

**4 Questions for the passage (self-study):**

*What is God teaching us about Himself?*

*What is God teaching us about our self?*

*What is God teaching us about others?*

*So what?*

## Rock Solid Series - Gospel of John

*Ch 1-2 Discover Truth, Ch 3-4 Ask Questions, Ch 4-5 Build on Evidence, Ch 6-7 Deepen your Faith, Ch 8-9 Face Challenges, Ch 10 Be Discerning,*

### Start Right & Finish Strong – Celebrate the Gift of Growth

“The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen” Luke 2:20

January 1, 2023 – Pastor Matt

Dec 18 – God, Grow My Awareness

Dec 25 – God, Grow My Expectations

**Jan 1 – God, Grow My Experiences**

**Focus Text: John 11:38-44**

Introduction:

- How has life **SHAPED** you?
- Experience can be a great **TEACHER** but it can also have **HIGH** fees!
- Be **CAREFUL** or at least **AWARE** of what it is you are asking for in growing experiences!

Personal Insights: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sometimes your experience with God can make you wonder if He is REALLY THERE. Vs. 1-16**

- You may feel **ALL ALONE**
- You may feel **UNHEARD**
- You may wonder if God **CARES**

Personal Insights: \_\_\_\_\_

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**When the experience goes from BAD to WORSE, this can rock our faith. Vs. 17-37**

- Faith is **TRUST**
- Trust is **CONFIDENCE**
- Not fully grasped in the midst of **CRISIS**

Personal Insights: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Every experience in Scripture has a greater IMPACT than initially seen. Vs. 38-44**

- Trust God in the **PROCESS**
- He is the **RESTORER** of life
- When you **CAN'T**, He **CAN**

Personal Insights: \_\_\_\_\_

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God did not intend you to go through life alone. Share your experiences by being part of this Church!

**SO What – NOW What** \_\_\_\_\_

Tasks to be done later – write them down, leave them, and get back to the message! \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Concerns:

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Notes for Personal Study:

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# SERMON NOTES

The Church that Jesus commissioned is a Church that must be a Disciple-Making Church! The Bible shows a disciple is one who has encountered Christ, been changed by Christ and is following Christ with other believers.

I see the Sunday message as one part of the disciple-making process, so I am intentional with sermon notes. Please note:

1. The blanks that are provided are intended to provide a framework for God’s message to you.
2. The personal insight blanks are intended for you to reflect on what God is saying to you.
3. The sermon notes and your notes are intended for us to move through an intentional, discipleship process.

I pray today’s message strengthens you in your walk with Jesus and the overflow impacts others!

Pastor Matt