



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Sunday, May 31, 2020

Announcements:

- Congratulations to our graduates! We are grateful for you for having been with us. We honor you for your commitment!
- Our Kids have their own page on our website. Go to OurMDC.org and look for the link / invitation to the kid's page.
- Due to the Shelter in place order, for this week's mid-week bible study on Wednesday, we will be using a tele-conference. We will be using the teleconference to meet on Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Using a phone, please call **1 (848) 777-1212** (a New Jersey phone number). You will hear a welcome message. When it asks for a meeting number type in **925 354 1096 #** [<- that is the "pound key" that is at bottom right of the phone keypad]. If you would like a copy of the bible study questions, please contact Pastor Larry:
PastorLarry@ OurMDC.org.
- Thank you for your financial support of MDC, especially during these times. Please contact the church or visit the website for ways you can continue to give.
- The church has a shorter website: **OurMDC.org** that refers to the main website: **MarinersDiscoveryChurch.com**
- Please contact us for any needs, suggestions, comments, or prayer requests:
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Friday devotional; We are the beloved of God. God loves us, rejoices over us, and calls us His children.

Jeremiah 31:3 The Lord appeared to him from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have drawn you with lovingkindness."

John 15:9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love."

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.

Last week: **Philippians 4:20-23** Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

2 Words: Greet and Saint.

Greet: Greet every saint. Brethren greet you. All the saints greet you. Those in Caesar's household.

Saint: Holy. Belonging to God.

What does a saint do? Glorify God. How? Demonstrate Christlikeness. How? Loving God. Loving Others. How?

How do I abound in Love?

Philippians 1:9, 10 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Process:

- 1) Knowledge
- 2) Discernment
- 3) Wisdom
- 4) Purity and blamelessness
- 5) Love abounds
- 6) Filled with the fruit of righteousness
- 7) Glory and praise to God

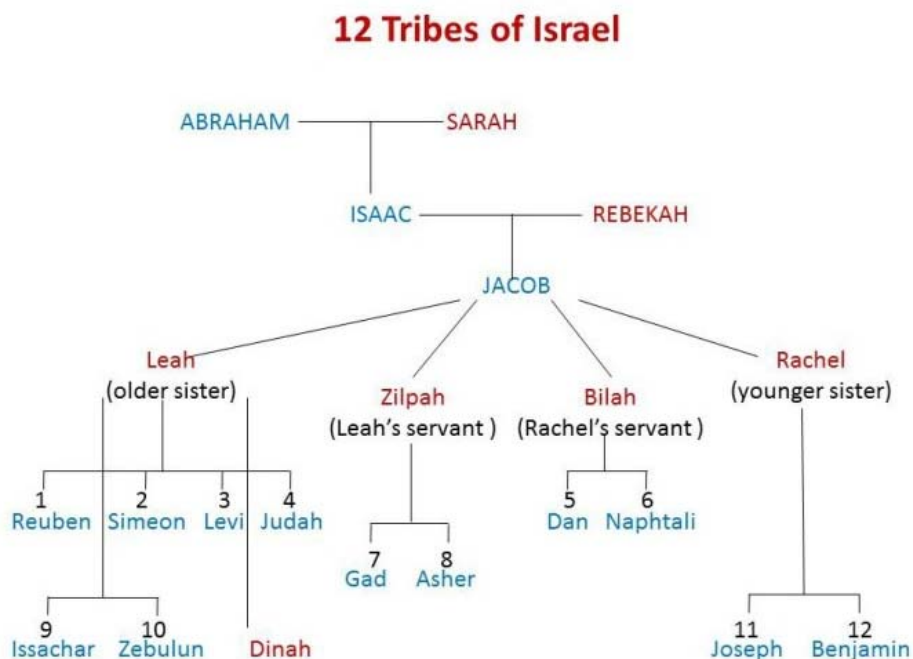
Philippians:

- Rejoice! (The why, the what, the how).
- Unity matters. The why, the what, the how).
- Be like Jesus. (Humility, Unselfish)
- My side: Loved, Obey, Resources.
- God's side: Powerful, Active, Committed
- Stop complaining.
- Joy: Sacrifice, Submission, Risk-Love
- Christians: Joy, faith vs Non-Christians: works
- Heavenly citizenship vs Enemy of the Cross
- Peacemaker, Remember: Presence of the Lord
- Praying, Thankful, Meditate, Do what you know
- Contentment is great gain
- Godly principles for giving
- Knowledge->Discernment->Wisdom->Love->Glory to God

Life of Joseph: But this is not my plan “A”

Joseph' Family Background:

- Father is Jacob. The father of Jacob preferred the brother of Jacob, Esau. Jacob schemes to steal the blessing of Esau (using a coat).
- Jacob was a schemer all his life until he came to the end of himself and wrestled with God). That night, the name of Jacob is changed to Israel.
- Laban is the father-in-law, who cheats Jacob. Jacob is tricked into marrying Leah. Then Jacob marries Rachel.
- Wife he loves is Rachel. Rachel is barren for a long time.
- Each wife gives handmaidens to Jacob in order to have more children.
- Rachel eventually has Joseph late in life.
- Rachel then has Benjamin and dies.



Life of Joseph

- Birth to 17 years old (Genesis 30:24-37:2). Whole family is on the move. Unresolved family issues: clashes, arguments, jealousy, hatred. Jacob seems passive throughout.
- 17 to 30 years old (Genesis 37:2-41:46): Life out of the control of Joseph (slavery, unjust accusations, imprisonment)
- 30 years to death at 110 years (Genesis 41:46-50:26): Prosperity, blessing of God. Joseph is the blessing to his family through forgiving, providing, and protecting.

Joseph betrayed (Genesis 37)

- The brothers herd the flocks. Joseph helps.
- Joseph is the favorite of his father (robe).
- Joseph gives bad reports about the brothers.

- The brothers know Joseph is the favored one, and jealousy turns to hatred.
- Joseph tells of two dreams that foretell the future.
- All are offended.
- Jacob asks Joseph to check up on the sons
- Joseph travels the 3 days from Hebron to Shechem, and finds out that they have moved on. Joseph travels another day to Dothan.
- Brothers plot to kill Joseph (kill the dream by killing the dreamer).
- Brothers take the coat of Joseph.
- Reuben says, throw Joseph into this dry cistern. Reuben plans to rescue him later.
- Then the brothers eat supper. Reuben leaves.
- Judah has a new plan when he sees Ishmaelite caravan of traders. Sell Joseph into slavery for 20 pieces of silver. Joseph is taken to Egypt and sold.
- Reuben comes back. Joseph is gone. Reuben is dismayed, and tears his clothes.
- Brothers butcher a goat and spill the blood on the coat of Joseph. They take the coat back to the father and ask if it is the coat of Joseph.
- Jacob thinks Joseph has been killed by a wild animal. Jacob weeps, mourns and will not be comforted.

Lessons learned:

- Do not show favoritism.
- Jealousy comes from discontent.
- Deal with jealousy and envy when they first rear their heads.
- Jealousy and envy are sins and are not harmless. They destroy relationships and destroy people.
- Love is not jealous, does not envy (1 Cor. 13:4).
- All betrayal hurts.
- Jesus was betrayed. He has been where you are.
- Step deeper into your relationship with God.
- Jesus said, "Father, forgive them."
- Lean not on our own understanding.
- The story of Joseph is about God working through the everyday events of life.
- No miracles, but the hidden hand of God.

Please feel free to contact the church. You may be home, but you are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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