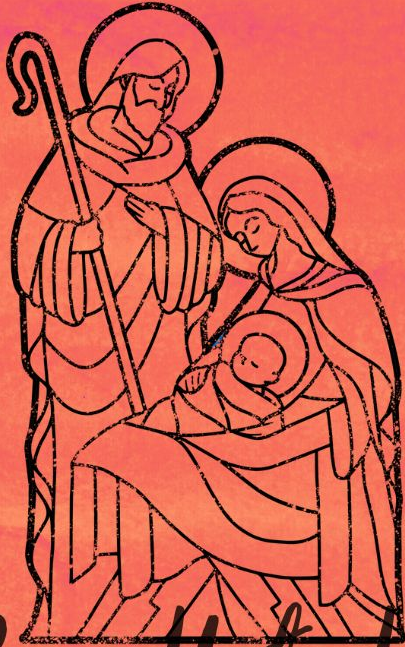


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HOW DO WE
LIVE THEN?



Born Unto Us



**SLEEPING
BEAR DUNES
NATIONAL LAKESHORE**







Enjoy
the
view
from
here

Don't risk injury
and **rescue fees**
by going down—
or the **2 hours**
it may take to
climb back up!

Warning

Avoid getting stuck at the bottom!

Lake levels are high—
the only way out is up
Rescues cost \$3000
Keep yourself and our
rescuers out of danger



“Why are so many rescues required at this popular Northern Michigan destination?”

There are many reasons, said Joe Lachowski, a park ranger and coordinator of search and rescue operations at Sleeping Bear Dunes. Two of the most common locations for rescues along the national lakeshore are below the dune overlook along the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive and along the dune climb trail leading out to Lake Michigan. The level of challenge involved in making it to the water at both locations is deceiving, Lachowski said.

A sign at the top of the dune overlook warns visitors that a climb down the steep slope may require two hours of effort to make it back to the top. Along the dune trail, a sign warns the water is 1.3 hilly miles away. The round trip is 3.5 miles.

“The distance can be deceiving -- the water appears to be just over the next dune. But then one dune turns into two, two into three, three into four until climbers have been hiking for hours.

There is virtually no shade along the trail on a hot, sunny day. Hikers fail to heed warning signs.

"People don't necessarily envision these risks," Lachowski said, noting how many vast, mountainous parks out West appear more dangerous. "People don't view Sleeping Bear Dunes as a wilderness park because you drove there."

This Week's Sermon

"God is For Us"

Romans 8:31-39

Last Week

1. Groaning in the Already / Not Yet



Today's Message

1. Truths in Romans

2. What Then Shall We Say to These Things?

3. God is For Us





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Truths in Romans

Romans 8:31-39

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Romans Realities

What is True of You

You were

You are

What Then Shall We Say to These
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“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
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Romans 8:31-39

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Psalm 44:23-26

23 Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

24 Why do you hide your face?

Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust;


our belly clings to the ground.

26 Rise up; come to our help!

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persecution
famine, nakedness,
danger, sword**

**loss, illness, stress,
anxiety, loneliness,
sin struggles,
emotional turmoil,
conflict**

**losing friends, suffering
family pain, aging,
unrealized dreams,
etc.**

Faith in the Ring: Anxiety

With God

- God is for us
- God is in this with us
- If God gave his Son for me, I can trust him with all of my needs
- I'm not defined by my anxiety, but by what God says is true
- God is in control & the outcomes are known: I'm ok, I'm loved, I'm secure, I matter to God, it will work out
- I feel secure in the storm

