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*Matthew 5:13*



### Volunteer Highlight: Kurt

After avoiding God's nudge to serve in Mariners Kids, Kurt finally agreed to teach for one week. He offered to teach whatever class had the greatest need and was told he'd be working with the 3-year-olds. At first he wondered, "What have I gotten myself into?" But now he's been teaching 3-year-olds for 30 years. "It's the most amazing, wonderful, fantastic thing I've ever done," said Kurt. "It's changed me in so many ways it's hard to recount. I'm a better person. I'm different, more loving, more caring. The little kids just change you. God does stuff."

Want to use your gifts to serve those in our community?  
Go to [marinerschurch.org](http://marinerschurch.org) and search **serve**

### PRAYER

If you're in need of prayer, our prayer team is available at the **front of the Worship Center** after every service. To submit a prayer request online, email [prayer@marinerschurch.org](mailto:prayer@marinerschurch.org)

# WELCOME TO MARINERS CHURCH

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# WELCOME TO MARINERS

**We're so glad you're here!** Our mission is to inspire people to follow Jesus and fearlessly change the world. If this is your first time here, we'd love to meet you! Here are your next steps:

- Visit the **Welcome Center** on the patio to find ways to get connected and opportunities to serve.
- Text **CONNECT** to 949.267.3131
- Attend our **New to Mariners** class to meet our pastors, learn who we are and how to get involved.

## MESSAGE SERIES MAR 9 & 10

Reading his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh as a sin-offering, 4 in order that the law's requirement would be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit have their minds set on the things of the Spirit. 6 Now the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set of the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the law was our bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God's children. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. 23 Not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the first-fruit—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 Now in this hope we were saved, sure hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees? 25

# BEST.CHAPTER.EVER.

God's Great Promises from Romans 8

...obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh... 13 For if you are living according to the flesh, you are bound to die. But if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father!" 16 The Spirit himself testifies

...together with us, and he also... 35 Who can separate us from the love of Christ? (Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: Because of you we are being put to death all day long; we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered. 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors

Romans 8 is packed with good news. *Best. Chapter. Ever.* is a verse by verse walk-through of this promise-packed chapter designed to help you discover more about the purpose, belonging, freedom and abundant life God has for you.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed, Mar 6 • Chapel  
7:30a, 12, 3, 4:30, 6 & 7:30p

Join us for this special service as we begin the season of Lent and prepare ourselves for Easter.

search **ash**



## CONNECTGROUPS GROUPLIFE

Saturdays, Mar 9-Apr 7  
after 5p service

Have you been through Rooted and are looking for a Life Group? ConnectGroups meet on campus, help you connect with others and dive deeper into the weekend message series.

search **groups**



## YOUTH NIGHT

Sundays, Mar 10-Apr 7  
6-8:30p

High school students, join us for worship, games, Life Groups, In-N-Out and more.

search **youth**



## ALL CHURCH NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Sat, Mar 9  
after 5p service

Join us for our Saturday 5p service and stay after to experience the power and presence of God in an atmosphere of freedom led by the Mariners worship and prayer teams.

search **prayer**

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## THE Weekly

For daily updates, follow  
**@marinerschurch**



## MAKING GENEROSITY SIMPLE & SECURE

We give because God first gave to us. We invite you to experience a life of generosity by **GIVING ONLINE** at **marinerschurch.org/give** or through the offering boxes located at the back of the Worship Center.

There's something for **everyone** at Mariners.

Visit **marinerschurch.org** for info on all our events

## SALT OF THE EARTH

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### By calling us Salt, Jesus is teaching us to:

- be distinct from the world...
- but not to separate ourselves from the world...
- so that we can change the world...

### Christians are to be distinct from the world

First:

When Jesus calls us the salt of the earth, He's calling us to be a *distinct and a set apart* people from the rest of the world.

### Christians are not to separate from the world

Second:

- While, Christians are to be distinct and set apart from the world, we **CANNOT** separate ourselves from the world... we have to do our living in the world.
- While living different from the world, we can't be indifferent to the world.

### Christians are to change the world

And so what is Jesus teaching us by calling us salt?

- We are to be distinct from the world...
- but not to separate from the world...
- so that we can change the world...

And all of this language about being distinct and set apart and yet entering into a decaying world ought to sound very familiar.

Who does it remind you of?

Who did this very thing that we're called to do as a church?