

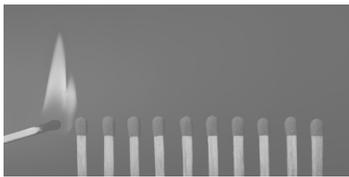


Consuming Passion for Jesus – A Needed Characteristic

By Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

As I read through the stories of the Bible, I get excited about the examples of Godliness that are very evident. Men and women who become shining examples of Christ likeness that inspires all who read about them. There have been many times when I think to myself, “I wish I could be like them.” After years of wishing, I have discovered that the missing ingredient in my own life is “passion.”

These men and women have a passion like that spoken of in John 2:17 (NLT) Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: “Passion for God’s house will consume me.” I have come to realize that the big difference



in us is a consuming passion for Jesus Christ. This passage in John 2 is really an explanation of why Jesus cleared the temple of

all the moneychangers. His passion for His Father’s House consumed Him and He was moved to righteous action. Action that was not filled with anger, but reflected the righteous of God. He was so consumed with a love and passion for His Father, that He did not even think about personal reputation or safety. His consuming passion for His Father would lead Him to trust in Him completely and to obey Him diligently.

Consuming, loving passion for Jesus Christ is the key. If all of God’s people were consumed with passion for our Lord, would that bring about a difference that would glorify the Lord? I believe with all of my heart that if I was filled, and I mean FILLED, with “consuming passion” for my Lord, it would make a big difference in my life and service unto my Lord. If you agree with me, imagine what difference it would make in Maui County if a whole church, the WHOLE church, was filled with consuming passion for Jesus Christ. Imagine how the church would change. Then imagine how the community around us would change as each

member moves into his/her community with a burning passion for Jesus Christ.

Jesus, filled with a consuming passion for His Father’s House, cleaned it out. If each of us was to follow the example of Jesus, what would Jesus lead us to and empower us to do? Our consuming passion for Jesus would cause us to move regardless of what our personal costs might be. Each person loving and obeying the Lord simply because we are all wanting to be pleasing to Jesus. Pleasing Him would be our passion and our joy.

When I look at people like Mary (the mother of Jesus), Daniel, Gideon, Jeremiah, Joshua, Moses, Paul, Peter, and many other men and women of the Bible, I see the passion in their lives. This consuming passion moved them to accomplish great and mighty things for their Lord and Savior. The acts that they accomplished, as great as they were, were not the most important aspects of their lives. The most important aspects were their love and devotion, their consuming passion to their Lord, their God and Savior.

So many times I have read and wished that I could be like these great men and women. So many times I have missed their consuming passion because I was distracted by their spectacular acts of faith. So many times I have tried to come up with a formula so that I could maybe accomplish similar acts of great faith. Now I realize that it is not their acts that were of greatest

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importance, but it was their loving devotion, their consuming passion, that was of greatest importance. Let me urge you seek after letting Jesus become your consuming passion and let Him work out what you will do and what results will happen when those acts of passion are carried out. The greatest commandment of all still remains and will always remain:

Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT) ³⁷ Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.”³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Let’s all strive together to develop a consuming passion for Jesus Christ and let us not stop until He receives all of the glory, honor, and majesty. God bless you all!!!

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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

VIF Offering-to-date: **\$470.00**

100% of offering gifts go directly to the field to missionaries and their ministries

