



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Sunday, July 30, 2023

Call to Worship: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

- **Welcome and Thanks for joining us today!!!!**
- **Thank you to Kevin Pasion for leading us in worship this week.**
- **The Weekly Bible Study is meeting this week.** We will be finishing #5 (Faith of Abraham), which is on the back table. We will meet in the green residential house at the property at 1641 Bixler Road, on Wednesday at 6:00 PM.
- **Attention ALL Ladies** - Mark your calendar for this Sat. August 5th, at 9A.M. Breakfast at LaFuente Restaurant in Brentwood.
- **Attention ALL Men** - Mark your calendar for this Sat. August 5th, at 9A.M. Breakfast at Jalisco's Restaurant in Brentwood.
- **We have another fundraiser.** We are collecting sneakers in any (yes, any!) condition. There is a garbage can lined with a black bag in the carport of the green house on the property. Please put your sneakers in there.
- **The "GoFundMe" fundraiser website for MDC has been updated** for the Property Building Project. It is going well. If you're interested in donating please go to our website: www.OurMDC.org and click on the link. **You can also pick up a few business cards at the back table with the QR code to share with family & friends.**
- **Please pick up Connect Cards/Envelopes** in the back for offerings, prayer requests and place it in one of the offering boxes. **Please note**, for pledge card donations, please mark your gift "BF" or "Building Fund."
- **Thank you for your continued financial support of MDC.**
 - Tithes & Offerings Budget (need) (as of 6/30/23): \$66,778.64
 - Actual Tithes and Offerings received: \$47,799.35

Net Shortfall: \$-18,979.29
- **Please contact us** for any needs, suggestions, or prayer requests:
 - Pastor Larry Quinnell - PastorLarry@OurMDC.org
 - General Info. - Info@OurMDC.org
 - Prayer requests - PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org

Adoration: *Indescribable*
Oceans

Message: *The New King teaches on faith.*

Response/Affirmation: *King of My Heart*

Assurance/Sending: *I Will Follow*

Close of Service

Message Notes:

Friday Devotional: Luke 15:7 I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

Fourth in our new Friday series on where God meets our deepest needs:

Scripture	Great Truth	Privilege	Responsibility
1 John 4:7-21	God loved me first when I was the worst.	I am a new Creation and I have a new start	Love God. Love Others.
Ephesians 2:1-10	God's love motivates God's grace towards us.	We cannot earn what God wants to give.	Respond with the good works that God wants
Philippians 4:1-10	Jesus is our peace. He gives us peace, not as the world gives peace.	We can have peace with God. We can have the peace of God.	Work at peace in our relationships.
Luke 15:11-32	God accepts us.	Regardless of my wrongdoings, God welcomes me.	Accept others without condoning their wrongdoings.

Mark 11:11-21 Markan Sandwich

- Bread: Fig tree
 - Leaves but no fruit.
 - "All show. No Go."
- Meat: Temple is used for business. [Problem!]
 - Appearances more than substance.
- Bread: Fig Tree withered.
 - Not what, but how fast/ completely the miracle happened.
 - Miracle of destruction (Jesus is not ~"nice"~).
- Fig tree: Temple-> Jerusalem-> Leaders -> Israel
 - Old Testament analogies: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Micah
- Temple is the meeting place with God
 - House of prayer: Jews and Gentiles.
- Fig Tree is withered.
- Judgment came for the tree.
- Judgment is coming for the Temple (empty religion).
- Only tender accepted for Temple Tax (2 days wage) is Tyrian Shekel (none in Jerusalem).
- Moneychangers made money both ways.
- Priests of this era called "Sons of Eli."
- Used money to cover the temple with Gold plates.
- Sacrificial animals' marketplace on Mt of Olives.
- Caiaphas initiates new marketplace:
 - Court of the Gentiles. Only place Gentiles could go.
- Eastern entrance to the Temple mount is a shortcut to the city.
- Jesus is hungry and wants fruit.
- God wants Israel to be ready for the Messiah, and righteous.

- Jesus examines the tree.
- Jesus examines the temple.
- Jesus finds no fruit on the tree.
- Jesus finds no spiritual fruit in the temple.
- Jesus judges and curses fig tree -> withers and dies.
- Jesus prophesies judgment on Temple, Jerusalem and Israel.

Jesus' identity of being King of the Temple is validated.

Is it right for Jesus to judge?

- Jesus is Lord of all the Earth.
- Jesus is the King of the Jews.
- Jesus is the Lord of the temple.
- Jesus has authority to judge all people.
- Rejecting Jesus led to judgment for Israel
- Rejecting Jesus leads to judgment for unbelievers.

