

East Hartford
3 Easter Confirmation 5/4/14

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Psa 116: 1,2 12-19, Lk 24:13-35

Well friends, it is a big day here in First Church, confirmation Sunday. It's day when we get to be very proud and hopeful for the four of you as we look into your futures and see good things. I'm told that it was Ted's custom on this Sunday to speak rather directly to you, Confirmation Class and the rest of the church gets to "listen in." Sounds like a wonderful idea so for the next few minutes you are all mine, and you all get to listen in. Let's pray for a moment, can we?

The Basics

I want to ask the whole church - how many among us have ever served in the military? Of our military veterans, how many of you began military service in boot camp? What kind of training did you get in boot camp? Basic Training, right. Boot camp/basic training provides the basic information and skills one needs in order to survive and thrive as a member of the military.

Freshman orientation to high school or college does the same thing; provide the basic rules and tools for entering students to survive and thrive in high school or college.

If you buy a new computer, when you first open the box, you'll probably find a sheet of directions with lots of photographs called Quick Start. Basic rules and tools so that you have a really successful experience with the new computer.

So we all are familiar with the notions of *basic tools and rules*, right?

Because life is always good, almost never simple, but often becomes messy and complicated, some basic tools and principles are most helpful for navigating our way. Confirmation Sunday is a good time set the basic rules and tools in front of you and remind all of us of these