Join us for a
Women’s Night Out
Tuesday, April 25, 2017
7 pm @ Maui Mall



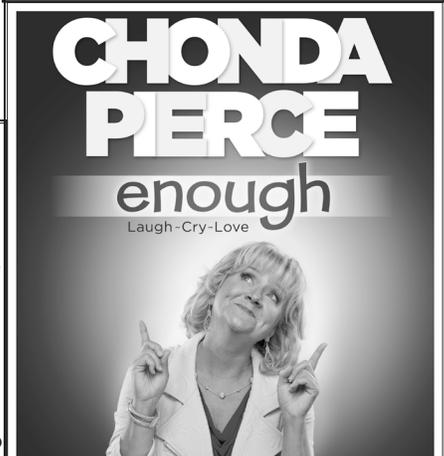
Friday, March 17, 2017

6 pm - 7:30 pm

VIF Church - 473 High Street
Enter from stairs facing High Street
Ladies...Come join us for a cup of coffee, tea, water.
Bring a friend or meet a friend.
For more information contact:
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Chonda Pierce has built her career by being “real” – sharing her heart, talking about difficult issues, and blending it all with humor, insight and self examination. Her vulnerability and wit have made Chonda Pierce the #1 selling female comedian in history (2014 RIAA Lifetime Achievement Award).

In *Chonda Pierce: Enough*, Chonda and some special guests help women look to their relationship with Christ as the answer for completeness, self-acceptance, and fulfillment. Laugh, Cry, Love...Through faith in Christ. If you have a relationship with Jesus, you have everything you need and acceptance into the kingdom of God.



VIF Womens Ministry will be purchasing group tickets
Your cost: **\$7.00**
Sign-up and pay at the back or call the church office
by March 26

Just a reminder . . .
Today starts
Daylight Savings Time!



What Is The Difference Between A Fan And A Follower?

Pastor Darren Sarmiento

*²⁴ and let us consider [thoughtfully] how we may encourage one another to love and to do good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our meeting together [as believers for worship and instruction], as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more [faithfully] as you see the day [of Christ's return] approaching. **Hebrews 10:24-25 AMP***

Every year people gather together to watch, the NFL Super Bowl Game! There are lots of food, activities and just having a good time together. You've probably noticed this as much as I do that everyone has an opinion on what is going on in the game. In fact, I know I've done this a lot about giving my opinion especially on what the quarterbacks did wrong or did right, because I used to play quarterback in high school. Others would make comments on the way the defensive players would tackle the person with the football. You've probably done this, too, by telling the head coach what play he should've ran, like somehow, we had a better plan than what he came up with. At the opening of the game, usually the sports commentators would say that there are about 40,000 fans here today with millions more of fans watching the game on the television. Professional sports thrive and survive on fans, people who are willing to give up their time and money to watch the athletes play in games.

As Christians, what is the difference between a fan and a follower? Can you be a fan of Jesus Christ? Do you consider yourself to be a follower of Him? I know you've probably heard this a lot about a fan and a follower but I hope to offer some deeper insight into this.



Let me start with defining what a fan is, at least in the sports world. A fan is someone who will choose a team, player or both that they like to watch. A fan would do whatever it takes to watch his or her favorite team and players. A fan would spend lots of money on sports apparel, best seats in the house, skip work if have to, stay up late to watch every game that was missed on their DVR's. They would spend money on food, drinks and maybe even staying at hotels to watch their team on road trips. A fan spends so much time with their favorite team that at one point they begin to feel that they know all about the game and the players, that they can begin to start calling the shots. The fan thinks they know the right plays to call or what the players should've done instead of what they already did which came out to be a disaster.

Imagine for a moment that you are one of those fans and you are watching the game on television. You are watching the quarterback in a football game listening to the head coach call for a pass play. You see the quarterback drop back in the pocket and starts to look for his receivers. He then throws a pass to a receiver of his choice. Unfortunately, the pass was intercepted and you start to go crazy. You then start to put in your two cents on what the quarterback should've done.

Now, what if the quarterback on the television heard what you said? What if he could turn and look at you and say to you, "Why don't you come down here and do it yourself?" What would you say? I can hear it now, that some of you would say, "Yeah, okay I'll come down there." The reality though, is that it was all talk and no action. Most fans are fans for a reason. They watch all the action and that's all they really want to do. They may feel like they are in the action or in the game but not really. I'm a fan of football and basketball and that's all I want to be, nothing more.

I'll cut to the chase and tell you why we should become a follower of Jesus Christ. You might think that a follower of Jesus Christ is someone who follows Jesus Christ, right? But it's more than that. That is only a small

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view you need to know Him and understand Him and yes, you should become like Him. However, that's not the reason or the result of following Jesus.

