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NEWSLETTER

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Doing God's Will, Brings Satan's Scorn *Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro*

If you were driving down the street and your eyes could suddenly see things that you never saw before, how would you react? For instance, if you could see two churches, one block away from each other and see what was on their roofs, what would you feel? On the first church you saw many, many demons all over the roof. On the second church you saw only one demon on the roof. Which church would you stay away from?

Many might choose to stay away from the church with the many, many demons on the roof. I, for one, would want to be in the church where there are many, many demons on it. This is because it probably takes an army to attack that church because it is operating in the power of the Lord and the Holy Spirit. In the other church it takes only one demon to attack, because it is hardly doing anything for the Lord.

My belief is that whenever you are seeking to be obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ, you can expect Satan to be so unhappy that he is going to attack you in whatever way that he can. Valley Isle Fellowship and each individual in the church are diligently seeking to be pleasing unto the Lord.

The story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness can be found in Matthew 4. When Jesus is at His weakest point and as He is coming to the most empowering point in His life, Satan attacks Him. In the story of the apostles moving out to ministry in Acts 4, they get arrested and were warned not to speak about Jesus (Acts 4:18). The whole movement was in danger



of annihilation, if the apostles yielded to the threats of the authorities to keep silent. "But Peter and John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him?" (Acts 4:19 [NLT]). These men risked everything when they said, "We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20 [NLT])

If Satan would attack Jesus and the Apostles, don't you think that he would not hesitate to attack you? After all, many of his attacks on others have succeeded in ending people's faithfulness to the Lord. Satan will lie, cheat, deceive, and frighten people to tempt them into giving up all of their efforts for the Lord. One of the strongest weapons that he will use is fear. The next strongest tool that he will use is to get you to think more about yourself than about God. When we become self-centered, Satan has won a great victory.

The greatest tool that Jesus uses to keep and direct us is His love for us. He loves us so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die on the cross for us. He loves us so much that He is intimately involved in all that we do, no matter what we do. He loves us so much that He extends His forgiveness and grace to us every time we sincerely ask for forgiveness. No matter how far we may try to run from Him, He is always only a prayer away.

One of the verses in the Children's song, *Jesus Loves Me*, says, "Jesus loves me, loves me still, though I'm very weak and ill, He will love me from above, Let's His little child come in." Then the chorus goes, "Yes, Jesus Loves me, Yes, Jesus Loves me, Yes, Jesus Loves me, the Bible tells me so." Yes, Jesus' love for us is the strongest weapon that He uses to pursue us and to provide for us.

Whenever, you find yourself in the midst of a tremendous battle, remember how much He loves you and then remember all of the promises that He has given to us because of His love. Do you realize that He has never broken any of His promises to anyone? He loves you and He will keep all of His promises to you.

I would rather be in the middle of all of Satan's armies and have only Jesus with me than to be in the midst of the greatest army on earth but have Jesus absent from my side. Being in the midst of a great battle means that Satan must not like what Jesus is about to do in and through our lives. We must keep our eyes focused on the author and finisher of our faith in order that He might lead us to battles great and mighty.

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Remember that during times of great struggle, the greatest victories are around the corner. With the greatest struggles, come the greatest victories.

"He is able, more than able, to accomplish what concerns me today. He is able, more than able, to handle anything that comes my way. He is able, more than able, to do much more than I could ever dream. He is able, more than able to make me what He wants me to be." Henry Smith penned these words several years ago and they are still applicable today more than ever. Remember that Jesus Loves You!!!

PHILIPPINE SPRING MISSION 2015- A CALL TO PRAYER

Please continue to pray for the Spring Mission Trip

Schedule: March 28- April 12 2015

Mission Focus: EVANGELISM, MEDICAL MISSION, CONSTRUCTION

We are always looking for supplies. The boxes have been sent, but Vince can carry 50 pounds with him on the airlines when he goes. Supplies needed for adults and children: Multivitamins, Ibuprofen/Tylenol, cold remedies (non liquid), antibiotic cream, anti allergy medication, and anti diarrheal medication. Thank you so much for your support.

