



Fighting the “Good Fight” by Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT) *For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.* This is a very important passage for all of us to remember and understand. Fear can and will cripple you if you let it. This verse says that fear does not come from God, for it says that “*God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity...*” Question: If fear does not come from God, then where or whom does it come from? The obvious answer is that it comes from Satan. Therefore, submitting or yielding to fear and timidity means submitting or yielding to Satan.

1 Timothy 6:11-14 (NLT) ¹¹*But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.* ¹²*Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses.* ¹³*And I charge you before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who gave a good testimony before Pontius Pilate,* ¹⁴*that you obey this command without wavering. Then no one can find fault with you from now until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.*

In this passage, in verse 12, it says that we are to “*Fight the good fight for the true faith.*” Dear people, we need to fight against the spirit of fear and timidity. We cannot and should not let it just run over us. This passage really tells us how to wage this battle and fight against fear, timidity, and all evil.

1. We need to run from “all these evil things” (v. 11). This means that you need to be quick about fleeing from all evil. You cannot and should not linger around things that are evil. You need to put as much space between you and evil as possible. Too many people play too closely with evil, thinking that as long as they don’t yield to evil, it is OK. This passage is saying that it is foolish to treat evil in this way. It says that you need to run from it.

2. We need to then “*Pursue righteous-*

ness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.” The word “pursue” carries the sense of putting all of your efforts into it. This mindset is so very important in fighting against evil. We all need to put all of our efforts into making righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness a very big part of our lives. By letting these elements become ingrained into our lives, we will be rejecting all the things that Satan will try to destroy us with.

3. We must also “*hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you.*” This means that we have to concentrate and fight fatigue and distraction so that we will not let it go. As I was growing up, I played Pop Warner Football for several years. In my first year, as a running back, I had the tendency to fumble the football a lot. One of the things that my coach did was give me a football to carry around at all times. The coach was trying to get me to concentrate on handling, feeling, and controlling the football. I was on the 3rd team, but the coach worked with me for that whole year. By the next year, I did much better because I was now “holding tightly ...” to that football. We need to hold tightly to eternal life.

4. Finally, we are to “*obey this command without wavering.*” Remember that if we love the Lord then we will obey him. We need to be consistent and stop wavering. The more mature we become in the Lord, the more consistent we be-

come in loving and obeying our Lord.

Valley Isle Fellowship is being given opportunities to put into practice all of these lessons of faith. The tough times in our lives always present us with the opportunity to exercise our love and faith. **Philippians 4:4 (KJV)** *Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.* This verse tells us that we are not to get devastated by the crisis that fall upon us. We need to rise above all of the situations that fall upon us and be Christ-like no matter what the circumstances may be. In VIF we are being presented with challenging situations and we must therefore have the mindset of power, love, and self-discipline. We need to fight the good fight so that Jesus Christ will reign in our lives. God bless you all as you fight the good fight.

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Making Disciples: Pre or Post?

Pastor Darren Sarmiento

When it comes to making disciples, have you ever questioned if it is pre-discipleship or post-discipleship? What I'm saying is, when it comes to making disciples is it before they come to Christ or after coming to Christ? I truly believe that making disciples encompasses both a pre-discipleship *and* post-discipleship, not either or. Let me explain by looking at a Christian who is missional. Pre-discipleship is when a Christian, that is missional, has his or her life set on letting the world see what it looks like to



have a relationship with Jesus. A Christian who is missional will go and *intentionally build relationships with people through different venues or avenues* so that people may have the opportunity to see, taste, touch, smell and hear what it's like to have this relationship with Jesus. The best way to see that is up close and personal. They also get to see how we give Him our worries and cares, seek wisdom, strength, encouragement, perseverance, forgiveness and purpose. A Christian who is missional wants to show love and care, but, most of all a missional Christian wants the chance to share the gospel with people. In fact, it is because of the gospel that the Christian is showing love and care towards people and that is a pre-discipleship lifestyle.

Post-discipleship is when a Christian, who is missional, has shared the gospel with people and finds it a privilege and opportunity to help those to follow, love and obey Jesus once they have believed in Him. In essence, they are helping these new believers to build an intimate relationship with Jesus so that their personal relationship with Him will be seen and known by others.

To *begin* to make disciples you need to live a pre-discipleship lifestyle. To *continue* to make disciples you need to live a post-discipleship lifestyle. Having both a pre and post-discipleship lifestyle is when you are investing in others and it will continue to spread and multiply in more and more people. Thus, you will be making disciples.