Following Jesus is not an end to a means but a means to an end. The end result is two-fold. One, to have an intimate and personal relationship with Him. Two, while following Jesus you and I can lead others to follow Him too. We are not called Christian (Followers of Christ) for nothing. There is a reason for it. As much as God desires our relationship with Him through Christ Jesus, He also wants to work through us in our relationships to have more relationships with others (Read Matthew 22:37-39, Matthew 28:18-20).

So you see, we can't be fans of Jesus like being fans of a sports team, because fans of a sports team have no real intimate relationship with them. They really don't know the team and the team doesn't really know the fans. Let me take you back to what I said earlier if the quarterback could hear you while you are watching him on television. Let me switch the roles of a quarterback and head coach. The quarterback is another disciple and the head coach is Jesus Christ. The quarterback who is another disciple heard you say that you have an idea on how to carry out the play the head coach called for. He turns to you and says, "Show me how to carry out the head coach's play so I can watch and do it too." The head coach who is Jesus Christ looks at you through the television and tells you, "Show him because you have learned from me. You have followed me and I know you and I know you will do it."

I know this is a made-up storyline but I'm making a point. My point is this, you and I are made to follow Jesus through an intimate relationship with Him. Why? Because God the Father and Jesus wants to have more relationships with others, and the way He accomplishes seeking out more relationships are through the relationships He already has! The deeper insight to being a follower of Jesus Christ is not one who just follows for their own benefit, but understands that he or she will be used by the Lord so He can establish more relationships to come. Are you following Jesus or just sitting on the sidelines cheering Him on? Just remember, Jesus has no fans, only followers and I hope we are all following Him. Stop being a fan if you are. Pray and make a commitment or recommitment to follow Jesus for the benefit of you and others.

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Ron and Kim Carr founded the International Learning Center (ILC), a missionary organization that takes a compassion-based approach to reaching internationals. Students take English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, undergo cultural training and learn about citizenship, health and other topics. Most importantly, the Carrs set up a supplementary reading course—a class where instructors use the Bible as the reading text. "Students sign

up and welcome the reading help, and many of them are exposed to a biblical worldview for the first time," Kim says.

The course includes a survey of the Bible and reading excerpts about Christ's death and resurrection. When students hear about the love of Jesus, many respond in faith inside the class. The Carrs' advice for community-based outreach? "Make sure the gospel is in the DNA of your ministry. We do this by our teaching and also by inviting church planters into our classes, so they can connect ESL students with local churches."

The ILC has flourished in Jacksonville, and the ministry is now in the process of being replicated in other cities, such as New York.

Announcements



Childcare Schedule

Today, Mar 12 **Team 1:** Marion K, Karen F, Kolbe F,
Alysha F, Melanie F

Mar 19 **Team 2:** Elaine Y, Wendy C, Krystal
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Mar 26 **Team 3:** Jennifer B, Francis C,
Jaydee G, Jules G

Apr 2 **Team 4:** Hawea R, Cheeng S et al,
Danae O



High Street Lawn Care Schedule

Week of Mar 16-18

Volunteers Needed

Week of Mar 23-25

Volunteers Needed

Week of Mar 30-Apr 1

Volunteers Needed

Week of Apr 6-8

Volunteers Needed

*Sign-up in the back to be a
part of this ministry.*



**Be in the know!
Join our text alerts . . .**

To receive messages via text:

A) If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.
On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web
browser and go to

rmd.at/mrvif

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind.
You'll be prompted to download the
mobile app.

B) If you don't have a smartphone,
get text notifications.

Text the message @mrvif
to the number

81010 or (808)670-3442.

C) Give your cell number to the office and
request to be added.

**Standard text message rate may apply.*

For more information or help call the Church Office @244-0865.