If someone says, "Who is Jesus to judge me?"

Meeting places with God:

- Old Testament: Tabernacle.
- Old Testament: Solomon's Temple.
- Old Testament: Rebuilt Temple.
- New Testament: Herod's Temple.
- After the resurrection of Jesus:
 - In prayer, anywhere, through the Holy Spirit.
 - Temple destroyed in 70 A.D.

Jesus' view of our heart is the same as His view of the temple:

1 Corinthians 6:17, 19, 20

17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

19 Or do you not know that your body is a **temple** of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

How is my Temple?

- Is it merely transactional or is it relational?
- Do I meet God in my temple?
- How are those meetings?
- Is my Temple of God, a House of Prayer?
- What am I allowing to get in the way of unfettered worship?
- Am I conducting business with God (transactions) rather than relating?

Is my temple in need of the touch of Jesus?

Mark 11:20-26 As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. 21 Being reminded, Peter said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered." 22 And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. 23 "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. 24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you. 25 "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that

your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions. 26 ["But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions."]

Mark 11:20-26 Overview

- Jesus curses fig tree. It withers from the roots.
- Peter remembers and notices, destructiveness and quickness of the miracle.
- Jesus uses the opportunity to teach on faith.
- But, why now?
 - Jesus has taught on this before.
 - Jesus will go away (Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension).
 - The Temple will be destroyed.
 - Disciples need a new understanding about faith and prayer.

Mark 11:20-26 Let's unpack this.

- Mountain? Generic mountain.
- Moving mountains? Impossible with man, possible with God.
 - Paralytic, Blind, Lepers healed.
 - Rich man to get saved.
 - Mountain moving faith is different from salvation faith. (1 Corinthians 13:2)
- Meaning of Temple destruction.
 - It has happened before (Exile).
 - Judaism doesn't work without the temple.
- Old testament understanding of the Temple has impacted the Jews of Jesus' time.
- Solomon inaugurates the Temple
 - 2 Chronicles 6:24-40
 - If..., then...
 - Function of the Temple:
 - Sacrifice, access to God, dwelling place of God.
- Meaning of Temple destruction.
 - Happened before (Exile).
 - Judaism doesn't work without the temple.
- Rabbinic teaching.
 - Prayers not heard, Iron wall.
 - Today, they have replaced system of sacrifices with good works.
- Pray to the Temple for access to God.
- Pray through Jesus for access to God.
- Temple is transactional.
- Jesus is relational.
- The Temple is the shadow.
- Jesus is the reality. Jesus supersedes.
 - Book of Hebrews: Jesus is better. In every way.
- Not about the size of our faith
 - Faith as a mustard seed.
 - God, I just believe You.
 - Our prayers are small.
- Active: I believe.
- Passive: It will be granted.

- It is about God, His Power, His Glory.
- Forgiving others to experience the forgiveness of God.
 - Unforgiveness hinders prayers.
 - Challenge: Offering at altar: attempt reconciliation first. Holy spirit calls us to repentance.
 - Don't just "cancel the relationship."
- 1 Peter 3:7 Dishonoring my wife hinders prayers.
- John 15: Abide. John 14, 16, Holy Spirit (relationship).
- 1 John 5:14, 15, Ask according to His will.
- James 5:15; His will even in business plans!
- What if: I want; I pray; God says no.
- Jesus in Gethsemane (perfect, no sin) gets a "No" from God. "Not my will. Thy will be done."
- Faith says:
 - "I believe God for the miracle."
 - "I believe God in the midst of suffering."
- Need both for the mature view.
- Faith says that when God says "no," and there is persecution or suffering,
- There is a "Yes" from God for help and spiritual empowerment.
- There is a "Yes" for His glory.
- There is a "Yes" for God to work all things together for the good in the life of that person.
- Faith trusts God in the midst of persecution/ suffering.

1 Peter 4:19 Therefore, those also who **suffer according to the will of God** shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

- Following Jesus is difficult because it means in the midst of our suffering, we are given the opportunity to participate in the power of God to do the impossible.

Faith, Prayer, Miracles, Suffering

- First: Need a relationship with God.
- I am the temple of the Holy Spirit of God.
- I need to clear out the things that hinder prayers.
 - Sin. Unforgiveness. Dishonoring others. Lack of trust.
- God may or may not move the mountain for us.
- God may or may not remove the cup for us.
- God still values our faith in Him.
- Believe in God. Pray His will be done.

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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