



# Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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***Program for Sunday, July 13, 2025***

***Please welcome the worship music team this week!***

**Call to Worship: *Oh My Soul***

***No Longer Slaves***

**Welcome, announcements, and prayer:**

**Thanks for joining our Worship Service today.....**

- **JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY THIS WED. JULY 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** here in the Fellowship House. We're on Chapter 10 in the book of 1st Corinthians. A copy of the study is on the back table. You can also join **ONLINE** with **Zoom**. Go to our website to join in or give us your E-mail Address on a Connect Envelope and we'll send you a link. You can also contact the Church office at (925-354-1096) for more information.
- **THE SWIMMING POOL IS OPEN FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.** Hours are Between 10 A.M. – 7 P.M. Except Wed: 10 A.M. – 5:30 P.M. **Please contact the Office 925-354-1096 or Gary Van Buskirk to book a reservation. A signed Release of Liability form will be required.**
- **If you have any prayer requests,** please fill out a Connect Envelope and place it in the wooden offering box in the back. Also, during the week you can email requests at: **PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org**

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**Adoration: *Glorious Day***

**Scripture reading: Selected verses**

**Message: Transformed by the Lordship and Sovereignty of God**

**Affirmation: *Eye of the Storm***

**Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues**

## **Selected Scriptures: Transformed by the Lordship and Sovereignty of God**

**John 10:10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

**Luke 9:57-62** As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." And He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father." But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God." Another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home." But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

**Luke 9:23-26** And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?

**Luke 14:33** "So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

**Psalms 24:1** The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains,

The world, and those who dwell in it.

**Proverbs 3:9-10** Honor the Lord from your wealth

And from the first of all your produce;

So your barns will be filled with plenty

And your vats will overflow with new wine.

**Philippians 4:12-13** I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

**Philippians 4:19** And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**Psalms 90:12** So teach us to number our days,

That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

**Ephesians 5:15-16** Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

**2 Corinthians 10:5** We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

**Philippians 4:6-7** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

**Philippians 1:6** For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

**Romans 8:29-30** For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

**Friday Devotional: Proverbs 22:17-18** Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,

And apply your mind to my knowledge;

For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you,

That they may be ready on your lips.

## **Transformed by the kingdom of God**

### **Philippians 3:20-21**

- Citizenship is a legal term. Paul knew what it meant. The believer's ultimate identity and allegiance are in heaven, not on earth.
- Citizenship in heaven transforms us by reorienting our focus from "temporary" earthly concerns towards an eternal hope in the return of Jesus Christ and the promise of a glorified resurrection.
- That perspective is reflected when we do what is in Colossians 3:2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

### **Ephesians 2:19-22**

- We were strangers and aliens, but we are now fellow citizens with all of the other saints.
- We are transformed because we are no longer outsiders, but we are adopted into the family of God. We belong to a spiritual community built on Christ.
- The believer's identity shifts from worldly affiliations (status) to being a child of God. This quickens faith in both the promise of eternity with God, but also purpose in the here and now.

**Hebrews 11:13-16**

- As believers, we are strangers and exiles here on earth. We long for the heavenly country.
- We are transformed as we act as if we are strangers and exiles on earth.

**Colossians 1:13-14**

- Though we may not have realized it, we were in the kingdom of darkness. When we became believers, we were transferred to the kingdom of Jesus Christ. That is the great transformation!

**John 14:23-24**

- Citizens of the Kingdom of God demonstrate their love for Christ through obedience to His teachings. This is how we show our love and devotion.
- That involves sacrificial choices and selfless living.

**Galatians 5:22-23**

- Citizens of the Kingdom think, believe, feel, and behave differently than citizens of this world. They demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit in their lives.

**2 Corinthians 6:17-18**

- Citizens of the Kingdom are called to holiness, which means separating themselves from sinful practices (thoughts, words, actions) and live as the children of God, reflecting their identity in His Kingdom.

**Hebrews 12:1-2**

- Citizens of Heaven are characterized by perseverance and endurance.
- Citizens of Heaven keep their focus on Jesus.
- Citizens of Heaven overcome obstacles through steadfast commitment.

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

- Believers represent the heavenly kingdom while living in this world (witnessing), and people of this world to heaven (intercessory prayer).
- Believers are to represent heaven's values (love, joy, peace, justice, mercy, grace, forgiveness, kindness, generosity, patience, holiness, etc.) while serving here on earth.

