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Feeling Worn & Discouraged “...keep loving, trusting & serving God.”

Have you ever felt so tired and weary that you just wanted to give up and rest? Has the level of discouragement ever gotten you to the breaking point? Have you ever thought, “Why did I ever say ‘yes’ to this?” Although you are not alone,

I want you to take hope in the Lord and in Him alone! Look at Isaiah 35:3-4.

Isaiah 35:3 & 4 (NLT) With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees. Say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your

enemies. He is coming to save you.” I want to encourage you to keep loving, trusting & serving God. Remember what the Bible teaches us:

1. You can keep loving & trusting God, because the Bible says so. Philippians 4:13 (NLT) “For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”

2. In spite of what you may be going through, God still has great & marvelous plans for you. Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

3. God’s desire for you is to have joy and fulfillment be a consuming part of your life. John 10:10 (NLT) “The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”

4. Finally, even the trials, challenges, and discouragements of life can be used mightily by God if we just let Him have His way in our lives. 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10 (NLT) “So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me

and keep me from becoming proud. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Therefore, we may be very tired and worn. We may be very discouraged and disappointed. But God has not left us and will see us through. We have to realize that we are at War with Satan and all of his evil forces in this world. Therefore, we have to be soldiers of the Lord who will not give up in the battle to bring glory, honor, and majesty to the Lord God Almighty. My prayer for you is that you will all be like Paul and his partners in Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NLT) “We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.”

God bless you all as you continue to fight the fight of Faith. May the Lord guide you, strengthen you, and encourage you so that you will bring glory and honor to Him.

Yours in Christ,
Stephen Kaneshiro

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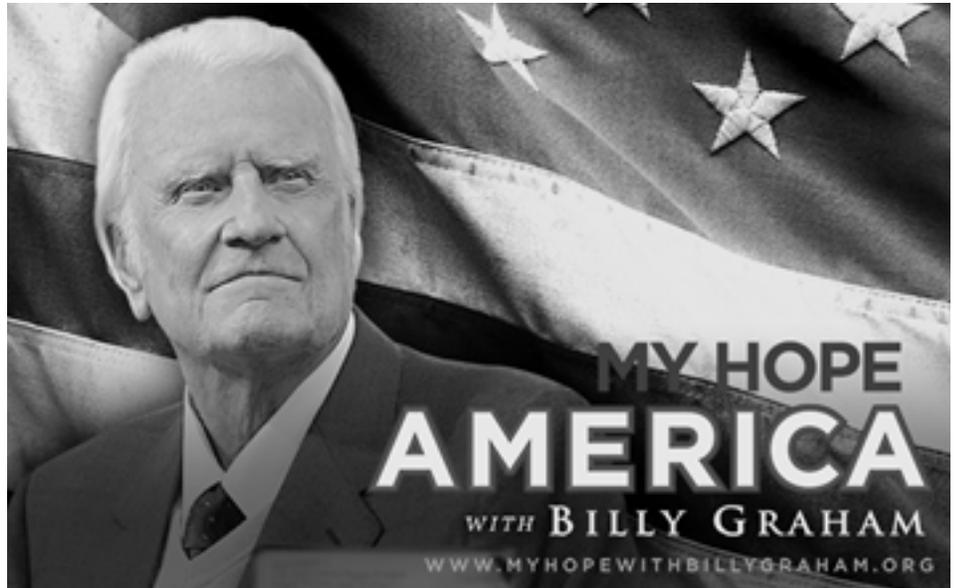
Meet a Need to Share the Gospel

Be the hands and feet that share God's love in a practical way

"How should we share the gospel?"



Read Luke 10:25-37. Someone responded back to what Jesus said and asked, "Who is my neighbor that you said I should show love to?" Jesus pointed out that it is those who are in need. He said to be like the Samaritan man who had compassion on the person who was physically injured. His compassion led him to not just help a little, but to go over and above, to see that the man who was injured would come back to full recovery. Jesus is calling us today to meet people's needs as well. However, he wants us to go over and above that. What separates the church from any non-profit organization that meets people's needs out of love? Everyone has two main needs, a physical and spiritual need. The spiritual need is a relationship with God. Mankind once had that but now have sin in our lives that prevents that and we cannot get rid of it on our own. The answer to that spiritual need is the Gospel of Jesus. Only the church has the opportunity to provide that. So how can we share the Good News of Christ to people in our community that have such busy lives that



may reflect even our own? The answer is, "Meet a need to share the Gospel." When you meet a need you will be sharing Jesus in two ways. You will share Jesus by your love with your hands and feet and you will share the Good News of Jesus with your heart and voice. Trust God to give you the courage to impact another life to present the opportunity for a changed life in Christ. Be a Good Samaritan to someone this week. Go to YouTube and type in, "How should we share the gospel?" by Greg Laurie (3min.)

