



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Sunday, June 25, 2023

Call to Worship: *My Lighthouse*

Call to Worship: *Alive*

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

- **Welcome and Thanks for joining us today!!!!**
 - **Thank you to Scott Mann for leading us in worship this week.**
 - **The Weekly Bible Study is meeting this week.** We will be finish #3 (Doubt) and starting #4 (Faith). 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. July 1st, at 9A.M. Breakfast at LaFuente Restaurant in Brentwood.
 - **Attention ALL Men** - Mark your calendar for this Sat. July 1st, 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 5/31/23): \$55,898
 - Actual Tithes and Offerings received: \$42,291
- Net Shortfall: \$-13,607**
- **Please contact us** for any needs, suggestions, or prayer requests:
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Adoration: *My Feet Are On The Rock*
Good Good Father

Message: *The New King teaches on divorce and salvation*

Response/Invitation: *In The Eye Of The Storm*

Assurance/Sending: *Thrive*

Close of Service

Message Notes:

Friday Devotional: Psalm 19:7 The **law** of the LORD is **perfect**, **restoring** the soul;
 The **testimony** of the LORD is **sure**, **making wise** the simple.
 The **precepts** of the LORD are **right**, **rejoicing** the heart;
 The **commandment** of the LORD is **pure**, **enlightening** the eyes.

Our Friday series on the abundant life:

Scripture	Great Truth	Privilege	Responsibility
2 Corinthians 5:11-21	I have His righteousness	I am a new Creation and I have a new start	I am an Ambassador for God.
1 John 1:1-10	I have fellowship with God and other believers.	Light from God.	Confess my sins. Walk in the Light.
Romans 8:5-17	Jesus lives in me through the Holy Spirit.	Life and peace. Comfort and hope.	Live by the Spirit.
Colossians 2:6-17	I can mature in my relationship with Jesus	Fullness.	Abide. Continually live in Jesus.
Hebrews 4:12-16	I can boldly enter His presence.	Mercy and Grace.	Depend on Jesus.
John 16:5-16	The Holy Spirit is my Comforter, Counselor and Guide.	Guidance into Truth	Obey the Holy Spirit's Guidance.
Psalm 27	God is my companion	God is with me, always.	Dwell with Him
Psalm 19:7-11	God communicates reliably with me through His word.	Continual revitalization.	Be in the word (read, hear)

Mark 9:33-37 What does that mean for us today?

- Flaws of bible people are not swept under the rug.
 - We need grace. Their flaws are my flaws.
 - Learn from their/ my/ other's mistakes.
 - This gives me hope.
 - God is the hero.
- Jesus knew, so He asked the question.
 - Unnecessary divisiveness.
 - Competition, self-seeking.

Mark 9:33-37 What does that mean for us today?

- Pride creates exclusivity (us and them).
- Like Paul, "whether from false motives or true, as long as the gospel is preached."
- Accepting a believer in Jesus' name is accepting Jesus.
- Whatever we do for another believer, we do for Jesus.
- Every service to a Christian has a reward.

- There are no small transactions.
- All of us have the Holy Spirit.
- We are all Kings and Priests.
- The world will know we are Christians if we love one another.

Mark 9:42-48 What does that mean for us today?

- Causing others to stumble is not Kingdom love.
- Those who do bad to God's family pokes Him in the eye.
- Interpret scripture as it intends.
- Extreme comparison of Worldly life and Kingdom life.
- Hand, Foot, Eye.
 - Sin Activities. Sin agenda. Seeing/ wanting something/ someone outside the will of God.
 - Deal with sin on God's terms.
- Ask God to show you.

Mark 9:48-50 What does that mean for us today?

- Salt: Preservative. Seasoning.
- We are to influence the church (be at peace).
- We are to influence the world.
- Salted as seasoning: believers are seasoned by trials, tribulations, persecutions.

Takeaways:

- Deal with sin obstacles (stronghold).
- Squash pride.
 - Pride divides.
 - Pride is short-sighted.
 - Pride ignores the presence of Jesus.
- Service is rewarded by God.
 - Love for the King ->
 - Love for other believers.
 - Love for holiness.
 - Love for service.
 - Love for obedience.
 - Be an influencer for the King/ Kingdom.

Mark: What is going on?

- Ch's 1-7 Who is Jesus? Jesus is teaching, performing miracles, and proving He is the Son of God, the promised Messiah. Jesus is God.
- Ch's 8,9 Jesus begins to speak plainly about the suffering, death, and resurrection.
- Ch 10 Leave Galilee (until after the resurrection).
- Ch 11 False Coronation entry into Jerusalem.
- Ch 12-13 What about Israel?
- Ch 14-16 Death, and Resurrection
- Cannot understand the what and why of the cross unless you understand 1-7, 8-10, 11-13.

Mark 10:1-12 Getting up, He went from there to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan; crowds gathered around Him again, and, according to His custom, He once more began to teach them.

2 Some Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife. 3 And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" 4 They said, "Moses permitted a man TO WRITE A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY." 5 But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. 6 "But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE. 7 "FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, 8 AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; so they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 "What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

10 In the house the disciples began questioning Him about this again. 11 And He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her; 12 and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

Mark 10:1-12, What is going on?

- Jesus and His disciples are traveling from Galilee towards Jerusalem by Passover.
- Parallel passage in Luke fills in material not in Mark.
- Samaria rejects Jesus, so Jesus has to travel around.
- Arrives in Perea. Ruler is Herod Antipas, one who had John the Baptist beheaded, because John called out Herod and his wife, Herodias, for their previous divorces and subsequent incestuous marriage.
- Pharisees want to test Jesus. -> Unpopular, or killed.
- Two camps on Jewish divorce:
 - Shammai: conservative for adultery or similar.
 - Hillel: Any reason.
- Jesus turns the test back on them.
 - Law was given as a restraint, and to protect the weak.
 - What does the law command? Deuteronomy 24:1-4
 - Given for the hardness of heart.
 - What was God's intent? Genesis 1:27, 2:24

Deuteronomy 24:1-4 When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house, 2 and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man's wife, 3 and if the latter husband turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife, 4 then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the Lord, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance.

Genesis 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Heart of the issue is an issue of the heart:

- Marriages are sacred because marriages are made by God.
- Two become one flesh; not polygamy.
- Marriage is God's design.
- Learn to love self sacrificially.
- God joins; 2 people plus the help of God.
- I will love my spouse for God, even when it is hard for me.

Mark 10:13-16 13 And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." 16 And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.

Let's unpack that:

- It is not about the faith of the parents.
- It is not about infant baptism.
- Jesus declares that children have a special state of grace. If they die as a baby/child, grace is applied.
- 2 Samuel 12:23 "But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."
- Come as a child: trusting, confessing weakness, feeling unworthy, dependent, humility, feeling helpless.

What does that mean for us today?

- Divorce is not God's first best choice for you. Marry carefully.
- Malachi 2:16 "I hate divorce," says the Lord God of Israel,...
- Marriage is sacred, and holy.
- Invite God into the marriage if you want love, peace, and joy.
- Express your love for God by expressing your love for your spouse. Learn to love self-sacrificially.
- Influence those within your circle(s) to do likewise.

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

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