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Would you describe yourself as a Change Avoider or a Change Seeker? Change is often viewed as something to be strenuously avoided, and when rough times come, we can react with anger, resentment, fear, and feelings of abandonment.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

A Call to Worship

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. Psalm 33:1-3

Remember God's Character

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; He puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him! For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm. Psalm 33:4-9

God is Never Outmaneuvered

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations. Psalm 33:10, 11

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage! Psalm 33:12

God is Always Watching

The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man; from where He sits enthroned He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his

great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue. Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Psalm 33: 13-19

The Uselessness of Worldly Security



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God delivers His people from eternal danger & immediate threats

Our Response

Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our Help and our Shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You. Psalm 33:20-22

3 Ways to Have Faith in God

- Wait in Hope, He is our Help & Shield
- Rejoice while Trusting in Him
- Be Confident in God's Steadfast Love

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Would you describe yourself as a Change Avoider or a Change Seeker?

What happens when changes appear out of nowhere? How does that make you feel? How does that impact your confidence in yourself? How does it impact your confidence in God?

What about when changes are planned ahead of time? How or why are they different? What role does nervousness play when you can see change coming?

We tend to view change as something unexpected to be strenuously avoided, and when rough times come, we can react with anger, resentment, fear, and feelings of abandonment. Today's message calls us to remember that God is sovereign – always in control. God always has a plan, and He always wants what's best for His people. Sometimes that plan means that trials come into our lives.

As a group read Psalm 33 together.

*What sticks out to you most when reading this Psalm?
What do you find confusing?
What does this teach us about people?
What does it tell us about God?*

Curt said that this Psalm makes a big circle. It starts with praising God, reminds us of all He has done, which brings us back to praising God by singing a new song to God (because we're reminded of all He has done!).

The last 3 verses show a self-dedication each worshipper of God should have. They follow an Effect & Cause pattern (I will do "this" because God has done "that"). What is the pattern given here?

Who in your life can you share today's LifeGroup session with? Who do you think could be encouraged to hear what Psalm 33 has to say?

Close your LifeGroup by praying for each other to live out today's encouragement from the Bible.

**A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through the ups and downs of life. For more information, connect with the church, marinerschurch@marinerscc.org*