

SERMON NOTES

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C * February 27, 2022

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Exodus 34:29-35 * Psalm 99 * 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 * Luke 9:28-36

The Carpenter

By Hunter Moore & Niles Borop * <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uzv-GM59oc4>

The rain was pouring down. My roof began to leak.

So I called the carpenter, whose shop was up the street.

I begged him to come quickly. He promised that he would.

It wasn't long till I heard a knock, and on my front porch he stood.

With wisdom in his eyes, a toolbox in his hand.

I told him I was desperate. He seemed to understand.

I didn't know what was in store that dark and rainy day...

when the carpenter came.

I asked him to come in. He put his tools down on the floor.

He seemed to know his way around, like he'd seen the place before.

Right away he went to work. He knew just what to do.

It wasn't long till he fixed the roof, and I thought he was through.

Then he tore down one whole wall, didn't ask me if he could.

At first I was furious... then I saw the rotten wood.

He told me not to worry. He'd build it back like new.

He said it might take some time, but he'd stay to see it through.

With wisdom in his eyes, a toolbox in his hand.

I thought he'd come just to patch things up, but he had bigger plans.

After all he's done for me, I won't forget the day...

when the carpenter came.

He's still at work today. He says that he won't stop,

Till this house is perfect from the bottom to the top.

I've learned that I can trust him, so I'll wait patiently.

And if he stays forever, that's alright with me.

Next Week's Lessons

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 * Psalm 91 * Romans 10:8b-13 * Luke 41-13

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. Tell about a time you were in a mess and asked God for help... and he did what you asked. What did he do? And how did he do it?
2. Tell about a time you were in a mess and asked God for help... and he helped... but NOT like you asked. What did he do? And how did he do it?
3. Tell about a time when God did something in your life, but you didn't recognize it was God doing it until later. How did you feel when it first happened? How do you feel about it now?
4. Lent begins this week. What are you going to do for God in those 40 days? And what would you like God to do for you in those 40 days?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for the ways he's helped you – even when he didn't do what you wanted.
 - ✦ For eyes to recognize God more quickly when he does something you don't expect – or necessarily want – at the time.
 - ✦ For grace to do what you mentioned in #4 above.
 - ✦ Asking God to do what you mentioned in #4 above.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.