

# MARINERS CHURCH



## Winning With the Hand I've Been Dealt April 27-28, 2019

Hope is the confidence that a loving God is in charge of life and of my life and no matter what happens, good or bad, He's in control and it will be OK.

The Five Cards of My Life...

### #1 My Chemistry

### #2 My Connections.

### #3 My Circumstances

### #4 My Consciousness

For as a man thinks in his heart, so he is. Proverbs 23:7

Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life. Prov. 4:23

### #5 My Response.

**It is responding with HOPE to the hand I've been dealt by choosing to bring God into the "game" of my life and understanding His role, His work, and His plan.**

*Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! Habakkuk 3:17-18*

*You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. Psalm 139:13-14*



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*Therefore, I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:10*

*"O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled."*

*Then the LORD asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD? Exodus 4:10-11*

**-I'm the product of my past not a prisoner.**

**-I can move forward in trusting God.**

*Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. 2 Corinthians 12:8-9*

**-God needs someone exactly like me NOW.**

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Eph.2:10*

Talk it Over!

Discussion for your LifeGroup/Accountability Partner

Talk about when your self-image was either at a low point or a high point.

Read Psalm 139 and talk about the principles of life, God's sovereignty, and how your fit in your world.

Talk about a time when you felt you were unable to move forward because of your past.

Talk about a specific time when God worked through you in what you thought of as a 'weakness'.

Take a moment and point out something you appreciate about each member of your group.