Without God

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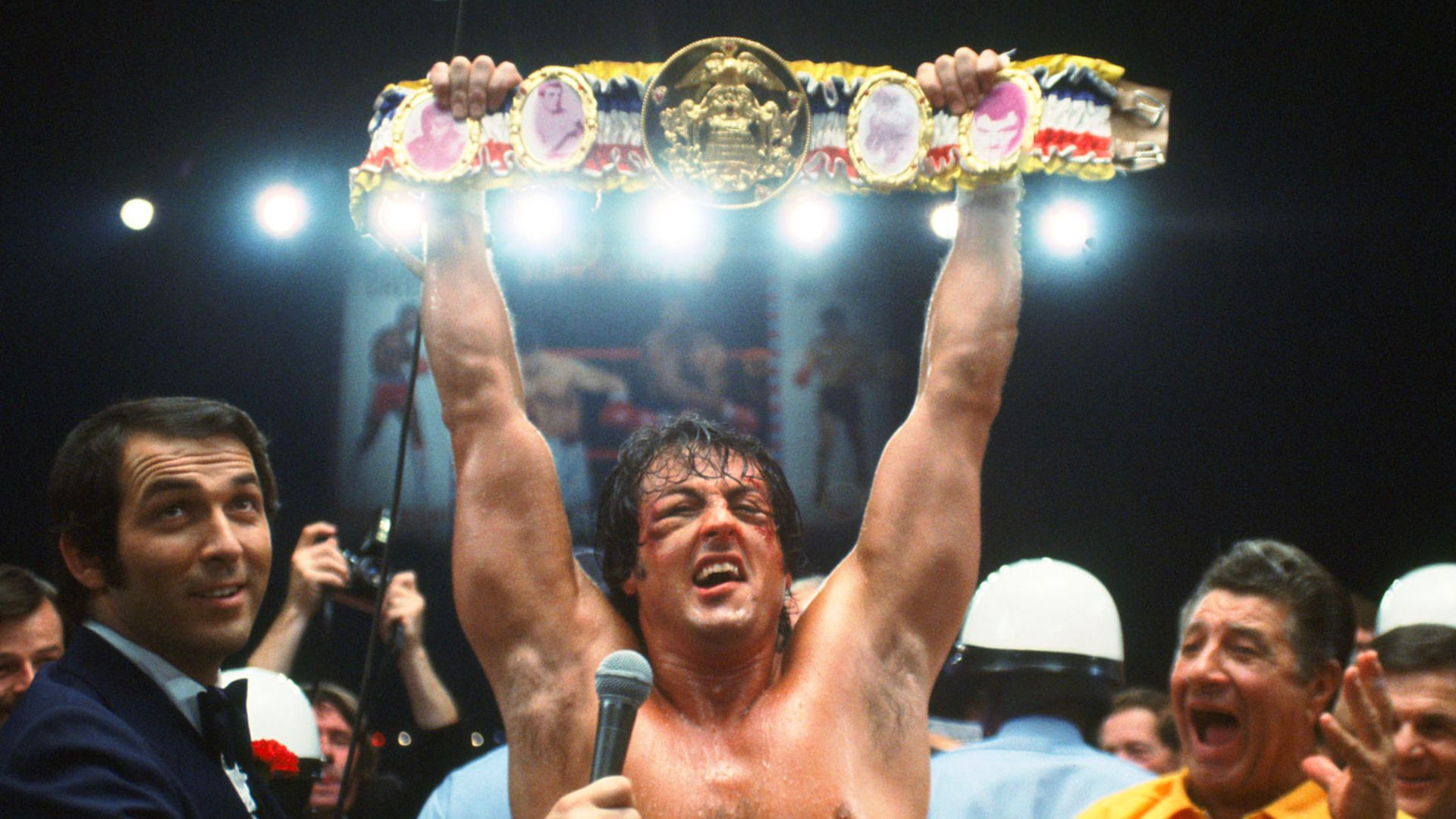
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Without God

- It all depends on me – I have to fix it, figure it out, make it happen
 - *Will I be enough?*
 - *Will my needs be met?*
- Grasping for solutions & control, desperate for relief
- I'm on my own and the outcomes are unknown: Am I ok? Loved? Will it work out?
 - I feel insecure, hopeless, overwhelmed





The Cross in Romans 8:31-39

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God is For Us

- God is good
- God loves you
- God has your best in mind
- God knows what he is doing

Gospel Response

If you are in Christ, you are secure in God's love.

(Fight to) believe the truth