



Reminded of What's Important by Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

Over the past 10 days I have been reminded of the priorities in life. Being reminded of what's important has given me a renewed passion to see Valley Isle Fellowship become all that God desires us to be. I wish and pray that I could say the right words to get all of us in VIF to become all that God desires us to be. I wish and pray that all that we say and do would bring nothing but glory and honor to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



I confess that it has been a difficult challenge to watch as my mother-in-law slowly slipped into the arms of our Lord. To see her suffer and then to finally be at peace was very difficult to watch. For me, what gave me strength to get through it all was the fact that I knew of Mom's deep love and commitment to Jesus Christ and I knew of the promises of Jesus in scripture. When one comes to the end of their life, the only thing that really matters is what one has done with Jesus. I know beyond a shadow of doubt that Mom loved the Lord and was committed to bringing Him glory and honor.

In 2004, Clarice and I left VIF to move to the Big Island. We were led there to begin a House Church Ministry. That ministry was called In Christ Alone House Church Ministries. We moved to Hilo in early August, just after my father-in-law had died. We moved in with Mom and my brother-in-law, Calvin. We began attending Kinoole Baptist Church, the home church of Calvin and Mom. After weeks of praying and seeking out the Lord, In Christ Alone was born in Mom's living room. This was a big move on Mom's part because it meant not only opening up her home and living room to us, but she also left Kinoole Baptist Church to join with us. Therefore, In Christ Alone House Church Ministries (ICA) was born in Mom's living room with Mom, Clarice, and I. My son Jeremy soon followed. Then my brother-in-law, Calvin, was led to join us after a few months.

always come when I focused on what we didn't have as a small house church. I missed the rich cooperate music worship experience. I missed the status of an established church with a rich history. I missed having more than just a handful of people to worship and minister with. I am sure that I must have passed these same misgivings on to the others in ICA.

Mom and Calvin were always an encouragement to me. They were able to help me to focus on what we had and to forget what we didn't have. We set out to help everyone to be set free in Christ Jesus to be all that He wanted us to be. A new freedom to live out all the commands of Jesus without having to feel like a square peg in a round hole. We set out to guide people into a relationship that was fully grounded in the Word of God so that we could live out all of the commands of our Lord. People began feeling and living out this new life with greater boldness than I was living. I began to see that we had gained more than we had lost. In fact, the gain was so great that 2 of these House Churches still continue today and their ministry to our family during

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I can tell you that it was scary for all of us because we didn't know what we were doing, but we all knew we were being obedient to the Lord in doing this. There were many times when I felt like I had led people down the wrong path into a sort of 2nd class Christian experience. Those thoughts would

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this time of challenge was simply spectacular.

I have come to learn so much during the past few years and most of the substantial learning has come through times of great challenge. I have learned that you can never be a 2nd class Christian as long as you love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind, and soul, and you lovingly obey Him in all that He desires and commands. I have also been reassured that the direction that VIF is moving towards is in the center of God's will for all of us. This direction will lead and encourage all of us to love the Lord with all of our hearts, minds, and souls and also to encourage us to lovingly obey Him.

These past 2 weeks in the life of my family has been difficult, but at the same time it has been very uplifting. Most importantly, it has reminded me of the bottom line, what's most important. As we stood by and watched as Mom slipped into the presence of God, a great deal of comfort was given to me by knowing that Mom loved the Lord and sought to be obedient to Him. Therefore, there was not a shadow of doubt that when Mom breathed her last breath here on earth, the next moment she would breathe the sweetness and glory of Heaven. She would be in the eternal presence of the Lord where there would be no more sorrow, grief, or tears. It is

all because of Mom's love and commitment to Jesus Christ. This is the bottom line. The bottom line for all of us and for Valley Isle Fellowship is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, mind, and soul and to obey Him with all of our love.

Thank you for allowing me to be away for these 2 weeks in order to be with my family during this time. I am now back in the saddle with a new commitment to accomplish all that the Lord has put before us. I am looking forward to continuing to work to bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ.

God bless you all.



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GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD. *In Everything Give Thanks!*

giving

Service 2014

How Can You Serve?

Sign up today to be a part of our special event on
Sunday, November 23rd, 2014

"Moving Chairs For God"

A Two Hour Ministry!

