

SERMON NOTES

Jude 3, 20-25 – Fighting For Your Faith

Questions for family/small group discussions:

1. What are some of the most common dangerous and deceptive teachings or beliefs that work to drag us down as we fight for our faith?
2. Do you think of yourself as fighting and struggling to persevere in your faith? What are some of essential teachings of God's Word that you need to believe and often come under attack?
3. When you consider verse 24, what is essential for us to make it to the finish line with our faith?

We see four ways that we fight for the faith that keeps us connected and empowered by our God who is able:

1. Build yourselves up in the _____.

What are the most effective ways that you are currently building yourself up in the true teaching of God's Word? What step can you take to more effectively learn and be governed/empowered by the truth of God's Word?

In what ways do you most justify or rationalize your thoughts or actions even though you know they are contrary to the gospel and God's Word? When we casually go on sinning, what does that say about how we value the cross and God's grace?

2. Persistently _____ in the Holy Spirit.

What do Jude 20 and Ephesians 6:12 say about the kind of battle that we are engaged in?

We are to pray in the Spirit for at least two reasons:

1. It keeps us _____.
What do Matthew 26:41 and Ephesians 6:18 say about why we pray in the Spirit?
2. It equips us with God's _____.
What does your prayer life reveal about whether you daily depend on self or God? (See Ephesians 6:10) What step could you take to shift toward a greater dependence on God's power?

3. Keep soaking in God's _____ for you.

What might be some of the primary barriers that keep you from believing, trusting, and acting out of God's love for you?

4. Eagerly _____ his coming again.

In your heart and life, who or what most easily serves as a substitute for the joy and anticipation that we are to find in Jesus? Do you see the danger of having your happiness depend on something that you may lose?

What do Romans 8:18 and 1 Peter 4:13 say about what we will one day know and experience for all of eternity? How much do you anticipate and are driven by this joy and love? How does this anticipation empower us for making it to the finish line of our faith?



Order of Worship

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

KidLife Worship returns August 4. Nursery is available for kids kindergarten and under.

Prelude	<i>A God Who Saves</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Hosanna (Praise is Rising) Be Thou My Vision Kids</i>
Offering	<i>God is Good</i>
Prayer & Message	Fighting For Your Faith Jude 3, 20-25 (p.1027) Rev. Tim Meendering
Response	<i>Rock of Ages</i>
Closing Blessing	

*Join us in the gym for the After-Service Social
hosted by Care Group 6.*

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: 154 • **Last week's offering:** \$7,415

PRAYER

Polly Johnson will be having surgery on her urinary tract at the University of Michigan on July 17. Please pray for a smooth recovery.

Congratulations to **Mike & Melissa Fisk** on the birth of their daughter, Emery Grace Fisk, on June 24.

Congratulations to Kyle & Alyssa Malone on the birth of their daughter, Addison Joy Malone, on July 2. Proud grandparents are **Nick & Linda Malone**.

Sympathy is expressed to **Joan & Clyde Moore** at the death of Joan's father, Harvey Davelaar, on June 29.

Sympathy is expressed to **Russ & Deb Rinvelt** at the death of Russ' mother, Betty Rinvelt, on June 30.

Jean Boyd - pray as she continues through chemotherapy treatments.

Bill Boyd - continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
7/14 10a Worship Service After-Service Social	7/15 5p Golf	7/16 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30p Softball	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20
7/21 10a Worship Service After-Service Social	7/22 5p Golf	7/23 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30p Softball	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27
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7/28 10a Worship Service After-Service Social	7/29 5p Golf	7/30 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30p Softball	7/31	8/1	8/2	8/3

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.



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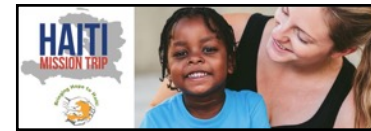


WHERE DO MY KIDS GO?

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

KidLife Note: This Summer from June 30 - July 28 (five weeks), **KidLife Worship (for kids 3 years through 2nd grade) will be on a break.** The nursery will still be available for kids kindergarten and under. The cry room is located at the back of the Sanctuary as well.

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



Supplies needed for Haiti:

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna
- Baby Formula
- Size 4 Diapers
- Size 5 Diapers
- Diaper Wipes
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Soap
- Protein Bars
- Powdered Gatorade
- Granola Bars
- Peanut Butter
- Kids Snacks (individually wrapped...crackers, cookies, fruit snacks, etc.)

**Donations can be dropped off in the bins at church anytime between now and July 21.*

***Donations can also be dropped off at Espwa Boutique between 11 am and 4 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and between 11 am and 5 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Make a donation AND receive 10% off your total Espwa purchase that day!*

****Monetary donations are also being accepted for this year's trip and are greatly appreciated. You can make a check out to RRC Missions and place in the Missions Mailbox at church OR you can donate online at cwomissions.org. Simply click "Donate", "Haiti", and type "Rockford" in the comments section. Your prayers and donations are greatly appreciated.*

Thank you for supporting this summer's mission trip to Haiti!