High Street Cleaning Schedule

Week of Mar 16-18

Carol Sn, Marion K

Week of Mar 23-25

Cendana Ohana

Week of Mar 30-Apr 1

Volunteers Needed

Week of Apr 6-8

Volunteers Needed

MISSIONAL OPORTUNITIES

NAMB Missionary Spotlight:

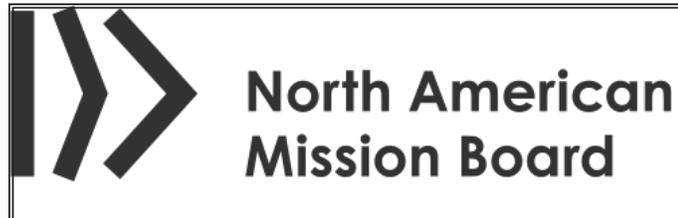


Pray that young and old would become disciples who make disciples and that we could empower and raise up the next generation of leaders. Pray for real community connections and for the success of the new Korean language ministry. *Hyung and Kathy Kim*

Pray for the national campaign to reach Bosnians that is being led by Jason Helmbacher, a Replanter at Church at Affton. There are an estimated 60,000 Bosnians in St. Louis alone and little work being done to reach them.”
-Noah Oldham, St. Louis Send City Missionary

St. Louis, Missouri

2,737,529 people live in metro St. Louis
50.9% are unaffiliated with any religious body
17.1% are affiliated with an evangelical church
1 SBC church for every 7,866 St. Louis residents



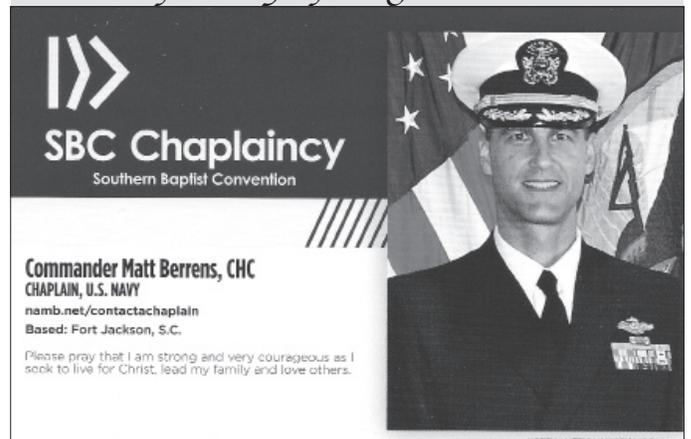
***In Last Frontier** - Please pray for workers who are beginning new work among a people group. Pray for God’s help, guidance, wisdom, and protection as they share the gospel and then disciple new believers. Ask God to go before them so they will meet people of His choosing, and pray that He will bless their interactions. Pray that many will hear the Good News, believe, grow spiritually, and share the gospel with others.

***Icelanders of Iceland** - Please pray for Mitchel, the young son of George, a church planter in Reykjavik. Mitchel has leukemia and is going through chemotherapy right now. In addition, lift up George’s wife, as their third baby is due in mid-April. They are also asking for wisdom and peace, as another chemotherapy session for Mitchel is scheduled four days after the baby’s due date

***Afghan and Baluch of Iran** - (buh-LOOCH) - “Please continue to pray for Hamideh, our Afghan neighbor, to come to Jesus. She has heard a lot of Truth over the past few months but has been reluctant to give her life to Christ. Also, over the next few weeks, she will be facing several challenges related to her visa and rent renewal. Pray that the Lord will use all of these difficulties to draw her to Himself.”

***Chinese of Malaysia** - Pray that new Bible studies will result in new churches among the Chinese of Malaysia.

SBC Chaplaincy Spotlight:



A Plea For Action

from Pastor Jay Wright, Lahaina Baptist Church, to MCBA

Aloha friend in ministry,

Did you know that the State of Hawaii has only 5 faith-based pregnancy centers? In fact, two of the five are led by the spouse of an SBC Pastor.

Are you aware of the legislation that is rapidly moving through our State legislature that would mandate these 5 pregnancy centers hand all clients a referral form to Planned Parenthood? Should a pregnancy center refuse, the first infraction is a \$500.00 fine followed by a fine of \$1,000.00 per infraction.