Your Help Is Needed For A Successful Service

**Thanksgiving Service
Sunday - Nov 23rd, 2014**

Please Contact: Clayton 264-3041

"Walking With God and Serving His People"

Find a sign-up sheet at the
back table

Preach to Yourself!

by Jeremy Kaneshiro

Psalm 77 (ESV)

<p>¹ I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me.</p> <p>² In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.</p> <p>³ When I remember God, I moan; when I meditate, my spirit faints. <i>Selah</i></p> <p>⁴ You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.</p> <p>⁵ I consider the days of old, the years long ago.</p> <p>⁶ I said, "Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart." Then my spirit made a diligent search:</p> <p>⁷ "Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable?</p> <p>⁸ Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time?</p> <p>⁹ Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" <i>Selah</i></p> <p>¹⁰ Then I said, "I will appeal to this, to the years of the right hand of the Most High."</p>	<p>¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.</p> <p>¹² I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.</p> <p>¹³ Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?</p> <p>¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.</p> <p>¹⁵ You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. <i>Selah</i></p> <p>¹⁶ When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled.</p> <p>¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side.</p> <p>¹⁸ The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.</p> <p>¹⁹ Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen.</p> <p>²⁰ You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.</p>
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This psalm was a community psalm; a lament that the people of God would repeat in times of trouble. There is a communal and personal component to this psalm as this was a corporate thing to be recited but also an individual lament in which the individuals would see themselves as part of the community, not as separate individuals. In verses 1-4 the author cries out to the Lord to meet them in their trouble. I'm sure that everyone reading this can identify with this psalmist as we have all have had dark times where in our searching for God our "souls refused to be comforted," "our spirit faints," we have lost sleep (vs. 4), and are "so troubled that [we] cannot speak."

We have all been exactly where the psalmist found himself when he wrote this psalm but what I want to point out is how the psalmist confronts the darkness and pain. Look at verses 5-6 where he begins to recount the Lord's past deeds. As he recounts and remembers the songs of old, unbelief creeps in and he cries out in verses 7-9, wondering out loud if the Lord is vindictive forever, if the Lord's steadfast love forever ceased, if His promises have ended, if He has forgotten how to be gracious, and if His anger is so great that He has ceased to be compassionate. These questions are often the same questions that I have found myself wondering at times because it seems as if my circumstances and present situations

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don't prove those questions wrong. Have you ever been here, wondering and questioning God's faithfulness and love towards you? I'm sure you have because we allow our circumstances, the lies we tell ourselves and even satan's lies to speak louder than God's promises.

Look at how the author of Psalm 77 confronts the unbelief of his own heart in verse 10-20. He tells himself "I will appeal to this, to the years of the right hand of the Most High." In verse 10 and then from verses 11-15 he recounts "his wonders of old," "mighty deeds," "the God who works wonders," and "with your arm redeemed your people." He recounts how God was faithful and powerful in the past and how He redeemed His people.

Look at verses 16-20. The psalmist remembers God's power and glory revealed at the crossing of the red sea by Moses and the people of Israel. The waters were afraid and obeyed His commands, there was thunder, lightning, a whirlwind and the earth trembled and shook. A path was created through "the great waters" as God led His people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

In his battle of his soul he fights the battle of unbelief and despair doing two things: First, remembrance of God's faithfulness to His people and secondly God's power. The author remembers the Red Sea but as the author of Hebrews states in 11:40, "*since God has provided something better for us,*" and in Hebrews 12:18-29 he says the same thing... we have something far more powerful and glorious to recount and remember than the Red Sea. Look at Hebrews 12:22-24, "*but you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly*

of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel."

Do you get that? Let us learn from the Psalmist and the author of Hebrews! In the depths of depression, in the frustration of our finances or the despair of death, let us recount a more glorious picture and truth of God and what He has done and accomplished for the redeemed. Let us remember that we no longer have to fear coming to our Father because of the blood of Jesus Christ...because the blood of Jesus speaks a better word than Abel. Let us remember that we are already enrolled, seated in Heaven because of what Jesus accomplished. Let us remember that we are righteous forever because of Jesus' blood. Let us remember that our God doesn't forgot us and abandon us (Hebrews 13:5). Let us remember that our God sings over us because He sings over Jesus (Zephaniah 3:17). Let us remember that all suffering and pain is God's gracious hand to show us more of Him and His power in us (2 Corinthians 12:1-10).

If you are struggling in your walk as a Christian, if you are struggling to find passion and love for Jesus, or if you are apathetic to the Lord, scripture has some advice for you. Remember and recount God's love, grace, mercy, faithfulness and power displayed on the cross! Recount the justice God has displayed for your sins at the cross by dying for them! May you counsel yourself and appeal to your soul to remember His faithfulness and love as you remember the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

REMEMBER THE
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



MCBA Women's Missionary Union

Joy to the World

International
Mission Study 2014

What is Happening
in IVORY COAST?