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if is not accompanied by action, is dead."



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Don't Follow Your Heart

Jon Bloom



“Follow your heart” is a creed embraced by billions of people. It’s a statement of faith in one of the great pop cultural myths of the Western world; a gospel proclaimed in many of our stories, movies, and songs.

Essentially, it’s a belief that your heart is a compass inside of you that will direct you to your own true north if you just have the courage to follow it. It says that your heart is a true guide that will lead you to true happiness if you just have the courage to listen to it. The creed says that you are lost and your heart will save you.

This creed can sound so simple and beautiful and liberating. For lost people it’s a tempting gospel to believe.

Is This the Leader You Want to Follow?

Until you consider that your heart has sociopathic tendencies. Think about it for a moment. What does your heart tell you?

Please don’t answer. Your heart has likely said things today that you would not wish to repeat. I know mine has. My heart tells me that all of reality ought to serve my desires. My heart likes to think the best of me and worst of others — unless those others happen to think well of me, then they are wonderful people. But if they don’t think well of me, or even if they just disagree with me, well then, something is wrong with them. And while my heart is pondering my virtues and others’ errors, it can suddenly find some immoral or horribly angry thought very attractive.

The “follow your heart” creed certainly isn’t found in the Bible. The Bible actually thinks our hearts have a disease: “the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9). Jesus, the Great Physician, lists the grim symptoms of this disease: “out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander” (Matthew 15:19). This is not leadership material.

The truth is, no one lies to us more than our own hearts. No one. If our hearts are compasses, they are Jack Sparrow compasses. They don’t tell us the truth, they just tell us what we want. If our hearts are guides, they are Gothels. They are not benevolent, they are pathologically selfish. In fact, if we do what our hearts tell us to do we will pervert and impoverish every desire, every beauty, every person, every wonder, and every joy. Our hearts want to consume these things for our own self-glory and self-indulgence.

No, our hearts will not save us. We need to be saved from our hearts.

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Our hearts were never designed to be followed, but to be led. Our hearts were never designed to be gods in whom we believe; they were designed to believe in God.

No, our hearts will not save us. We need to be saved from our hearts.

If we make our hearts gods and ask them to lead us, they will lead us to narcissistic misery and ultimately damnation. They cannot save us, because what's wrong with our hearts is the heart of our problem. But if our hearts believe in God, as they are designed to, then God saves us (Hebrews 7:25) and leads our hearts to exceeding joy (Psalm 43:4).

Therefore, don't believe in your heart; direct your heart to believe in God. Don't follow your heart; follow Jesus. Note that Jesus did not say to his disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled, just believe in your hearts." He said, "Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God; believe also in me" (John 14:1).

So though your heart will try to shepherd you today, do not follow it. It is not a shepherd. It is a pompous sheep that, due to remaining sin, has some wolf-like qualities. Don't follow it, and be careful even listening to it. Remember, your heart only tells you what you want, not where you should go. So only listen to it to note what it's telling you about what you want, and then take your wants, both good and evil, to Jesus as requests and confessions.

Jesus is your shepherd (Psalm 23; John 10). Listen to his voice in his word and follow him (John 10:27). Let him be, in the words of a great hymn, the "heart of [your] own heart whatever befall." He is the truth; he is the way, and he will lead you to life (John 14:6).

This article can be found at <http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/don-t-follow-your-heart>

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Requested by Pastor Jeremy Kaneshiro

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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS TOGETHER!

Pastor Stephen & Clarice will be traveling to the Big Island from August 8th—19th to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

A TIME OF CELEBRATION AND FELLOWSHIP

A TIME OF CELEBRATION AND FELLOWSHIP:

TODAY marks VIF moving to one morning service and a new emphasis that will empower us all to be more like Jesus in thought, word, and deed. We are wanting you to be treated to a time of great fellowship as we celebrate what God is about to do in our lives. We ask that you come with a spirit of anticipation. God bless you all.