I am amazed at the breach of our constitutional right and privilege by the State of Hawaii. Are you? Then do something. Do all you can! We are!

If the State successfully breaches this constitutionally protected wall, do you think they will stop? I do not! If precedence is set, we can certainly expect legislation governing our speech as pastors?

I invite you to read the following email from my wife, Joy, and then invite ten of your friends/neighbors to join you in making your voice heard. I believe our Maui County Baptist Association, along with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Association has tremendous influence and opportunity here. Please act now!

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From the Board of Malama Pregnancy Center:

Aloha friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers and for submitting testimony regarding opposition to SB 501.

Senate bill SB 501 passed through the WAM committee reading/hearing today. Not good. With that said, we had two senators oppose it. Praise God! Please feel free to send a thank you email to Senators Riviere and Harimoto. They voted in favor of pregnancy centers.

The SB 501 bill will go before the senate floor for a vote as early as next week.

We beseech you to please call our senators and be a voice for the voiceless to oppose this harmful bill.

It is most effective if we call our Maui senators first then work our way through the list of senators. We were told, that phone calls stating our name, city we reside, and our opposition to SB 501 is the most effective way to be heard. We are attaching the written testimony regarding this bill to help you with talking points if you are afforded the opportunity to speak with a senator. Our goal is to ask them to vote NO on SB 501.

Thank you for your prayers, partnership, and help! Your partnership enables us to minister to and offer help and hope to those struggling in our community. We appreciate you!

Be encouraged that it these bills are not yet law. We have been gifted a short amount of time to kindly communicate with our Hawaii Legislature regarding the positive impact that Malama Pregnancy Center and pregnancy centers have on our communities. Please contact us if you have any further questions.

“May the Lord bless you and keep you.”

Warmly in Christ,

Joy Wright, Executive Director

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Valley Isle Fellowship Calendar

March 2017

- 12 9:00 am - Worship Service @ WES
10:30 am - Sunday School @ High Street Property
12 noon - Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study @ High Street Sanctuary
- 13 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex
- 15 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ High Street Sanctuary
- 17 6:00 pm - Sweet Life Cafe
- 19 9 am - Worship Service @ WES
10:30 am - Sunday School @ High Street Property
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study @ High Street Sanctuary
- 20 Prayer Meeting @ Annex
- 22 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ High Street Sanctuary
- 26 9 am - Worship Service

- Lord's Supper
10:30 am - Sunday School
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 27 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex
- 29 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ High Street Sanctuary

April 2017

- 2 9 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 3 Prayer Meeting
- 5 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" 6
- 9 9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
12 noon - Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 10 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Wailuku Elementary School Cafeteria
355 S. High St., Wailuku, HI 96793

Worship Service - 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10:30 am
(High Street property)

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SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

VIF Church Sanctuary
6:00 pm



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Balancing Heart and Actions

Colossians 1:3-14

Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

- I. _____ and _____. – *Colossians 1:3-5*
- A. _____ in Christ Jesus.
 - B. _____ for all God's people.
 - C. Comes from _____ in God's _____.
- II. The Good News is _____ and _____. – *Colossians 1:6-9a*
- A. Goes out to the _____ world.
 - B. Bearing _____ by _____ lives.
 - C. The Good News is the story of God's _____.
 - D. _____ through:
 - 1. The help that you've _____ through Epaphras.
 - 2. _____ for you.
- III. More _____ leads to More _____ – *Colossians 1:9b-10*
- A. God's _____, Spiritual _____, Spiritual _____ = one package.
 - B. Changes _____.
 - C. Changes life _____.
 - D. _____ the Lord.
 - E. _____ good fruit of every _____.
- IV. Living a _____ and _____ life. – *Colossians 1:11-14*
- A. _____ by God's glorious power.
 - B. _____ and _____ become evident.
 - C. _____ and _____ become dominant.
 - D. A _____ becomes a powerful tool in the hands of God.
 - 1. Transformed from _____ to _____.
 - 2. Living in _____ and _____.