WAR and PEACE

Abidjan was once known as the "Paris of West Africa," with its skyscrapers, boulevards, and economic stability.

Civil war splintered this peace in 2001 and plunged the city and all of Ivory Coast into a decade of violence and turmoil.

Through the 2014 International Mission Study, you can:

Learn how missionaries on the Ivory Coast confront the challenges of overwhelming need in an urban setting.

See how they are sharing the story of Jesus where Islam, Catholicism, and tribal religions hold sway over the lives of the people.

Realize how this redemptive truth can change lives, influence a city, and bring real peace.



December 6, 2014

Saturday

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Venue: Kahului Baptist Church

Lunch will be served.

World Craft items available for sale.

Please sign up at the back table of our Sunday AM Services or call/email the VIF office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LISTENING SESSION - TONIGHT!

We are strongly encouraging all official VIF Members to attend the **Listening Session TONIGHT at 6:00 pm at the VIF Sanctuary**. The the main topic to be presented and discussed is VIF's proposed 2015 budget and a by-law change. By attending tonight's meeting, you will be well informed of what to pray about for our **Annual Business Meeting on Nov 30th**. Please make every effort to be at these important church meetings. Thank you and God Bless.



"G" FORCE

"G" Force will meet from **9am-12pm** in the VIF Church Annex on **Saturday, November 15th**. "G" Force is for children who have completed Grade 1 up to Grade 5 and includes a service project, Bible study, games, and lunch.

PLEASE TURN IN SHOEBOXES BY NEXT SUNDAY

Please turn in your packed Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes by NEXT Sunday, November 16th, in order for us to deliver them on time to the collection facility. Also, don't forget to include the shipping label and \$7.00 which covers international shipping costs. For detailed instructions and shipping labels, pick up a "How to Pack Your Shoebox" brochure at the back table today!



SURF MINISTRY

Join the surf ministry **Sunday, November 16th** at Cove Beach in Kihei 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

THANKSGIVING @ WAIKAPU

(Times are tentative)

Saturday, Nov 22nd

- 7:30 am Tent Set-up*
- 9:00 am Moving Chairs*
- 4:00 pm Imu Prep*
- 10:00 pm Start Imu*

Sunday, Nov 23rd

- 6:30 am Uncover & Clear Out Imu*
- 7:00 am Shred & Pack Imu Meat
- 9:00 am Thanksgiving Worship Service**
- 10:30 am Potluck Fellowship Luncheon
- 12:00 pm Break down, Tent, Chairs, etc.*

*VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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.

****We are in great need of help for the 3rd and 4th weeks of December.***

child
care 

Schedule

Today

November 9, 2014

Team 3

Rosie Quenga

Vicky Quenga

Shalia Mendez

McKenna Mendez

Danica Cooley

Dyllan Coalie

Next Week

November 16, 2014

Team 4

Karen Fontanilla

Kolbe Fontanilla

Alysha Fontanilla

Judy Giron

Jaydee Giron

Jules Giron



High Street Cleaning Schedule

Week of Nov 13-15

Waki, Hashimoto

Week of Nov 20-22

Tappan

Week of Nov 27-29

Mattos



Today's Worship Songs

I Will Boast

My Savior, My God

Lord I Need You

Valley Isle Fellowship 2014 Calendar

November 2014

- 9 **AM - Pastor Darren: The Gospel Is...**
PM - Business Meeting Listening Session
- 15 "G" Force
Malama Pregnancy Center parTEA
- 16 **AM - Pastor Jeremy - Mission: Commanded But Desired**
PM - TBA
- 23 **Thanksgiving Service @ Waikapu - 9:00 AM (One Service ONLY)**
- 30 **AM - Pastor Stephen - Appreciation (Thankfulness): More Than Words**
PM - VIF Annual Business Meeting

Saved by Grace

For by grace you have been saved through faith.
Ephesians 2:8

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

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

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

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

VIF Church Sanctuary
473 S High St. Wailuku, HI 96793

6:00 pm



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The Gospel Is...

Pastor Darren Sarmiento

I. Salvation.

- a. Justification.
- b. Regeneration.
- c. Propitiation.
- d. Sanctification.
- e. Glorification.

II. Not just an event, experience or reward.

III. The Word.

IV. Jesus.

Jesus is passionate about us, are we passionate about Him?