"Choose today whom you will serve... As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15



# **Volunteer Highlight: Natalie**

Natalie has been volunteering at Harvest Carnival for the last four years! "As a kid I always loved attending the Harvest Carnival at our local church, so when the opportunity came up to serve at Mariners Harvest Carnival, I was excited to do so. I love serving at the face painting booth because the kids are so excited to see the results of what they picked. It always seems to be the most popular booth and I've loved seeing how creative the face painting has become. I remember one year a kid wanted me to draw a 'minion' from Despicable Me and they all were so impressed with my (lacking) skills trying to recreate it! That was a cute moment."

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# WELCOME TO MARINERS

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# LAST WORDS FOR THE PROMISED LIFE

I gave you land you had not worked on, and I gave you towns you did not build—the towns where you are now living. I gave you vineyards and olive groves for food, though you did not plant them. "So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone. But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:13-15

## 1) Remember you have received, not achieved.

I gave you land you had not worked on, and I gave you towns you did not build—the towns where you are now living. I gave you vineyards and olive groves for food, though you did not plant them. (v.13)

- Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham ... worshiped other gods. But *I took* your ancestor Abraham ... and *I led him* into the land of Canaan (v.2-3)
- I multiplied his descendants (v.3 CSB)
- I gave Jacob and Esau (v.4)
- I sent Moses... I defeated Egypt (v.5 CSB)
- *I brought you out* of Egypt ... *I brought* the sea over them (v.6-7 CSB)
- *I brought you to* the land (v.8)
- I rescued you (v.10)

Strive without ceasing ~Buddha

It is finished ~Jesus

## 2) Renew your affections for God, not the gods.

So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone. (v.14)

The love of the world cannot be expunged by a mere demonstration of the world's worthlessness. But may it not be supplanted by the love of that which is more worthy than itself? ~Thomas Chalmers

## 3) Recommit continually, not once.

As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord. (v.15)