

SERMON NOTES

2 Timothy 4:1-5 - Preach the Word  
Sermon Series: *Time For Change* #9

Questions for family/small group discussions:

- 1. When has preaching most impacted you and why? What key elements are most often missing when you remain unchanged by preaching—both in the sermon/preacher and in your own heart?
- 2. What has God done and what is he still doing through the power of his Word spoken?
- 3. What does 1 Cor. 1:17-18 say about God’s design and power as it relates to preaching the gospel?

A. Preaching should include three characteristics:

- 1. With \_\_\_\_\_.  
What are some reasons that Paul would say that we are to be ready or preach with urgency?
- 2. With \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
What are some recent examples of when you were corrected or rebuked by the Word and what was your response? What are some reasons why we might be tempted to back down from this important aspect of proclaiming the Word?
- 3. With \_\_\_\_\_ and careful \_\_\_\_\_.  
What is an example of where your/our proclaiming the Word must be with patience and careful instruction?

B. Why are we to preach/proclaim in these ways?

1. We naturally choose the wrong spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

What do 2 Tim 4:3, 3:1, and 1 Tim. 4:1-2 say about our ability to choose our spiritual food wisely? What are some of the most common spiritual food alternatives that we might choose today?

Two symptoms of “Itching ears”:

- a. Turning away from the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. You want to do \_\_\_\_\_ thing.  
What do 2 Tim. 4:3-4 and 3:2-4 say about what people will often choose apart from love and obedience to God’s Word?

2. It is worth the \_\_\_\_\_.

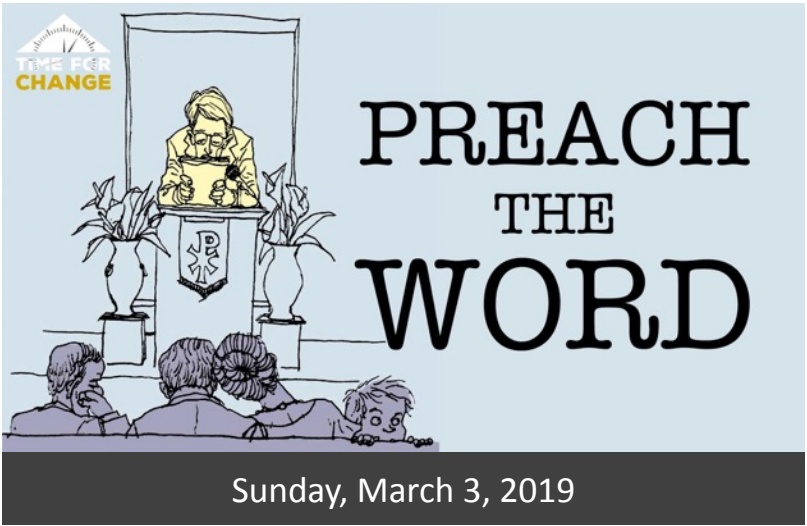
What do Rom. 8:18 and 2 Cor. 4:17 say about why we can be courageous and willing to suffer? What do we often focus on instead so that we are driven by fear and comfort?

3. You will stand before \_\_\_\_\_ as your \_\_\_\_\_.

When you think about the moment described in 2 Tim. 4:1, what will you present to Jesus when he comes again? Who could you list as having been impacted by your love, service and words of correction, rebuke and encouragement (also see 1 Thes. 2:19-20)?

Additional resources to consider:

- *Creature of the Word: The Jesus-Centered Church*, by Matt Chandler, Josh Patterson, Eric Geiger.
- *Taking God at His Word: Why the Bible is Knowable, Necessary and Enough, and What That Means for You and Me*, by Kevin DeYoung.



Order of Worship  
Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude	<i>O Come to the Altar</i>
Call to Worship	<i>How Great is Our God From the Inside Out ** Kids are invited to KidLife downstairs Savior King</i>
Offering	<i>The Stand</i>
Prayer & Message	Preach the Word 2 Tim. 4:1-5 (p. 907) Rev. Tim Meendering
Communion	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>
Closing Blessing	
Next Week	True Worshipers: John 4:1-26



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: 205 • Last week’s offering: \$8,816

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.

Judy Handanch (Terri Katsma’s sister) - continues cancer treatments, some improvement.

Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma’s mom) - cancer has spread throughout her body.



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
3/3 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School 12:15 HS Fundraiser dinner in the gym - all are invited!	3/4 <div>Menu Chicken Alfredo Italian Sausage Pasta Marinara Salad, Green Beans Breadsticks Dessert</div>	3/5 7:00a Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women’s Bible Study	3/6 12 p Adult Fellowship Potluck 6:00p Family Dinner 6:30p KidLife Club 6:30p MS Youth Group 6:45p Adult Classes	3/7	3/8 6:15p Trivia Night	3/9
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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

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)



Ladies’ Evening 2019  
Friday, April 12, 5-8:30pm

Join us for dinner, fun breakout sessions, and speaker Pam Stonehouse. The evening will focus on the topic of hospitality - open hearts, open hands, and open homes.

Register online at  
RockfordRC.org/ladies-day

Garage Sale Drop-off begins March 6. Signs in the gym will show you where to place your items. No large appliances, TV’s, child car seats, or mattresses. Please contact Deb Coon with any questions (204-3860).

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.

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:  
- Bring back rice bowls this Wednesday!  
- Final night is pajama movie night - March 27  
- Derby Car Race (1-5 grades) - April 10



Free appetizers start at 6:15, trivia starts at 7:00. Register online or in the lobby. Childcare provided by our youth ministry to raise funds for mission trips and retreats.  
RockfordRC.org/trivia-night