

SERMON NOTES

1st Sunday in Lent, Year C * March 6, 2022

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 * Psalm 91 * Romans 10:8b-13 * Luke 4:1-13

My Dad

If you're being a Good Sport...

If you're a "Church Widow" or "Widower"...

If you're pestering someone about their lack of faith...

Jesus: "They'll know you are my followers by your love." [John 13:35](#)

If you're bringing your kids to church...

If you're showing up for your family and friends...

If you have folks, you're not sure about their salvation, and you're praying for them...

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." [1 John 4:7](#)

If you have people, you're concerned about ...

If you've been sad enough to end your life, but didn't...

If you've ever been disappointed with God, but kept praying...

If you have someone who's been unkind to you...

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
[Romans 10:13](#)

If you're not sure you're "saved"...

Next Week's Lessons

Genesis 15:1-18 * Psalm 27 * Philippians 3:17-4:1 * Luke 13:31-35

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

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

1. When you were a child, what was your family's relationship with Church or Jesus? How did that influence you... or not?
2. Who in your life has demonstrated their love for you by "showing up" – by being there for you and with you for significant – and mundane – events?
3. Tell about a time you were disappointed with God. What did he do or not do? What did you do in response? And how has that experience influenced your relationship with God?
4. Who is someone in your life, that you're concerned about their salvation? What are you doing to nudge them toward Jesus?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for those folks in your life who have loved you by "showing up."
 - ✦ From #3 above: If you are still disappointed with God, tell him... and forgive him. If you now understand that situation and are no longer disappointed with God, thank him for getting you through that experience.
 - ✦ For that person you mentioned in #4 to soften toward Jesus, and for opportunities to nudge them toward Jesus by loving and serving them.
 - ✦ For any other needs in your group.