Pastor Darren

My Hope America

Next Sunday, September 22nd, will be a

special day. All across America, churches will be taking a special offering to support My Hope for America. Already 22,000 churches have signed up and are getting prepared. Also, 100,000 homes all across America have also committed to open to allow God's Spirit to move through them. We have also committed to be a part of this tremendous effort and so far we have only a few homes committed to be used. We are praying for more homes in VIF to open up. All of this special offering will go to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Your checks should be made out to Valley Isle Fellowship and we will then cut one check to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association from our church. Please be in prayer about what God desires of you. God bless you.

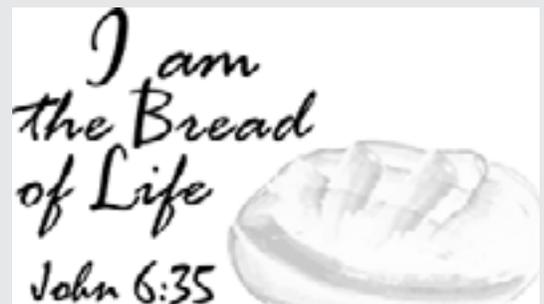
**"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."
2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)**

“What will save? Feasting or working?”

John 6:22-59

1. Jesus was not interested in _____ but divine _____. (vs. 22-25)
2. Physical need often masks our true _____ need. (vs. 26-27)
3. They focused on what _____ they could do and not on _____ stood before them. (vs. 28-29)
4. Trusting in works lead to trusting in _____ and not in _____. (30-34)
5. _____ quenches our deepest spiritual _____. (35)
6. Salvation is a work of _____ not _____. (36-40)
7. Familiarity can _____ from true _____. (41-42)
8. The Old Testament Manna was a _____ of the true _____ from _____. (43-51)
9. Biblical faith is _____ on the _____ of life. (52-59)

Notes:



If you would like a CD Copy of today's message, call the church office. The cost is \$1 per CD. You may also listen and/or download the message from our website at www.vifmaui.com for free!

To bring glory and honor to God

A New Preaching Series for Sunday Evenings

After weeks of prayer and discussion, your staff is being led to begin a new preaching series on Sunday Evenings starting in October. Pastor Darren will begin the series on October 6th with a message entitled, "Building a People of Character." Pastor Jeremy will then bring a message entitled, "Building a Church that Glorifies the Lord," on October 13th. Pastor Stephen will bring a message entitled, "Building a Church for the Generations and for the Culture," on October 20th. Pastor Darren will close this series out with a message entitled, "Building a Church of Prayer," on October 27th.

Then Pastor Jeremy will begin another series on Prayer with a message entitled, "Prayer that Changes the World," on November 3rd. This will be followed by other messages like, "Prayer that Revives the Soul," "Prayer that Exalts Jesus," "Prayer that Protects the Church," "Praying for Those Who Will be Saved," "Praying for Valley Isle Fellowship," and finally "Praying for Maui County."

The vision that God has placed on our hearts is to use Sunday Evenings to help to build and mature the people of God in Valley Isle Fellowship to be able to maximize their efforts to bring glory and honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is with this hope and prayer that we want to encourage all of you to join with us on Sunday Evenings as we journey together to be built into a people that can advance the cause of Jesus Christ through any and all trials and challenges that might come upon us. Let us grow to be like "iron sharpening iron" to each other. God bless you all.



Choices Results in Consequences

Genesis 29 & 30

1. What goes _____, comes _____ – Jacob fooled into marrying Leah. - Matthew 7:1-2
 - A. Living a life of _____, yields a life of _____.
 - B. How you _____ others impacts how others _____ you.
 - C. How you _____ the Treasures of the Lord impacts how the Lord will deal with you.

2. The parents' sins are _____ down to the 4th _____ – The problem of seeking to fulfill God's plans your way. - Exodus 20:5
 - A. Your _____ will impact your children & grandchildren.
 - B. You will be an _____ – the real question is: "What kind of _____ will you be?"
 - C. Your life does and will _____ other lives.

3. Living in the _____ Phase – Living in Paddan-Aran under the authority of Laban. - Luke 23:41-43
 - A. _____ a just pronouncement.
 - B. _____ through the penalty.
 - C. _____ to be redeemed and as one who has been redeemed.

Notes:



Sifted & Tested

Altering our response to glorify God

We have been exploring new opportunities and resources to share with you. Our desire is to resource you so that you will grow into lovingly obedient people of the Lord who with an effective and spirit filled life will consistently bring glory and honor to Him. As we have tried to allow the Lord to guide us and direct us, Pastor Wayne Cordeiro of New Hope Oahu is one that the Lord is using to inspire us and lead us to see important issues with a new perspective.



