

## SERMON NOTES

Luke 14:25-35 – Alone in the Wind

### Questions for family/small group discussions:

1. We reviewed some of the stories and texts, beginning with Luke 9:18-19 and up to our text in Luke 14. And then we noted that Jesus was constantly working to expand and correct a narrow and twisted view of himself and his kingdom. What has been one of your most significant corrections or better understandings of Jesus and his kingdom? What teaching or circumstances were important for your adjustment?
2. Jesus makes it clear that following him involves a cost and commitment. What part of the cost, commitment, or commandments do you most resist or struggle with and why? What are some ways that you may be sliding into the “easy, low-cost discipleship”?
3. Jesus said that we are to “hate” or love family less than him (14:26) and that “any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple” (14:33). Who or what are the people or things that most easily become the substitute for Jesus? Or what might be the things or people that you most love, talk about, depend on, or find your identity in—more than Jesus?
4. We said that family was a possession that provided a Jew with status, salvation, and security. Who or what most easily becomes your status, salvation, or security? What do you have to believe or do to shift your “follow-Jesus” dependence from the substitutes to Jesus himself?

5. We noted that putting Jesus first in our love and dependence works to intensify our love for family. Referring to the quote below from C.S. Lewis, how does the gospel and loving Jesus supremely increase our love for family? What are some deeply absorbed gospel facets that enable you to love your family more deeply?

*When I have learnt to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now. Insofar as I learn to love my earthly dearest at the expense of God and instead of God, I shall be moving towards the state in which I shall not love my earthly dearest at all. When first things are put first, second things are not suppressed but increased.* —C. S. Lewis

6. The sermon stated that another way that our love and commitment to Jesus changes us is that our family is wonderfully expanded. The family of God is now the primary family where we are to love and nurture one another. “We live in the shelter of each other.” How has this been important to you? What adjustments could you make so that you serve and are served with love and nurture in the family of God?
7. Read Psalm 68:5-6 – If this is who God is, and following Jesus means that we are to become like him, how should this guide and impact your life and ministry? What are some practical ways that you can act in this way?

For further study/reading: *Not a Fan: Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus*, by Kyle Idleman

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>God is Good</i>
<b>Receiving of New Members</b>	
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>How Majestic Come Ye Sinners ** Kids are invited to KidLife downstairs He Will Hold Me Fast</i>
<b>Offering</b>	<i>I Surrender</i>
<b>Prayer &amp; Message</b>	Alone in the Wind Luke 14:25-35 (p.798) Rev. Tim Meendering
<b>Response</b>	<i>In Tenderness</i>
<b>Closing Blessing</b>	
<b>Next Week</b>	Faithful Father – 2 Kings 21:19-22:2

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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### 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:** 220 • **Last week's offering:** \$11,025

### PRAYER

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

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

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



**Online Bulletin**  
[rockfordrc.org/sunday](http://rockfordrc.org/sunday)  
or aim your phone's camera at the qr code to access:



### 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
6/9 10a Worship Service  One Sunday Pentecost Offering	6/10	6/11 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30p Softball	6/12	6/13	6/14 7a REAL Men	6/15 8p View From the Hill
6/16 10a Worship Service After-Service Social  High School Mission Trip	6/17	6/18 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30p Softball	6/19 10a-1p VBS Decorating	6/20 10a-6p VBS Decorating	6/21 10a-8p VBS Decorating	6/22
6/23 10a Worship Service After-Service Social 6p VBS	6/24 6p VBS	6/25 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00p VBS 6:30p Softball	6/26 6p VBS	6/27 7p Ladies Book Club - Wolf's Mouth by John Smolens	6/28	6/29

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.



### Take A Bible!

This is the last week we will be using the NIV pew Bibles. After service, you are welcome to take one (or more) home! Any leftovers will be donated.

### High School Mission Trip

Following the service, we will be praying for the High School Mission Trip at the front of the sanctuary. From Brian, Director of Youth Ministries:

*On June 16th the high schoolers will head to Wilmore, Kentucky for a week of service. This is the 4th consecutive year our high school students have served in communities around Kentucky, and each year we get a brief picture of the poverty that exists there. Kentucky ranks 47th nationally in poverty rate with a 17% poverty rate for families. On these trips we have a couple of goals. First, to be in service to others and share Christ's love. And second, to spend a week disconnected from our fast-paced lives to be fully present in how God might be at work in us and our group. Please join me in praying for the students and leaders going on this trip.*

Next week is the first of our summer After-Service Socials. There are still many spots open for hosts. Please contact Laura Jolliffe if your group would like to host a week.



### RRC's newest members!

Brooks Mollenhour & Quinn (14)

Clyde & Joan Moore



This year's One Sunday offering will support Doug McClintic as he prepares to move to Europe as a missionary. To participate, mark your envelope/check with

"Pentecost Offering," and place it in the offering plate. Make checks payable to Rockford Reformed Church. You may also give online – just choose the One Sunday option.



Saturday, June 15. You are invited to enjoy the Start of Summer Celebration fireworks from the hill at Rockford Reformed Church. Starting at 8pm, come enjoy free popcorn, refreshments, and children's activities. Please bring a chair or a blanket, your family and friends, and enjoy the beauty of the fireworks from the top of the hill at RRC.



June 23-26, 6-8pm. Calling all kids ages 3 years through those who are in (or have just completed) 5th grade! Join us for four nights at ROAR VBS, where kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Registration is open at rockfordrc.org/vbs. **We need volunteers to help get the vbs decorations ready - see calendar above for dates.**