**Theological Takeaways**

- We are adopted into the family of God.
- We owe allegiance to the sovereignty of God.
- We are transformed by the Holy Spirit.
- We have an eternal hope and destiny.
- There is tension with our earthly citizenship.
- We are called to persevere.
- We are ambassadors.

**Practical Takeaways**

- Seek the will of God in decision-making.
- Live with Heaven's values.
- Love and serve others.
- Share the gospel.
- Practice generosity and stewardship.
- Engage in prayer and worship.
- Exercise faith as we endure trials.
- Defend the faith gently.

**Transformed by the Lordship and Sovereignty of God****John 10:10 Interpretation, implication, application**

- The thief destroys. Jesus brings abundant life.
- Jesus came to redeem.
- There is good and evil.
- Jesus Christ is enough.
- We are intended to thrive with God.
- Pursue your relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Discern evil influences.
- Embrace the purpose of God for you.
- Be contented with Christ.

**Luke 9:57-62 Interpretation, implication, application**

- 3 Encounters. 3 Excuses. Same call by Jesus: Radical commitment.
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**Luke 9:23-26 Interpretation, implication, application**

- Disciple must have desire, practice denial, show dedication, accept direction.
- Discipleship is costly. True life comes through self-sacrifice.
- Must have an eternal perspective.
- The call of Jesus demands a response.
- Self denial in order to follow Jesus.
- Sacrifice happens daily.
- Demonstrate eternal priorities.
- Live with purpose.

**Luke 14:33 Interpretation, implication, application**

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- Radical discipleship means subordinating possessions to Jesus Christ.
- True security lies in Jesus, not material wealth.
- Discipleship demands deliberate sacrifice.
- This is a call for all disciples.
- Ensure possessions do not get in the way to devotion to Jesus.
- Align material possessions with kingdom values.
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**Psalms 24:1 Interpretation, implication, application**

- Everything, everywhere, all the time belongs to God.
- God is Sovereign, and owns it all (not us humans).
- Humans need to acknowledge that.
- Humans are to be stewards (managers).
- Humans need to demonstrate that stewardship.
- All of that should prompt reverence and worship.
- Live reverently.

**Proverbs 3:9-10 Interpretation, implication, application**

- Honor (prioritize) God with one's resources (time, talents, treasure)
- Giving is worship and exemplifies faith.
- God often blesses in return.
- Cultivate generosity.
- Encourage others to live/ give with faith.

**Philippians 4:12-13 Interpretation, implication, application**

- Paul has learned the secret of contentment in both plenty and lack.
- Empowered by God, only possible with a focus on Jesus Christ.
- Contentment is a learned discipline, demonstrates maturity.
- We need to rely on the strength that God provides through Jesus.
- We can approach all circumstances (plenty, lack) with faithfulness.

**Philippians 4:19 Interpretation, implication, application**

- Paul is trusting God for all material, emotional, and spiritual needs.
- God is faithful, has infinite resources and provides.
- Continue to trust God as you exercise faith and your faith deepens.

**Psalms 90:12 Interpretation, implication, application**

- Number your days, because life is brief. Cultivate wisdom.
- Consider life's shortness to prioritize the will of God.
- Humans are frail. God is not.
- Wisdom is a gift from God. Seek wisdom.
- Live intentionally and with purpose.
- Wise living is worship.

**Ephesians 5:15-16 Interpretation, implication, application**

- Redeem the time and seize opportunities for Godly living.
- Time is a resource to be strategically used for the glory of God.
- Live counter-culturally to reflect the values of Christ in a corrupt world.
- Purposely use time to worship, serve, and discipling.

**2 Corinthians 10:5 Interpretation, implication, application**

- We are involved in spiritual warfare, and we need to align our values with Christ.
- The Holy Spirit renews our mind, aligning it with the will of God.
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**Philippians 4:6-7 Interpretation, implication, application**

- Avoid worry through bringing concerns to God through prayer.
- God's peace is a gift and is the result.
- Practice gratitude.
- Trust in the goodness and sovereignty of God.

**Philippians 4:8 Interpretation, implication, application**

- A part of taking every thought captive is to replace negative thoughts with pure and virtuous thoughts. We can redirect our thoughts and combat worldly distractions.

**Romans 8:29-30 Interpretation, implication, application**

- We are predestined for a purpose. We can live for that purpose.
- We can trust in the plan of God.
- We can participate in the will of God to make us more like Jesus.

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

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