

## SERMON NOTES

Jeremiah 3:6-14 – Returning Home  
Sermon Series: *Time For Change* #11

### 1. God invites you into a \_\_\_\_\_ with him.

- a. When you read Jer. 3:14, what does it mean when God communicates to his people that he is their husband?
- b. What are some ways that you have looked for love and friend relationships to satisfy your need for love and come up short? Why do they come up short?
- c. What happens when you see and absorb the truth of God's delight in you? How does it change your relationships with spouse, girl/boy friends, and others?

### 2. The problem: the \_\_\_\_\_ lovers.

- a. When you look at Jer. 3:2-3, 6, 8, 13, and 20-21, what are some of the phrases and images that are used to describe how the people would backslide or be faithless? What do these stark images say about the severity of faithlessness?
- b. What are some ways that you find beauty, love, and affirmation from substitutes or idols rather than from God? Can you recall some of the ugly results in your life when you have turned to substitutes?
- c. Since God is also to be our peace, security, joy, and pleasure, what substitutes do we look to for these things?
- d. In Jer. 3:10 and 13, what is important to NOT do and what is important TO do when returning home to God?

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the yellow-brick road home.

#### Some elements of genuine, whole-hearted repentance:

- a. **Sight and sense of your \_\_\_\_\_.**  
In Jer. 2:23, how does sin impact our ability to see our sin and idols? How could you pray to change this?
- b. \_\_\_\_\_  
What does Jer. 3:13 say about what we are to do with our guilt? How can you make this a part of your daily relationship with Jesus?
- c. \_\_\_\_\_  
What do Jer. 3:3 and 6:15 say about shame? What is happening when we lose our ability to blush with shame and how can we get a right sense of shame?
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ **from sin.**  
What does Jer. 31:19 say about how to return home to God?
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ **as your husband calls you home again.**  
What has Jesus done and provided so that you can be a beautiful bride for him? At what expense?

#### Resources for further growth/study:

- *Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the Only Hope That Matters*, by Tim Keller.
- *Idols of the Heart: Learning to Long for God Alone*, by Elyse Fitzpatrick.

Sermons available online at [RockfordRC.org/sermons-2](http://RockfordRC.org/sermons-2)



### Order of Worship

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Day by Day</i>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>Rejoice Prodigal ** Kids are invited to KidLife downstairs How Firm a Foundation</i>
<b>Offering</b>	<i>There is a Fountain</i>
<b>Prayer &amp; Message</b>	Returning Home Jeremiah 3:6-14 (p. 579) Rev. Tim Meendering
<b>Response</b>	<i>O Come to the Altar</i>
<b>Closing Blessing</b>	
<b>Next Week</b>	Making Mud Pies: Philippians 4:1-13

welcome to Rockford Reformed Church!

In this program you will find today's order of worship, along with announcements, a calendar, prayer requests, and more. If this is your first time here, please stop by our welcome table in the lobby and pick up a gift bag!



## Rockford Reformed Church

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### Office Hours:

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### ATTENDANCE & GIVING

You can give directly from your phone or computer. Look for the link on the front page of our website. Contact the office if you would like offering envelopes.

**Last week's attendance:** 214 • **Last week's offering:** \$8,960

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Jean Boyd** - pray as she continues through chemotherapy treatments.

**Bill Boyd** - continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.

Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.

Be in prayer for all military personnel, people searching for jobs, and disaster victims.

*Prayer teams are available in the front of the sanctuary following service for anyone who desires prayer.*



## WHERE DO MY KIDS GO?

If you have children, they are welcome to remain with you throughout the service, or you can choose from different options:

**KidLife Worship** (3 years - 2nd grade) - Check-in is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Kids may start service here, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.

**KidLife Nursery** (0-3 years) - Room 241 (upper level of gym).

**Parent-Infant Room** - available near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers.

**Children's bulletins** and crayons are available near the lobby stairs.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
3/17 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School 6:30p HS Youth Group	3/18	3/19 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	3/20 6:00p Family Dinner 6:30p KidLife Club 6:30p MS Youth Group 6:45p Adult Classes	3/21	3/22	3/23 5:30p MS Girls Night
3/24 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School 6:30p HS Youth Group	3/25	3/26 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	3/27 6:00p Family Dinner 6:30p KidLife Club (final night) 6:30p MS Youth Group 6:45p Adult Classes (final night)	3/28 7:00p Ladies Book Club - Educated by Tara Westover	3/29 7a REAL Men @ Arnie's 34 S. Squires St.	3/30 1p Single Women's Lunch - pizza party in the Fireside Rm. RSVP with Carol Knox, 866-4845
3/31 10:00 Worship Service  <i>Spring Break - No Sunday School or Youth Group</i>	4/1	4/2 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	4/3 Adult Fellowship (TBA)  <i>Spring Break - No Youth Group</i>	4/4	4/5	4/6

For a full listing of all of our events, announcements, volunteer needs, and more, be sure to sign up for the eBeacon, emailed weekly. Contact the church office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list. Paper copies are available for those without email.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL, 11:15-12:15

**Adults** - Fireside Room 253  
**High School** - Room 246  
**Middle School** - Youth Room 153  
**Children** - Fellowship Hall 100



- **Palm Sunday – April 14**  
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday – April 18**  
Communion Service: 7:00 p.m.
- **Good Friday – April 19**  
Community Good Friday Service: TBA
- **Easter Egg Hunt – April 20**  
Egg hunt and pancake breakfast: 9:30
- **Easter Sunday – April 21**  
Worship Service: 8:00 a.m.  
Breakfast: 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT, 6:00-8:00

6:00 **Family Dinner** in the gym  
6:30 **KidLife Club** - 3 years - K meet in Room 101; 1-5 grades meet in the sanctuary  
6:30 **Middle School Youth Group** - Youth Room 153  
6:45 **Adult Classes - Growing Together**, Fireside Room 253; **What Makes You Happy**, Room 250 (women's study)

**It's time to update our church directory!** If you would like to submit a new photo, please email to Laura (laura@rockfordrc.org), or we can scan it for you.  
**Please get them in this week!**

**We are looking for candy donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt!** Small, individually-wrapped candy can be placed in the buckets in the lobby and near the elevator.

**Volunteer needs** in KidLife on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour: **preschool leader, 1-3 grade leader** to help alternate days with the current leader. Please contact Beth Jennings.

### KidLife Club:

- Final night is pajama movie night - March 27  
- Derby Car Race (1-5 grades) - April 10



## Ladies' Evening 2019

Friday, April 12, 5-8:30pm

**Open Hearts - Open Hands - Open Homes**

Join us for dinner, fun breakout sessions, and guest speaker Pam Stonehouse. The evening will focus on the topic of hospitality. Register online at [RockfordRC.org/ladies-day](http://RockfordRC.org/ladies-day)