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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 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**

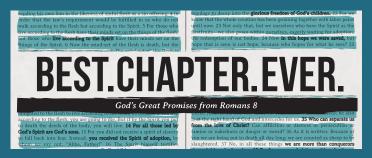


WELCOME TO MARINERS

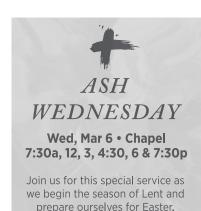
We're so glad you're here! Our mission is to inspire people to follow Jesus and fearlessly change the world. If this is your first time here, we'd love to meet you! Here are your next steps:

- 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



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.





help you connect with others and dive deeper into the weekend



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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.

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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?