

MOORING LINES

A Tie With People of the Sea



Tacoma Seafarers' Center

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Waterfront Statistics

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| Ships in Port | 70 |
| Ships Served | 60 |
| Seafarers Receiving Ministry | 500 |

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Chaplain's Corner

Mindful of the Season

Mindful

“And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.” Mark 8:31-33

Jesus reminded Peter of what we all need to do in our lives; **be mindful of the things of God**. This goes for how we celebrate holidays, how we view people from God’s viewpoint and the work of God. We should be mindful in season and out of season.

We should always be on the lookout for God’s eternal perspective on people, using the current season we are in, mindful of all opportunities for the Gospel and God’s work.



In working with seafarers, we should be mindful of those who are open to the things of the Lord and those who are not.



Pray for us to be mindful of the things of God at all times in bringing the Gospel to the seafarers.

Chaplain Paul Peterson

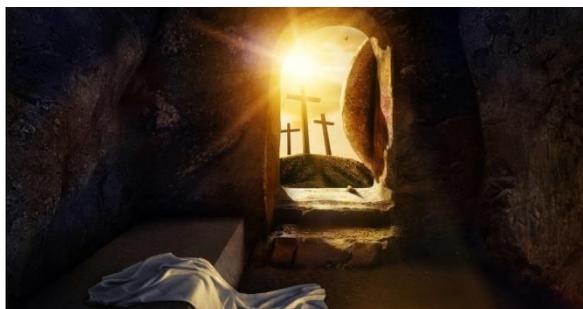
Easter season is upon us. Many people including seafarers only know about the Easter bunny and not Resurrection Sunday. We go from one season to the next and people continue to miss the Christmas-Easter connection.

In our outreach we can connect the two seasons for those we meet. We can be mindful of all seasons and use them to lead into the Gospel message.



One example is when seafarers come here and want to go shopping on Easter. We say, “The Mall is **closed**. The electronics store is **closed**, Costco is **closed**.” Then we pop the question, “Do you know why they are **closed**?” They don’t know, so we give them the answer.

Because the tomb is open.



Please pray for the seafarers to see and understand the reality and significance of an empty tomb for their lives.

Mindful of Cargo or Crew

When most people see the big ships they see the cash represented by the cargo; like the cars, the crops and the containers.



They are not mindful of the crews that are on the ships. The cargo will not last for eternity but the crews will last for an eternity.

Mindful of Opportunities

Opportunities are always around us when there are people around us. We went on board a ship at lunch time. At lunch is when we meet the maximum number of seafarers; otherwise they are all busy.



We are mindful that it is not what goes into their mouths as important, but we are and always should be mindful of their heart and relationship with Jesus.

Mindful of Comfort or Compassion

We try to create a comfortable environment for the seafarers like a home away from home. We have coffee, tea and treats. They are relaxed here but that is not our final goal.



When we are mindful of the things of God and with compassion for their souls will tell them of Jesus.

Mindful of Christian Crew

The number of Christian crew on ships is far and few between. So we are mindful to find them, encourage them and equip them to be mindful of the Lord's purposes for them on their ship.



Here is a Second Officer who leads a Bible study on his ship. Pray for an abundant harvest through him.

Be Mindful; Keep Your Eyes Open Today!

Why?

Because you cannot see with them shut.