

# **Fight the Good Fight 5: "I'm Going In"**

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The 5th Sunday in Lent  
7 April, A.D. 2019  
Isa 43.16-21; Ps 126; Ph 3.8-14; Lk 20.9-20

## **Pre-Service Children's Message**

### **Introduction**

"Fighting the good fight" of faith sometimes means...

CCT: In Christ, we \_\_\_\_\_ in His sufferings...  
and in His resurrection.

### **I. Jesus Goes In: The Parable of the Wicked Tenants**

Where is Jesus when He tells this parable?

What's about to happen?

Luke 20:9–18 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup> When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard.

The landowner represents:

Tenant = one who \_\_\_\_\_ the land/vineyard

Tenants represent the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_

The servants represent the \_\_\_\_\_ whom God had sent.

But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.

What does the above represent?

<sup>12</sup> And he sent yet a third.

What does the "third" servant teach us?

This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup> Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'

Who do you think the "beloved son" represents?

<sup>14</sup> But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.'

<sup>15</sup> And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" <sup>17</sup> But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?' <sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

# trivia

**Saturday,  
April 27** Night

**Visit our website for registration information**

**Ticket Prices:**

\$25/person in advance  
\$30/person after April 22

**Doors open:** 7:00 pm

**Games start:** 7:30 pm



**Live  
Auction**



**Costume  
Contest**



**Heads  
or Tails**

*Our costume theme for the night is Classic TV! Dress up your group as your favorite television characters and win a Major Award!*

**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information**

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Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Verses vv. 14-18 teach us what about Jesus?

Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

What different aspect of Jesus suffering does Heb 12.1-2 show us?

What is that joy?

John 3:16 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world [including \_\_\_\_\_], that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

What gives us a special confidence?

## **II. Going In**

Philippians 3:10-11 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

What does St. Paul teach us about the facts of the Christian life?

Where is it necessary in your life to “go in”?

## **Conclusion**

Philippians 3:10–11

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to do what only He could do: save us from our sins. Drawing from His example, and with humble confidence because He is raised from the dead, help us to be faithful in the various callings you give us. Strengthen us for the sometimes challenging responsibilities we find in these callings. Help us—like Jesus—to see the joy that is set before us. In Jesus’ name we pray...*