



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Sunday, March 24, 2024

Please thank Kevin for leading worship music this morning!

Call to Praise: *Come, Now Is The Time To Worship*

Here I Am To Worship

**Psalm 98:4 Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.**

Wonderful Maker

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

- **Good morning and thank you for joining our Worship Service Palm Sunday!**
- **PLEASE JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY THIS WED., March 27th, at 6 P.M.**
We will finish lesson 4 of the series about; “Where is God in the midst of suffering?” A copy of the study is on the back table. We meet at the Green Painted Fellowship House located at 1641 Bixler Road, Discovery Bay, **or ONLINE with Zoom.** Please give us your E-mail Address on a Connect Envelope or contact the Church office (925-354-1096) for more information.
- **If you're interested in becoming a member of MDC or getting baptized, please contact Pastor Larry or a Board Member.**
- **Thank you to those who are providing bottles & cans for recycling.** We use the money from that for the Children's Ministry. Contact Gary or Lois for any questions.
- **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.”
- **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
- Financial update through end of January; Budget: \$ 9,327
Actual: \$ 9,942
Net Increase: \$ 615

Celebration of Worship: *King Of My Heart*

What A Beautiful Name

Message: *Jacob: Finish Well.*

Response / Invitation: *In Christ Alone*

Celebration of Joy/ Sending Out: *Lead Me To The Cross*

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

Message Notes:

Friday Devotional: Luke 19: 41-42 When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.

What does revival look like?

Revelation 2:1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:

2:4 But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

2:5 Therefore, **remember** from where you have fallen, and **repent**, and **do** the deeds you did at first;

If you feel you have strayed or stopped short (like Jacob, and like the church at Ephesus):

1) Remember. 2) Repent. 3) Re-do.

What just happened?

- Jacob hears from God.
 - Arise. Go. Live. Make.
- Jacob assumes spiritual headship of his family and clan, telling them God's message and specific instructions.
- Clan follows Jacob's directions.
 - Remove. Purify. Change. Arise. Go.

Principles and Applications:

- Make sure that what matters really matters against the backdrop of life and death! Use an eternal perspective.
- Even when we are connected to God, we are not insulated from sorrow or hardship.
- Sometimes we have to separate from the world in order to find God.
- If you have strayed, come up short, or ignored Jesus:
 - Remember the things at first love.
 - Repent of the things that distract and divert.
 - Re-do those love things from the beginning.
- We cannot control the consequences of our bad choices: "Residue happens."
- Heart of worship is to show gratitude to God.
- Who are we in Christ? What is our identify?
 - We are a son / daughter.
 - We are a priest and king.
 - We are adopted.
 - We are an heir
 - We are a co-laborer with Christ.
- God is not done!

Jacob has a favorite son...

Genesis 37:1-3 Now Jacob lived in the land where his father had sojourned, in the land of Canaan. These are the records of the generations of Jacob. Joseph, when seventeen years of age, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was still a youth, along with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic.

Joseph has dreams and tells his father and brothers

Genesis 37:9-11 Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." He related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and

said to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?" His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

Joseph's journey begins

- Jacob's sons plot to kill Joseph.
- Jacob sends Joseph to find his sons.
- Sons throw Joseph into a pit, but keep the colored coat.
- Caravan comes by on the way to Egypt.
- Sons sell Joseph into slavery.
- Kill a goat and dip the coat in the blood.
- The sons show the coat to Jacob.
- Jacob mourns the death of Joseph.
- Through a series of trials, Joseph then interprets a pair of the Pharaoh's dreams and Joseph becomes the #2 in Egypt.

God's plan on display

- 7 Years of abundance in Egypt. Joseph stockpiles grain.
- 7 years of famine in Egypt are coming. Joseph sells grain.
- Famine hits Canaan. Jacob sends his sons to Egypt.
- Joseph recognizes them. Asks them questions. Joseph wants to see the youngest son (blood brother Benjamin).
- Joseph has Simeon bound and held, letting the others go.
- Sons tell Jacob. Jacob says, "You have deprived me of my sons: Joseph is gone, and Simeon is gone, and now you would take Benjamin; all these things are against me."
- Famine continues. They take money and goods and Benjamin.
- Joseph gets them to reveal their changed hearts, then he :
 - reveals himself, keeps Benjamin, sends them back, and asks for the father Jacob.
- Sons tell Jacob the story, and that Joseph is alive and a ruler in Egypt.
- Jacob is stunned. Then Jacob says, "It is enough; my son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."
- God appears to Jacob..., again! God affirms the promises..., again!
- Jacob's clan is listed as to who travels to Egypt (Genesis 46).

Jacob meets Pharaoh

- Pharaoh promises the clan the land of Goshen (they will be close to Joseph).
- Joseph presents Jacob to Pharaoh. Jacob blesses Pharaoh.
- Pharaoh asks Jacob, "How many years have you lived?"
- Jacob responds, "The years of my living abroad are few and unpleasant have been the years of my life, nor have they attained the years that my fathers lived during the days of their living abroad."

Jacob nears the end of his life

- Jacob asks for Joseph and has Joseph swear to take Jacob's body back to the place where his ancestors are buried.
- Jacob is not looking for a grand Egyptian ceremony, but the fulfillment of the promise of God (land will be their land).
- Jacob adopts Joseph's two sons. This means that Joseph's share will be a double portion (as if first born).
- Jacob blesses the two sons, giving the preferential blessing to the younger (which causes Joseph consternation). Jacob insists.
- Jacob blesses and prophesies what will happen with his sons.

- Jacob dies, and is prepared, mourned, and taken back to Canaan.

Promises of God to Jacob:

- Divine presence. “I am with you.”
- Divine protection. “I will keep you.”
- Divine guidance. “I will bring you”
- Divine generosity. “I will give you:”
 - Land. Descendants. Kings in the bloodline. Blessing for all the world.

Jacob: Wrestler for all of his life.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Esau in utero. • For the birthright. • For the blessing. • With Laban. • With wives, children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With Yahweh. With his past. With tragic deaths. With faith, obedience. With himself.
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Who or what are you wrestling?

Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards. Soren Kierkegaard

Lessons Learned from Jacob:

- Parents impact children..., for generations.
 - Be fair. Be just. Keep your promises.
- Do not try to earn/ manipulate for that which God wants to give.
 - Be patient. Trust. Obey. Pray more. Scheme less.
- Understand the law of sowing and reaping.
 - Sow love, joy, peace, understanding, patience.
 - You cannot control the responses/ consequences.
- God has a plan.
 - Participate.
 - Influence who/ what/ where/ when/ how/ you can.
- Jacob initially gave fear the victory (Esau, traveling, Laban, Esau again, going to Egypt).
 - Believe in the God of the promises. Go to God first.
- Jacob did not spiritually lead.
 - Lead by example. Influence.
- Jacob almost completely obeys.
 - Consequences were terrible! God has to show up to get an altar!
- God is faithful, even when we are not!
 - God does not forget, does not fail, does not falter. Lean into God.
- Grace happens (again and again!).
 - Recognize it. Celebrate it.
- God has not given up on you.
 - Look for the encouragement from God after...
- Finish well. Leave a legacy of people who trust God.
 - God identifies Himself with Jacob. 16 times, (11 times in Psalms)
- Hebrews 11:21 By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

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

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