

Life Application Questions

- ❖ How do you measure wealth? What will truly enrich your life?
- ❖ How would your life change if you were living for eternal affirmation from the Lord rather than immediate affirmation from the world?
- ❖ What trial or situation do you need to trust Jesus in? Where do you need to be fearless for Jesus? What might that trust or fearlessness look like?
- ❖ What is the Spirit saying to you this morning?

Sermon audio and notes are available online at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~**Carol Riegling** continues to deal with health issues.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – tumor is stable, continues treatment.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** continued prayer his kidney “numbers” will not change.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Emily Bowers, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~**Jennifer Madena** (Arlene Hunsberger's granddaughter) w/muscular Dystrophy.
- ~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ~**Nancy Kingma** (cousin of Pomrankas) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Brandon Homrich** (Newkirk's son-in-law) chemo is working. One tumor remains.
- ~**Kathy Lambers** (friend of Bergman's) 6th battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~**Barry Lambers** (Kathy's husband) suffered spinal injury, paralyzed waist down.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

Sympathy Expressed to:

Tyler Lapp & Kayla Johnson and families at the death of Tyler's mom, **Jan Lapp**, on Dec 30.

Welcome!

We are glad you're here! We want your experience to be a good one, so we have put together a bit of info to help you know what to expect while you are here.

Our worship service: Thanks for joining us today! We will begin the service with singing. Feel free to stand, sing, or just listen as we express our worship to God. If you don't know the songs, don't worry, just follow along with the words on the screen!

The message: This is a time of practical teaching from the Bible. Often, multi-media presentations are incorporated to supplement the message. There is space in the bulletin to take notes if you wish.

The offering: This is a time to share with the church how God has blessed us financially. If you are visiting, don't feel you have to contribute. The only thing we'd like from you is your connections card (bulletin insert).

Prayer time: We will pray together a couple of times throughout the service.

Refreshments: Join us for coffee in the lobby after service! Visitors may pick up a complementary gift mug and welcome packet. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

Childcare: Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service! We love that our church is a welcoming place for families. We do have a nursery for children ages 0-3 years if you would prefer to use that. We also have a parent-infant room near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers. Children ages 3-7 are invited to participate in Children's Worship, an age-appropriate worship and learning time. Children start service with their parents and will be dismissed part way through. If you are unfamiliar with this program, you are encouraged to accompany your kids the first time. They can be picked up after each service in Room 112 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. Children's bulletins are available.

Formality: We have no dress code. Whether you are in jeans or a tux, we're just glad you're here! You are also welcome to sip your coffee or read along with scripture passages on your mobile devices. We just ask that you silence your phones as a courtesy to others.

To learn more about our ministries and beliefs, be sure to pick up a welcome packet in the lobby or visit our website: rockfordreformedchurch.org.

Vision: To always be a living reflection of Christ's hands, feet, and voice in the community.

Mission: To connect people to Jesus Christ and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Him through worship and fellowship, so they will reach out to serve and disciple others for the glory of God.

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Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, January 8, 2017
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

Rising Sun

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Sing To The King, 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord), Jesus Paid It All

Children (ages 3 years - 3rd grade) are invited to KidLife Worship downstairs

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY – KIDS HOPE

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 2:8-11 (p.933)

MESSAGE

“The Seven Churches in Revelation: Faithful through the Fire”
Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

How Great Is Our God

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Cherri Pastula, Sarah & Olivia (11:00am) Trisha Van Stensel, Becki Pilko, Anya Fanberg

Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Emillie Clayton, Kennedy Huffman (11:00am) Nancy Steenwyk, Leigh Verburg

Next Sunday:

“The Seven Churches of Revelation: In the World but not of the World”
Revelation 2:12-17 (p.933) • Pastor Paul Bradford

What's Going On?

Today:

8:20am: Prayer in Room #212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

10:00am: Sunday School for all ages:

- **Ages 3 – DK** meet in Classroom #111
- **Grades K-5th grade** meet in Classroom #101
- **Middle School** (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153
- **High School** (grades 9-12) Classroom #246
- **Adults:** "Reformation Overview" – a video series led by Phil Knapp (Rm#253). Starts Jan 15. **NO Adult Class Jan 8.**

Sun, Jan 8: Blood Pressure Screening after both services in Rm #211.

4:00pm: Music Input Meeting. Join us for a positive, fruitful discussion about the Sunday music experience at RRC. Meet in the sanctuary.

6:30pm: High School Youth Group. Meet in the Youth Room #153

This Week:

Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm: Weekly Prayer Meeting in the sanctuary.

Tuesdays, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Breakfast. Join us any time.

Tuesdays, 9:30-11am: Women's Bible Study – "Speaking Wisely," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm #212.

Wednesday Night Activities:

6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **KidLife Club** (ages 3 years – 5th grade)

6:30pm **Middle School Youth Group**

6:45pm **Adult Classes**

- "Letter to the Hebrews – Part 2" – Co-ed class led by Pastor Paul. Fireside Rm #253
- "Discovering God's Will" by Andy Stanley – Women's study led by Polly Johnson. Rm #250

Last Thursday/month, 7:00-8:30pm: Ladies Book Club. Fireside Rm #253.

Dec/Jan Book: *The Gate* by Dann A. Stouten. Next meeting is Jan 26.

Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast. "A Man and His Traps." Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting – Jan 21.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

Sun, Jan 15, 5:00pm: Concert of Prayer (NOTE new time)

Interested in joining a new Life Group? Sign-up sheet at the Info Desk in back of the Sanctuary. Life Groups start back up on Jan 15.

Sat, Jan 28, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Group. Pizza Party in the Fireside Room (#253) at church.

Sun, Feb 12, 12:15pm: New-Comer's Lunch. Are you new to RRC? Join Pastor Paul & Tammy Bradford for an informal lunch (following the 11:00am service) and a chance to have any questions answered. Please RSVP with the church office (866-2308) or at office@rockfordrc.org

Mentors needed for Kids Hope! Contact Audrey Shantz, audreyschantz@gmail.com

On-line Giving: You can give directly from your phone or computer! There's a link to the form on the front page of our website www.RockfordReformedChurch.org



Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brian@rockfordrc.org

Sunday School at 10:00am: **MS** (Youth Room #153), **HS** (Rm #246)

MS meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm, **HS** meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm

Winter Retreats: **HS** January 27-29, **MS** February 10-12

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: beth@rockfordrc.org

KidLife Club – Laura Jolliffe, Director: laura@rockfordrc.org

KidLife Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade at 10:00am

KidLife Club (formerly Pioneer Clubs)

Wednesdays: 6:00pm Simple Supper, 6:30pm Club

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 156

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$11,897.30

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$120.00

Benevolent Fund Donations for Jorvens (July-Dec): \$18,552.45 Total to date

Thank you!!

Faithful through the Fire

2nd in Series: The Seven Churches of Revelation

Text: Revelation 2:8-11

Sunday: 1/8/2017

Intro

God's Word

① **Choose** _____ . (v 8-9)

② **Don't** _____ **what you have to** _____, **for in Christ you have** _____ (v 10)

③ **Listen to what** _____! (v 11)

Our Response

Glorify Jesus in _____ **and** _____, **not fearing what you have to** _____, **and you will gain true** _____ .