

# MARINERS CHURCH



## **A Surrendered Life is the Best Life**

11.14.21

"If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it." -Jesus, Matthew 10:39

**THE BEST LIFE IS A LIFE SURRENDERED TO GOD.**  
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The LORD gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are."  
But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish.  
Jonah 1:1-3a (NIV)

## **Tarshish doesn't exist. (Temptation creates illusions.)**

*The fleeting pleasure of sin... Hebrews 11:25*

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*Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 (NIV)*

## **I can walk away from God, but He seeks me and welcomes me back.**

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*That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV)*

*"If any of you want to come with me, you must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me. For if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for my sake, you will find it." -Jesus, Matthew 16:24-25 (GNT)*

### **Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup\***

Read Jonah 1:1-3. Why do you think Jonah did what he did?

If "Nineveh" represents God's will (even though it's not a nice place), why would a good and loving God want me there?

How would you explain to someone what it means to surrender life to God? Is a surrendered life REALLY better?

Read Hebrews 11:24-27. Discuss together the life of Moses and what he had to surrender. Why do you think he did it?

What kinds of things do followers of Christ surrender for the sake of Jesus?

Pray for each other!

\*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at [len@marinerscc.org](mailto:len@marinerscc.org)