Today's Schedule March 15, 2015

7:00 AM	Set-up
9:00 AM	Worship Service
10:30 AM	Luncheon/ Fellowship
12 noon	Teardown

No Sunday School or childcare

Today's Menu

Mandarin Chicken Salad
(Qty: 15)

Mini Spam Musubi Bento
(Qty: 20)

Misoyaki Butterfish Bento
(Qty: 25)

**Korean Chicken & Terri Beef
Combo**
(Qty: 90)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Be in the Know. Join
OUR TEXT ALERTS.

To receive messages via text, text
@mrvif to **81010**. You can opt-out
of messages at anytime by replying,
'unsubscribe @mrvif'.

Trouble using 81010? Try texting
@mrvif to **(808)670-3442** in-
stead.

Standard text message rates apply.

EASTER SUNDAY



Sign-UP ON BACK TABLE

SURF'S UP!

Join the surf ministry on **Sunday, March 22nd** at
1000 Peaks, Ukumehame from **12pm—4pm**. All
levels from beginner to advanced welcome!
Don't have a board? We have extras!

For more information contact:
Daryl Quenga at 808-357-4694 or
dqbeachboy@gmail.com

easter sunday

Easter is quickly approaching. The Special Events
Team has decided to have a Sunrise Service at
6am (weather permitting) and our Easter Service
at Wailuku Elementary at 9am, with a potluck to
follow. **Sign-up** for the potluck in the back of the
cafeteria.

You will need to bring your own chairs to the Sun-
rise Service as we will be out in the open and there
will be very minimal set-up & tear-down.

Schedule:

- 6 am—Sunrise Service
 - Weather permitting
 - Bring a chair
- 9 am—Easter Service
 - Potluck Lunch to follow.



CHANGES ARE COMING!

EFFECTIVE MARCH 22, 2015



Starting on Sunday, March 22nd, during the Sunday School hour, the adults will be going to the Lord in prayer. We will be gathering in the cafeteria after the tables are returned to their rightful places. We will be gathering in groups, no larger than 8 persons, around the tables. Prayer facilitators will be leading you into praying in a manner that will touch the heart of God and move our church, community, nation, and world. Please make plans to join us in this very powerful time with the Lord.

Discontinuing Child Care

We will be discontinuing childcare, starting **March 22nd**, due to having continued difficulty with recruiting and sustaining an adequate volunteer workforce. When we are able to grow and sustain a good workforce, and therefore, provide an excellent child care ministry, we will restart this important ministry. Thank you for your love and understanding.

NEW SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE MARCH 22ND

- 7:00 AM.....Set-up
- 9:00 AM.....Worship Service (no child care)
- 10:30 AM.....Sunday School

Weekly Prayer Meetings Changed from Wednesdays to Mondays:

On **March 16, 2015** Weekly Prayer Meetings will be on Mondays (at 3 different times):

10:00 AM 3:00 PM 6:30 PM

The 3 times are to give as many people as possible the opportunity to participate in this very important ministry. We want to encourage everyone to come and get involved in prayer that prays down the will of heaven. **Matthew 6:10b (NLT)** ... *May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.* God bless and keep you all.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



CRISIS CARE MINISTRY
Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro
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Pregnancy
Center*

of Maui

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HOW CAN YOU HELP? CHECK OUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES!

Look on page 9 for more information on
these ministries.



Handyman Ministry
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244-0865

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CRISIS CARE MINISTRY

There is a need to minister to our community, and church, through Crisis Care Ministries. This ministry will literally help people during times of crisis. As you know, crisis seems to pop-up during the most inconvenient times. If you would like to find out more information, and/or you are ready to be trained and activated, please get in touch with Pastor Stephen at 419-8100.

Malama Pregnancy Center

This non-profit organization depends on the talents of many and the support of friends. They do not accept government funding and provide their services free of charge to our island ohana.

Services offered are:

Pregnancy Tests
Options Counseling w/Trained Peer Counselors
Post Abortion Care Group
Practical & Emotional Support
Referrals to additional Resources & Agencies
All services are strictly confidential & free of charge.

You can come alongside this amazing ministry by donating of your time & talents and/or your finances. Here are some ways you can volunteer (training is provided).

Volunteer positions:

Front Desk
Client Advocates
Fundraising Team Members

Contact the center for more information.
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www.mpcmaui.org



DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEERS

David Blair, a member of Lahaina Baptist Church, is the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention's Disaster Relief Coordinator for Maui. He is encouraging each church to begin getting members prepared to help during times of need.

If you are interested, please fill out the survey form at the back table and drop it in one of the Offering Bowls or get it to our office. You will be notified when training will be offered in the areas that you express interest in. This would give you another opportunity to share Jesus Christ with people that you might never have the opportunity to except through these relief efforts. God bless you as you consider this important opportunity.

Handyman Ministry

Andy Sniffen (264-0526) is willing to direct a ministry that will reach out to members of VIF, and the community, who are in need of help with simple repairs. This ministry would give us the opportunity to share Jesus Christ with both members and non-members. This group would also be called upon to help with repairs around the church. Call Andy and get involved.

Valley Isle Fellowship 2015 Calendar

March 2015

- 15 9 am - Pastor Stephen—Godly Fellowship
10:30 am - Luncheon/Fellowship
6 PM - Pastor Jeremy
- 16 10 am - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary
3 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary
- 18 6:30pm - Youth Group @ Sanctuary
- 22 9 AM - Pastor Stephen—Prayer, Foundation not
Optional
10:30 am - Sunday School @ High Street
Property & Adult Prayer Time @
Cafeteria
12 pm—4 pm - Surf Ministry at 1000 Peaks in
Ukumehame
6 pm - Pastor Darren
- 23 10 am - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary
3 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary
- 25 6:30pm - Youth Group @ Sanctuary
- 26 Prince Kuhio Day—Office Closed

- 29 9 AM - Pastor Stephen—Intentional Living
Lord's Supper
10:30 am - Sunday School @ High Street
Property & Adult Prayer Time @
Cafeteria
6 pm - Pastor Jeremy

April 2015

- 03 Good Friday—Office Closed
- 04 Easter Sunday Workday
- 05 6 am - Sunrise Service @ Waikapu Property
9 am - Pastor Stephen—Easter—The Irony of the
Cross
10:30 am - Potluck Luncheon
6 pm - Pastor Stephen



Today's Worship Songs

Better Than Life

All I Am

How Great Is Our God

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

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

Service - 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10:30 am

Children & Youth Sunday School at High Street property

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

VIF Church Sanctuary
6:00 pm



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Godly Fellowship

Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

Hebrews 10:23-31

I. Godly Fellowship _____ each other: (**Hebrews 10:23-24**)

- A. to _____ that God can be _____ to keep His promises.
- B. to _____ on to without _____.
- C. to acts of _____ and _____.
- D. Matthew 7:13-14

The New Middle Road by Francis Chan:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7MdYV8gRws>

II. Godly Fellowship is not to be _____: (**Hebrews 10:25**)

- A. meeting & fellowshiping with each other is _____.
- B. this fellowship is immersed in _____ one another to be _____.
- C. _____ because the day of His return is _____.

III. Godly Fellowship fights against _____: (**Hebrews 10:26-31**)

- A. deception of _____.
 - don't keep on sinning.
- B. deception of _____.
 - don't keep on deliberately sinning.
- C. deception that God's _____ is not for _____.
- D. David Platt's *Why Many Christians are Deceived*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xG_4LuyLZE

IV. Godly Fellowship is founded in _____