A very powerful message by Pastor Wayne can be found at the following link. In this message, he illustrates his teaching with his relevant personal testimony. Sifted and tested is something that will certainly be a part of all Christians' lives and knowing how to handle these trying times is so important to live in a way that will glorify the Lord. Check out this video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqTfz50MJ9o>

Another message by Pastor Wayne was brought to his church on August 25, 2013. As you know, their church is being litigated against for short changing Farrington High School. Pastor Wayne is also voicing his concerns over the legalization of Gay Marriages. He has some very compelling insights that we all need to consider. Then finally, New Hope is seeking after the heart of God in regards to obtaining a permanent facility for their church. This very powerful message will give you some great insights in how to trust God in very trying times. Our character will greatly influence how we will behave in private and in public.

Finally, Pastor Josh Patterson who is the Lead Pastor of Village Church spoke on the topic "He Must Increase, I Must Decrease." This message was meant for Pastors and other Church Leaders, but I believe you can relate to what is being said here. When this message was drawing to a close, it reminded me of Mark 9:28-29 (NLT) "Afterward, when Jesus was alone in the house with his disciples, they asked him, "Why couldn't we cast out that evil spirit?" Jesus replied, "This kind can be cast out only by prayer."



<https://www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv=XBw56e180gY>

Dear people of Valley Isle Fellowship. We cannot alter the circumstances that fall all around us. However, we can alter our response to it so that God increases, in spite of us decreasing. My prayer for all of us, including myself, is that in all circumstances, we will bring glory and honor to the Lord. God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,
Stephen Kaneshiro

Calendar

September	October
15 Sun ■ 8am Service : Pastor Jeremy - John 6:22-59 ■ 945am Service : Pastor Jeremy - John 6:22-59 ⬡ 6pm Service : Pastor Stephen - Genesis 29 & 30	1 Tues
16 Mon	2 Wed ⬡ 630pm: Youth Group - Sanctuary ⬡ 7pm: Prayer Meeting in Annex
17 Tues	3 Thurs
18 Wed ⬡ 630pm: Youth Group - Sanctuary ⬡ 7pm: Prayer Meeting in Annex	4 Fri
19 Thurs	5 Sat
20 Fri	6 Sun ■ 8am Service : Pastor Jeremy - John 7:25-39 ■ 945am Service : Pastor Jeremy - John 7:25-39 ⬡ 6pm Service : Pastor Darren - Building a People of Character
21 Sat	7 Mon
22 Sun ■ 8am Service : Pastor Stephen - John 6:60-71 ■ 945am Service : Pastor Stephen - John 6:60-71 ⬡ 6pm Service : Pastor Darren - Genesis 31	8 Tues
23 Mon	9 Wed ⬡ 630pm: Youth Group - Sanctuary ⬡ 7pm: Prayer Meeting in Annex
24 Tues	10 Thurs
25 Wed ⬡ 630pm: Youth Group - Sanctuary ⬡ 7pm: Prayer Meeting in Annex	11 Fri
26 Thurs	12 Sat ⬡ 11am: Keri Kiesling Baby Shower
27 Fri	13 Sun ■ 8am Service : Pastor Stephen - John 7:40-53 ■ 945am Service : Pastor Stephen - John 7:40-53 ⬡ 6pm Service : Pastor Jeremy - Building a Church That Glorifies The Lord
28 Sat ⬡ 2/3 World Ministry Yard Sale - High St Property ○ Surf Ministry	14 Mon
29 Sun ■ 8am Service : Pastor Darren - John 7:1-24 ■ 945am Service : Pastor Darren - John 7:1-24 ⬡ 6pm Service : Pastor Jeremy - Genesis 32:1-21	15 Tues
30 Mon	16 Wed ⬡ 630pm: Youth Group - Sanctuary ⬡ 7pm: Prayer Meeting in Annex
	17 Thurs
	18 Fri

Legend

- Wailuku El
- ⬡ High St Property
- Other Location

Announcements

2/3 World Ministry Yard Sale – On Saturday, September 28, we will have a joint yard sale with 2/3 World Ministries on the annex yard. This is an opportunity for you to clean out that closet and make a donation to the Lord's work. 2/3 of the profits will go to 2/3 World Ministries and 1/3 of the profits will be used for our development program.

Baby Shower for Keri Kiesling — Come and join us as we enjoy food (**potluck** affair), games and a devotional to celebrate the new life forming within Keri Kiesling on Saturday, October 12th at the church sanctuary starting at 11am. **Please RSVP** to Helen Yoshizawa at 242-9113.

Youth Fundraiser – Interested in supporting the Youth Ministry and helping the environment? The Youth are collecting empty ink cartridges or toners from your computer printer for recycling to support their various activities. You may drop off your empty cartridges in the lime green plastic bin by the door in the sanctuary.

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