

MARINERSCHURCH

# FREEDOM

FINANCIAL PEACE IN A MONEY-CRAZY WORLD

JAN 14 & 15

## WELCOME

### WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

**Our mission** is to inspire people to  
**follow Jesus** and fearlessly  
**change the world.**

## YOUR NEXT STEP

visit the **WELCOME CENTER**  
on the patio where you'll find  
friendly people ready to  
answer your questions

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☐ I'm **new to Mariners**

☐ I'd like to receive **The Compass** weekly e-news

☐ I'm interested in a **Life Group / Series Group**

☐ I'm interested in **serving** ☐ **on campus** ☐ **through Outreach**

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# FREEDOM

**Take a step toward financial freedom  
and watch God work in infinite ways.**

Following our **FREEDOM** series, join us on a **9-week spiritual adventure** exploring how to manage God's resources God's way. Visit the website to see all of the group options, including Wednesday nights on-campus for families (groups for kids K-12).

**freedom.marinerschurch.org**

## PARENT NIGHT

**Thu, Jan 26 • 6:30-8p • Jared Kirkwood**  
**Sat, Feb 4 • 5-6:30p • Jim Burns**

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MEN OF MARINERS

## MONTHLY GATHERING

**marinerschurch.org • search: men**

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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DAILY  
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Get a **weekly video** from one of our pastors recapping what we've read last week in the **One Year Study Bible** delivered to your inbox by signing up for **The Compass** email news (below).

**ONE YEAR STUDY BIBLE** available in the bookstore. The reading plan is also available free on YouVersion.



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## THE COMPASS

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## MAKING GENEROSITY SIMPLE



### GIVE ONLINE

once or set up a recurring gift  
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### OFFERING BOXES

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**Welcome Center** or drop in an offering box.

## THE SECRET OF LIFE

### My journey...life's secret

*...It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35*

*"Wherever your treasure is, there...your heart will also be." Matthew 6:21*

*"...You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24*

### Life's great secret...giving

#### God is a giver

- Who He is

*Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means "**the Lord will provide**")... "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." Genesis 22:14*

- What He does

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

*...trust should be in God, **who richly gives** us **all** we need for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17*

*And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your **needs** from his **glorious riches**, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19*

*"Give, and you will receive. Your **gift will return to you in full**—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." Luke 6:38*

#### Our response to God's generosity

- Faith...invest it

*"After a long time their **master** returned from his trip and called them to **give an account** of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, **you gave me** five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.' The master was full of praise. '**Well done**, my good and faithful servant. **You have been faithful** in handling this small amount, so now **I will give you** many more responsibilities. **Let's celebrate together!**'... To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance..." Matthew 25:19-21,29*

### Life's great secret...giving (cont.)

#### Our response to God's generosity

- Bury it...fear

*"Then the servant with the **one bag** of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a **harsh man**, harvesting crops you **didn't plant** and gathering crops you **didn't cultivate**. I was **afraid** I would lose your money, so I **hid** it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.' But the master replied, 'You wicked and **lazy** servant!...those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' Matthew 25:24-26,29,30*

*"My view of God determines how I live"*

*"So what is my view of God? Consequences?"*

#### The secret...giving

*...It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35*

#### The lie

*To give anything is to be left with less*

*To give everything is to be left with nothing*

*If you try to **hang on** to your life, you will **lose it**. But if you **give up** your life for my sake, you will **save it**. Matthew 16:25*

### Our journey...choose giving

*For we live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)*

#### God is a giver..."thank you"... "God will provide"

*Enter with the password: "**Thank you!**" Psalm 100:4 (MSG)*

#### God is the owner..."not mine"

*"Manage God's blessings...God's way...for God's glory"*

#### Get serious...join the journey

*The One Year Bible reading for Jan. 15-21—Genesis 31-43*