PHILIPPINE SPRING MISSION 2015- A CALL TO PRAYER

Two Thirds World Network is once again putting together a mission in the Philippines this Spring. Please begin praying how God may use you to impact lives for Jesus Christ in the Philippines. God is amazing the way he uses us to love like Jesus in our backyards and across oceans. Often we go in thinking we will be an instrument in God's Hands to change other's lives when in reality we find that it is our life that is changed. Won't you seriously consider joining us this Spring to see how God can work in miraculous ways for His Glory? We would love to have YOU!!

Tentative Schedule: March 28- April 12, 2015

Mission Focus: EVANGELISM, MEDICAL MISSION, CONSTRUCTION

If interested or would like more information: please contact Vince Bagoyo 357-3842

ANNOUNCEMENTS



VIF FOOD PANTRY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They

worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved." ACTS 2:42-47

The vision of the VIF food Pantry is to live out Acts 2. Perhaps you and your family have a need. This FOOD PANTRY is for YOU! We, as a family, want to follow THE WORD and live life together. Come and grab a bag of groceries-your need is why the pantry exists. And while you're there-lets share a prayer giving GLORY to GOD as he grows us all in knowledge and grace.

Or perhaps you know someone in need-family or neighbors. This FOOD PANTRY is for YOU! It's so SIMPLE. We just look for opportunities to share the gospel with real and practical helps. And a bag of groceries in someone's life may be just the opportunity to supply a need, develop a relationship, and share the truth of God's Eternal love in the Gospel of Jesus.

Sunday, Jan 25, the pantry will be open to distribute a bag of groceries to members of our church, friends, and neighbors. The plan is to make ourselves available to both be the hands and feet of Jesus to meet practical needs, as well as to create opportunities to develop relationships and share the Gospel simply defined as God's perfect love for us in Jesus Christ.

Stop by the back of the church. Get a bag. Bring a friend or help identify someone who may be blessed by a visit and a bag of groceries. If you know anyone outside of our church with whom we can share the true gospel as we meet physical needs, let us know. God will use us all for His Glory as we live out Acts 2:42-47. We all have something to share as brothers and sisters in God's family.

Mahalo.
(thank you)

Mahalo nui loa for all of your generous contributions to the Lottie Moon offering. Your contributions, of \$2,700, are going to support the International Mission Board missionaries in spreading the Gospel across the world.



Are you interested in Women's Ministry?
Contact the church office to receive more information or talk to Flo Nakama.

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of people to volunteer to clean our church facilities on High Street. Tasks include:

Sanctuary/3 bathrooms:

1. Vacuum floors
2. Empty rubbish containers
3. Straighten room/dust as needed



Please sign-up in the back or call or email the church office if you'd like to help. We ask that you choose one day of the following: Thursday, Friday, OR Saturday of the week that you are able to volunteer to do the work.

If three people were to volunteer each week, it would take only about an hour or so to complete. By joining together in this task, we can have fellowship, fun, and bring glory and honor to the Lord. Please pray about this need.

Valley Isle Fellowship 2015 Calendar

January 2015

- 18 8:00 AM - Pastor Darren - "Inside Out Kind of Life"
9:45 AM—Business Session
PM - TBA
- 19 **Martin Luther King Jr Day: Office Closed**

Today's Worship Songs

This Is Amazing Grace

All I Am

Son of God



child care Schedule

Today

January 18, 2015

Team 2

Joycelyn Kiaha	Avery Yamada
Marion Kimura	Kaiani Kiaha
Elaine Yamasaki	Daniel Olaso

Next Week

January 25, 2015

Team 3

Rosie Quenga	McKenna Mendez
Vicky Quenga	Danica Cooley
Shalia Mendez	Dyllen Caolie

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Wailuku Elementary School Cafeteria
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1st Service - 8:00 am

Child care available at High Street property

2nd Service - 9:45 am

Children & Youth Sunday School at High Street property

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SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

VIF Church Sanctuary
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6:00 pm



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Inside Out Kind of Life

Pastor Darren Sarmiento

Mark 2:18-22 NLT

1. For the religious people.

- You can't have both _____ and _____.
- You can't have both _____ and _____.

2. For us today.

- You can't have both _____ and your _____ of life.

3. Understanding Jesus' examples:

- Old wineskins refer to your _____.
- New wineskins refer to your _____.
- New wine refers to your _____.

What will you get when you get Jesus? _____!

Notes: