

“Please Lord - Keep Your Eyes on Me”

By Dick Duerksen

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Discouragement is the Devil’s “Time Out” corner. The place he uses to chip away at your hope. He knows exactly what “gets to you,” and so he captures your mind carefully, and with great skill. Maybe it’s the fear of “Never being good enough to be saved,” or “If my children really loved me they would call more often,” or “No one at church asks me home to Sabbath lunch,” or “Where can I hide when the radicals take over our country?”

He uses anything that works, anything that makes you feel hurt, sad, less valuable, discouraged. He’s fine-tuned his skills as the universe’s most efficient discourager.

Beware! That’s often where the song ends, leaving you worried, afraid of allowing the Devil to discourage you! However, there is another verse in this song. Look at the “action words” in Colossians 3:

“Set your heart on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God...Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things...Remember, your life is now hidden with Christ in God...the peace of Christ rules in your heart... Be thankful...Encourage each other by singing songs of gratitude...In all you do, give thanks to Jesus through God who sent him.”

Yes, the Devil is a great discourager, but God has smunched the Devil. That battle is long over. And you are on the winning side. When the storms of life are raging, no problem, you have set your heart and mind on Him and the enemy cannot blow you over.

Remember - Christ’s peace rules in your heart – even when you’re discouraged. Be thankful - even when you’re lost in the dark. Give thanks – and know that He’s keeping His eyes on you.

Week at a Glance

Today	All Church Potluck	12:30 pm
	Christmas Choir Rehearsal	1:30 pm
	Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	4:44 pm
Monday	PACS COW - 124 NE 181st Ave	4:00-6:00 pm
Tuesday	Tuesday Morning Bible Study	11:30 am
	Finance Committee & Board	6:00 & 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Bulletin Information Deadline	1:00 pm
	Pathfinders & Adventurers	6:00 pm
	Revelation Speaks Peace	7:00 pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath	4:38 pm
	Christmas Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Next Sabbath	Sabbath School	9:30 am
	Offering: Church Budget	
	His Praise Men’s Chorus in Concert	4:00 pm
	Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	4:37 pm

Do You Have An Urgent Prayer Request? To start the prayer chain please call the church office (503) 661-4100.

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Rockwood Seventh-day Adventist Church



Growing Disciples Preparing People to Meet Jesus

November 11, 2017



Exploring the Way

Small Groups

9:30 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

Please visit our information desk in the lobby for a complete list of Sabbath School Groups. We invite you to join the group of your choice. We have groups for ALL ages!

Worship

11:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.

Welcome	Todd Lincoln
Praise Time	Praise Team
Children's Story	Kamille Ross
Our Gift to God "Annual Sacrifice for Global Missions"	Everyone
Offertory/Worship in Song	The Fullard-Leo Boys
Prayer Garden	LeRoy Rieley
Worship in Word	Pastor David Schmidt
"Daniel and Our Day: God and the Steadfastly Stubborn"	
Closing Hymn	"How Firm a Foundation" #509
Benediction	Pastor David Schmidt
Organ Postlude	Barbara Specht

Sermon Audio available at RockwoodAdventist.com

Rockwood Community News

All-Church Potluck after the service this morning. All are welcome. Please join us downstairs for food and fellowship.

Our Next Christmas Choir Rehearsal is this afternoon, following the potluck. A schedule of rehearsal and performance dates is posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to be part of this choir please talk to Barbara Specht (503) 698-2503, or just show up for rehearsal!

Need Food? If you, or someone you know, needs help with food, please join us at 124 NE 181st Ave from 4:00-6:00 pm this Monday, November 13, at the PACS COW. ("PACS COW" = Portland Adventist Community Services, Commodities on Wheels!)

Finance Committee and Board Members - Please note that our meetings this month will be this coming Tuesday, November 14. (Rescheduled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday!)

His Praise Men's Chorus will be presenting a gospel concert at 4:00 pm, on Sabbath, November 18, at Rockwood. His Praise is a group of about 30 men drawn from the Portland, and Vancouver area, and from all walks of life, directed by Charlie Drury, who have one thing in common: they love to sing gospel music. Invite your family and friends!

Our Adventurers Club needs "kid-friendly" magazines for various craft projects. **Magazines** with pictures of food, animals, home, country, flowers, etc., will be repurposed into a variety of projects. Please leave them in the coat-rack area, in the box marked for "Adventurers." If you have questions talk to Emiley Kelley (503) 349-5695.

Children's Safety is a priority at Rockwood Adventist. The Child Protection Policy and Guidelines are available on the bulletin board. Parents please escort your children to the restrooms and be aware of their whereabouts at all times.

Coming November 25 - Steven Mosley (a former writer for "It Is Written") will be at Rockwood for the worship service on November 25, presenting "Chosen Garment - The Whole Bible in One Act." This whirlwind tour of the Bible is both humorous and deeply moving. Be sure to invite your family and friends to join you for this worship experience. **(For Our Rockwood Members** - Please note that your donations make Steven's work possible, so you may wish to plan ahead. Simply make your checks payable to Rockwood Adventist Church, with memo for "Stephen Mosley".)

Other News and Events

Devotional Books for 2018 are now available at the Adventist Book Center. A flyer in your bulletins today will give you all the details.

"New Birth of Hope, Healing & Celebration", November 20, from 6:30-8:00 pm. A special event of support for those who have lost a loved one is being held at Adventist Medical Center in Portland. The holiday season can be a challenging time, but you can learn how hope and peace can be available to you. You are invited to the lower level Amphitheater of Adventist Medical Center for inspirational support through testimony, music of comfort, and a gathering of caring people who know how to manage grief, too. Refreshments will be served. Adventist Medical Center is located at 10123 SE Market St., Portland.

The PACS Box in the Coat Rack Area is for your donations to Portland Adventist Community Services. We accept non-perishable food items and used clothing and household items. (Small items only, please!) Baby food and formula, as well as diapers and wipes, and unopened rolls of toilet paper are always in demand. If your items won't fit in the PACS box, please set them on the floor next to the PACS box and mark them for PACS. Please take furniture and large items directly to PACS. (11020 NE Halsey St.) Together we can make life better for those in need.