

# MARINERS CHURCH



## My God Has It Under Control 7.9.23

"I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I know the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand.'" Isaiah 46:9-10

### My God is involved in this broken world.

Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." Genesis 4:7

Now God saw that the earth had become **corrupt** and was filled with violence. God observed all this **corruption** in the world, for everyone on earth was **corrupt**. Genesis 6:11-12

The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. Genesis 6:6,8

People were eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. Luke 19:26

Two by two the animals came into the boat, representing every living thing that breathes. Then the Lord closed the door behind them. For forty days the floodwaters grew deeper, covering the ground and lifting the boat high above the earth. As the waters rose higher and higher above the ground, the boat floated safely on the surface. Finally, the water covered even the highest mountains on the earth, rising more than twenty-two feet above the highest peaks. Genesis 7:15-20

**Sin is not out there. Sin is in us.**



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Then God told Noah and his sons, "I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants,

and with all the animals that were on the boat with you—the birds, the livestock, and all the wild animals—every living creature on earth.

Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth." Genesis 9:8-11

### My God makes promises.

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. 2 Corinthians 1:20

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

### For your LifeGroup and personal growth time.

Read the story of Cain and Abel in Genesis 4:1-16. Why do you think this is included in Genesis? We know God's response is always right—but are you surprised by His interaction with Cain before and after?

Quickly read Genesis 6-7. Do you think humanity is worse today than back then?

What do you think Noah was thinking as he built the ark?

How does God prove that sin is not just in the world but that it is in US?

Read Isaiah 4

6:9-10. What does it mean that God knows the "end from the beginning?" How can we see it worked out in Bible times?

How does this make you feel about life and especially the things that have happened in YOUR life?

Pray together and support each other!

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