

SERMON NOTES

John 14:25-27 – Peace Over Fear

Questions for family/small group discussions:

1. Why do you think there are so many instances recorded in the Bible where God commands his people, “Do not be afraid.”? How has fear or anxiety affected you and your spiritual life? When and how have you experienced the greatest peace?
2. When you read our text in John 14:25-27, what would the disciples most be fearing at this point? What kind of peace does Jesus provide?

We will see that God’s peace, through Jesus, drives away fear. This works when we understand three things:

1. Fear is _____ with peace.

a. What causes the fear when God greets Adam and Eve after their sin (Gen. 3:8-10)? How does our sin lead us toward fear? What are some of the ways that you have tried to be independent from God and what were the effects?

b. Why do fears naturally consume us when we live independently from God? What are your most common fears and why? How do you sometimes depend on yourself rather than God and what does that self-dependence often look like for you?

2. The cheap _____ for peace.

a. What could you be using as the crutches or counterfeit peace that enables you to avoid your fears and reality?

b. What do we know through the gospel and God’s Word that enables us to face reality and fears? What does it mean when God is your refuge and strength (Ps. 46:1-2)?

3. How do we get Christ’s _____?

a. When Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you...,” this was his last will and testament—he was going on to die. How does Jesus’ death provide for our peace? Since God loves you enough to sacrifice his Son to death for you, what does that love mean for your peace?

b. How might it make a difference for your fears if you were to stare at the stars every night and see how small you are and how vast and great God is?

For further study/reading: *Running Scared: Fear, Worry, and the God of Rest*, by Edward T. Welch.

Sermons available online at RockfordRC.org/sermons-2



Order of Worship

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

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

Prelude	<i>Oh! Great is Our God</i>
Call to Worship	<i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) Give Us Clean Hands</i>
Offering	<i>The Heart of Worship</i>
Prayer & Message	Peace Over Fear John 14:25-27 (p. 901) Rev. Tim Meendering
Communion	<i>You Are My All in All</i>
Closing Blessing	

*Join us in the gym for the After-Service Social
hosted by Care Group 4.*

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: 175 • **Last week's offering:** \$9,544

PRAYER

Polly Johnson - continued prayers for healing and pain post-surgery.

Haiti Mission Trip - Please pray for the team traveling to Haiti this week.

Jean Boyd - pray as she continues through chemotherapy treatments.

Bill Boyd - continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.



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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.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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
8/4 10a Worship Service After-Service Social	8/5 5p Golf	8/6 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30p Softball	8/7 12p Adult Fellowship Lunch at Rio Grand	8/8	8/9 7a REAL Men	8/10
8/11 10a Worship Service After-Service Social	8/12 5p Golf	8/13 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast	8/14	8/15	8/16	8/17

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.



Backpack Drive: We are currently collecting new and gently used backpacks for the kids at the Hillview Learning Center. They will be handed out at their end-of-summer party. You can place them in the missions collection bin in the lobby any time through August 18. Our goal is 120 backpacks.



North Kent Pastor's Feud: An evening of fun and games to benefit North Kent Connect. Teams of Pastors, Rotarians, Lions and community leaders battle against each other by naming the most popular answers to various survey questions. We have two participants this year – Pastor Tim and Amanda Gerhardt (Cedar Springs Rotary). Please contact Dianne Bennett if you are interested in free tickets. Thursday, October 10, 6pm.

Adult Fellowship Lunch - Wednesday, August 7, 12pm. We will be having lunch at Rio Grand Steakhouse, 5501 Northland Dr NE, Grand Rapids. Please RSVP with Wilma Rottman (866-2389).

REAL Men - Friday, August 9, 7am at Arnie's Restaurant, 34 S Squires, Rockford.

Monday Night Golf - \$15 for 9 holes and a cart at Cedar Chase Golf Club, 7551 17 Mile Road, Cedar Springs. Tee times start at 5pm. No reservations needed - just show up. Contact Jerry Coon if you have any questions (204-3858).

Praise in the Park - Sunday evenings at 6pm. Come out and enjoy Christian music along the banks of the Rogue River in downtown Rockford. Music provided by area churches. RRC plays on August 25.

Men's Prayer Breakfast - Tuesdays at 7am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us any time. Fellowship, prayer, coffee, and maybe donuts!

Softball - Come out and cheer on our church softball team! Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Location varies - see our website for the schedule.

Filling in for Pastor Tim while he is out:
Sermon 8/4: Branson Parler
Sermon 8/11: Rick Tigchon



Madelyn McConnon Update

Madelyn has spent the summer serving at Next Step Ministries in their Long Island, New York location as they host short-term mission trips for youth groups. She will be wrapping up her time there in a couple of weeks and has a few prayer requests.

- The past several groups they have hosted have been difficult. Please pray for the upcoming groups, that their hearts would be softened.
- Her host church has been struggling with engaging missions and service for a bigger purpose than notability and financial gain in the community. Please pray for something bigger for the Church of Christ worldwide.
- The next couple of weeks will be busy with wrapping up and debriefing their summer. Please pray for patience and joy in service as she is getting tired and worn out by the schedule and the many hats the team wears each day.

Note: There will be limited office hours over the next two weeks, since multiple staff members will be out of town. Please call ahead if you need to get in the building to see if anyone will be there. Email and voicemail will still be checked daily.