MARINERS CHURCH



God's Got This 1.2.2022

What is the one thing I can count on?

God is in control.

I depend on God alone; I put my hope in him. Psalm 62:5

The Bible calls this God's SOVEREIGNTY.

"Everything in the heavens and the earth is Yours, O Lord. We adore You as being in control of everything." 1 Chronicles 29:11

God is in control of nature.

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father." -Jesus, Matthew 10:29-30

God is in control of history

He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. Daniel 2:21 (NLT)

Has the LORD ever needed anyone's advice? Does he need instruction about what is good? All the nations of the world are but a drop in the bucket. They are nothing more than dust on the scales. Isaiah 40

God is in control of my life.

So what does this mean for 2022? It means COMFORT.

"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. "Who else has held the oceans in his hand? Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale?" Isaiah 40

"Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to Him than they are?" -Jesus, Matthew 6:26 (NLT)

It means CONFIDENCE.



What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Romans 8:31-2

It means PURPOSE

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." -Joseph, Genesis 50:20

If God is for us who can be against us? Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There's no way. Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not back stabbing, not even the worst sins can separate us from God's love. None of this phases us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing, nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable, absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way Jesus our Lord has embraced us. Romans 8:31-39

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Talk together about 2022. What plans do you have? What do you think CAN happen in the world? What do you HOPE will happen?

Read Romans 8:18-31 together. What stands out to you and helps you this season? What qualities of God do you see?

How would you explain the 'Sovereignty of God' to someone? How often do you incorporate God's sovereignty into your fears and anxieties and worries?

Talk together among yourselves about how you want your attitude and confidence to be different from last year.

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