

SERMON NOTES

2 Kings 21:19-22:2 – Faithful Father

Three lessons to learn from our text:

1. Children often _____ in the path of their _____.

- a. Read 2 Kings 19:20-22. What are some ways that you have observed how a child will often look like their father in thoughts, words, and actions? When you consider Job 1:5, Proverbs 1:8, 15:5, and Ephesians 6:4, what actions could you take to guide children toward a love for God?

- b. What are some ways that you send mixed signals to your kids —telling them one thing and doing another thing?

2. God graciously _____ to _____ and employ at-risk kids.

- a. What is the best story that you can recall of when God has graciously intervened to rescue and employ an at-risk kid? How has God done this for you?
- b. How have your father and your relationship with him worked to influence who you are today? Do you see ways that you have been and perhaps still are being influenced or impacted by seeking the love and approval of your father?

- c. What are some ways that you see and experience God as a stunningly gracious, merciful, and loving Father (see 1 John 3:1)? When you consider the Father's love and action toward you, how does this shape and influence your calling in this world and what step could you take this week to be faithful to that calling (see Psalm 68:5)? Identify and pray for one person whom you could love and pursue like God loves and pursues you.

1. God is the perfect _____ for all.

- a. How does a bad father become an invitation to know the Perfect Father? How have you most seen your earthly father be a hint of your Perfect Father?

- b. How does God satisfy your deepest longings for a faithful father? How does your relationship with God free you from having to idolize or demonize your earthly father?

- c. What do the following texts say about God as your Father? How could these same texts guide your work as a father? Ps. 103:13, Deut. 1:31, Matt. 6:25-34, 7:7-11, Lk. 1:11-13, Prov. 3:12, Jn. 6:32.

For further study/reading: *Knowing God*, by J.I. Packer

Sermons available online at RockfordRC.org/sermons-2



Sunday, June 16, 2019

Order of Worship

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude	<i>You Are My Vision</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Rejoice Build Your Kingdom Here ** Kids are invited to KidLife downstairs Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)</i>
Offering	<i>Oh God</i>
Prayer & Message	Faithful Father 2 Kings 21:19-22:2 (p.329) Rev. Tim Meendering
Response	<i>How Deep the Father's Love For Us</i>
Closing Blessing	

*Join us in the gym for the After-Service Social
hosted by the RRC Staff.*

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!



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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: 207 • **Last week's offering:** \$10,577

PRAYER

Congratulations to **Brad & Marissa DeGraff** on the birth of their daughter, Peyton Magnolia, on June 9.

Sympathy is expressed to **Steve & Nancy Steenwyk** at the death of Nancy's father, Leon P. Witteveen, on June 9.

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.



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.



Check your kids in with an email! Send it to rrc.check.in@gmail.com with your child(ren)'s names as the subject line. Whoever is at the check-in computer downstairs will sign you in and have your name tags ready to go.



Online Bulletin
rockfordrc.org/sunday
or aim your phone's camera at the qr code to access:



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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
6/30 10a Worship Service After-Service Social	7/1	7/2 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30p Softball	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6

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.



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 dates/times here



Our friends at Hillview invite you to help out with their summer program for students. Hillview Learning Center meets M-Th from 9:45-11am. Can you spare an hour to help kids work on reading or math? You don't need to do any planning, just show up! Adults, high school students, and middle school students accompanied by an adult can volunteer. Sign up at RockfordRC.org/hillview-learning-center.

ROAR! Vacation Bible school begins next week! That means we need a decorating crew to help make our church look like an African savanna. This mostly involves carrying stuff and hanging things. Lots has been done and prepped already!

Can you help??!! Many hands make light work, even an hour of help means so much! Kids are welcome to help too! Call, text, or email Beth and let her know when you can help! 616-560-3044, beth@rockfordrc.com

- Wednesday the 19th - 10am-1pm**
Preschool room, Registration table (lobby)
- Thursday the 20th - 10am-6pm**
Imagination station, Bible Adventure room
- Friday the 21st - 10am-8pm**
Sanctuary set up - main stage, name tag tables, & preschool rugs; Hallways, Final Details

