of you have already had weeks when you’ve had to settle for the overflow room. As God continues to bring people to our church who are hungry for God’s Word, this “problem” will likely get worse before it gets better. Can I encourage you with a couple reminders while we wait, pray, and look for God to give us a bigger space?

First, God is at work. It is his idea to grow his church. Is it any wonder that, as Rockport has sought to be faithful, genuine believers are drawn to celebrate Jesus with us? The things you treasure about Rockport are things others love too: 1) Truth that transforms lives 2) Gospel-rich worship 3) Spirit-fueled fellowship 4) Prayerful dependence 5) Christ-exalting mission. These are signs of health – and healthy things tend to grow.

Second, you are not interchangeable. As groups grow, it’s easy to feel like a cog in a machine. But Rockport is not a machine; we are a body, a family. We need the faith of our long-term members. If you have been at Rockport for years (or decades!), you carry the DNA of our church and you carry the stories of God’s faithfulness to us. Amid the churn of change and influx of visitors, your grace-filled rootedness is a gift – to your pastors, to the body, and to the world. Stay rooted, keep growing.

PARTNERING FOR YOUR JOY – PASTOR WARREN

April 13, 2025

■ **Announcements / Call to Worship**

■ **“How Firm a Foundation”** CCLI L #801260

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word What more can He say than to you He hath said To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with thee oh be not dismayed For I am thy God and will still give thee aid I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause thee to stand Upheld by My righteous Omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply The flame shall not hurt thee I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake

■ **Scripture Reading** - 1 Cor 11:1-16

■ **Offertory Prayer**

■ **“The Love of God”**.....Hymn 67

The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell, It goes beyond the highest star And reaches to the lowest hell; The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win: His erring child He reconciled And pardoned from his sin.

O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure The saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall, When men, who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call, God's love so sure shall still endure, All measureless and strong: Redeeming grace to Adam's race The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill And were the skies of parchment made, Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill And ev'ry man a scribe by trade, To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry, Nor could the scroll contain the whole Though stretched from sky to sky.

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper**

Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

Question: *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

Answer: That I am not my own, but belong -- body and soul, both in life and in death -- to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; Indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready, from now on, to live for him.

■ **“The Solid Rock”**.....Hymn 402

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found, Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

■ **“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”** Words and Music by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kaufin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa ©2020 Getty Music Publishing CCLI #801260

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand

**O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death**

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him And we will
rise to meet the Lord Then sin and death will be destroyed And we will
feast in endless joy When Christ is ours forevermore

- **Message:** ***"Keep Keeping On In God's Love"***
 Pastor Scott – Jude vv 20-23

- **Closing Hymn**

- **Benediction – "Now to Him" (Jude 24)** by Daniel Clay & Jeff Capps CCLI L #801260

Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling
To Him who will keep you to the end
To Him be the glory, the honor and power
Forever and ever Amen
Forever and ever Amen



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Kid's Listening Sheet (4/13/25)

Title: "Keep Keeping on in God's _____"

Bible Passage: Jude _____

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

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| Keep | Command | Build | Love |
| Faith | Holy | Building | Pray |
| Spirit | Wait | Hope | Mercy |
| Child | Teacher | Limp | Fire |

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

Keep Keeping On in God's Love (Jude 20-23)

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| LEADS | LIFE | LORD |
| LOVE | MERCY | MOST |
| OTHERS | PRAYING | SAVE |
| SHOW | SNATCHING | SPIRIT |