

Heal the Man, Heal the Land

Mountain View Community Church

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POINTS of CONCERN (Dark Clouds are Amassing)

Pastor Rob Gross
November 18, 2022

Amazon is planning to **lay off approximately 10,000 employees** in corporate and technology roles beginning this week according to a report from The New York Times. This will be the largest round of layoffs in Amazon's history and Jeff Bezos is now giving out advice on how to best deal with the coming economic downturn. Bezos urged people to **put off expenditures for big-ticket items** such as new cars, televisions and appliances noting that delaying big purchases is the surest way to keep some "dry powder" in the event of a prolonged economic downturn.

Last week **Meta**, which owns **Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp** revealed that it will cut 13 per cent of its workforce.

This week **Elon Musk axed half of Twitter's employees** following his successful takeover of the social media site. The announcements are the latest in a slew of job cuts across Silicon Valley, as experts warn the tech industry is **facing a 'triple whammy' of a slowing economy, inflation and an end to pandemic-driven growth.**

If the Federal Reserve does not start reducing interest rates, we are going to see a tsunami of layoffs in 2023. And if the Federal Reserve continues to raise interest rates it is likely that we could eventually see millions of Americans lose their jobs.

Households added \$351 billion in overall debt last quarter taking the total to \$16.5 trillion, according to data released by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Tuesday. That's **an increase of 8.3% from a year earlier**, the most since a 9.1% jump in the first quarter of 2008. The debt figures aren't adjusted for inflation.

We never seem to learn from our mistakes. Just before the financial markets crashed and the economy plunged into a **horrifying recession in 2008, U.S. consumers went on a debt binge of epic proportions.**

Also, the **supply chain which delivers food** to grocery stores across America and Hawaii is being **affected by the diesel shortage and the Mississippi barge crisis** (2,000 barges are backed up along the Mississippi because of severe drought conditions).

But what is **most alarming is our nation is politically and socially divided.** This is of concern because **a house, a team, a marriage, a government and a nation divided cannot stand.**

So what's the solution? If our nation turns back to God we will see the tide begin to shift. This means that Americans, including us, need to **turn wholeheartedly to the Lord.**

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But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33 ESV)

(Points of Concern continued)

Questions: 1) Are we passionately pursuing Jesus or is our walk with Him half-hearted? 2) Are we dabbling in secret or overt sins that are blocking our relationship with God? 3) Have we forgiven everyone we need to forgive or have our hearts gone cold and bitter? 4) Are we tending to the Father's kingdom business (the Great Commission) or are we preoccupied only with what's important to us? 5) Are we living the Word of God or are we living in rebellion and disobedience?

Dark clouds are looming on the horizon as 2023 may be the beginning of the beginning of a major downward shift in our economy. The **primary question we need to ask ourselves in this hour is: Is my life founded on the Rock which is Christ or is it founded on sinking sand of self-dependence?**

In closing, the **Lord will pull us through the days ahead if we put our trust in Him. Remember this: If we take care of what's important to God, He will take care of what's important to us. There is always hope for the future when we're fixing our lives on Jesus.**

Having faith for an **all-Christian Hawaii.**
—Pastor Rob

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. (Luke 10:27 ESV)

If you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. (Deuteronomy 28:1 ESV)

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 6:14-15 ESV)

EVENTS

December 10. Coffee with the Pastors, 8:30 am – 11 am. Sign-up by December 7th as we want to have enough food prepared. Sign-up is on our website: mvcchawaii.org/events.

December 23. Christmas service, 6-8 pm.

December 30. New Year's service, 6-8 pm.

Parable of the Four Soils

Pastor Rob Gross
November 6, 2022

In Mark 4 Jesus teaches about a farmer who **sowed seed which represents the Word of God.** The seed falls on four different types of soil.

First, the **seed falls along the path and birds come and devour them.** Some people hear the **Word of God but it bounces off their hearts because their hearts are hardened.**

Second, the seed falls on **shallow, rocky soil** and when the sun comes out and scorches the land, the seed withers and dies. **Some people's hearts are shallow and they can't fully receive what God is trying to implant in their hearts. When there is some level of adversity, they run away and don't stay with Jesus.**

Third, the seed falls on **thorny soil** and the thorns choke the seed and it yields no grain. **The thorny soil is the worldly soil** that is tuned into the ways of the world. It **competes with God's Word and His ways of doing things.** There is a **tug of war in these people's hearts with one foot in with God and the other in the world.**

Fourth, the seed falls on **good soil and produces thirty, sixty, hundredfold return.** Why? Because the **Word of God goes fully into their hearts and releases an amazing harvest** of wonderful relationships, open doors, protection, favor and a **life where God is able to move through them to impact others. That is where they get their purpose and they affect and impact other people's lives.**



Love Letter to God
Pastor Brandon and
Michelle Gross
November 6, 2022

I had two takeaways from Pastor Miguel's message on tithing. First, **God doesn't want my money; He wants my heart.** Second, **God's blessings are a natural result as we trust Him through the process and stay obedient.**

My wife Michelle and I looked at our expenses last month. Our expenses greatly exceeded our income. Sometimes I wonder and ask, "Lord, where's the return? How do you expect me to tithe when I'm not breaking even every month? **But it's our job to stay obedient to His Word and simply say, "Yes, Abba Father." He asks us to obey so we are to obey out of love.**

If I can't tithe a dime out of a dollar, what makes me think I can tithe a \$1,000 out of \$10,000. If I can't tithe a dime out of a dollar, what makes me think I can tithe as my finances grow.

Luke 16:10-12 tells us that when we are faithful in the little, we will be promoted and trusted with the greater.

In 2016 I left a six figure job because I didn't connect well with the values of my co-workers. I opened my own office, worked more hours, and in one year went from \$100,000 to \$30,000. We got into debt and I vowed I would never allow my family to go financially backwards ever again. A vow is like a computer program of our soul. It drives us even when our intellectual or logical mind says, "Stop! Rest!" The vow kept saying, "No, keep going!"

The next two years was the most challenging season of my life. I was basically unemployed, felt unproductive, stressed and depressed, **but God took care of us. He revealed Himself to us as Jehovah-Jireh, the God who provides.**

Some of you may be here today feeling like you are spiraling down and about to fall off a cliff (in relationships, finances, or health), and **you are wondering if God will catch you.** God's Word tells us: "**Don't worry!**" *Refuse to worry about tomorrow, but deal with each challenge that comes your way, one day at a time. Tomorrow will take care of itself.* (Matthew 6:34 TPT)

In 2013 I was doing well and paid off my college expenses in one year. One day I received a notice I had to pay general excise taxes. My bosses in this nationally run company knew nothing about Hawaii's GE tax so I ignored subsequent notices. A couple of years later I got another notice that I owed \$12,000 in back taxes. Although I had left the company two years before, the company paid off half of the \$12,000.

Then seven weeks ago my friend Garrett and I started DVG (David vs. Goliath) Jiu Jitsu, a faith-based gym. We had to be smart and wise, seek the Lord and take a leap of faith because we needed to invest \$40,000. **When He tells you to obey, the answer is "Yes, Abba Father."** In such a short time, we now have more than 150 students. **We share God's love** with our students and are **experiencing His favor and blessings.**

Michelle and I have different love languages. She likes to receive through gifts and acts of service. I am more of a physical touch person and like hugs, but she'll say, "You hugged me yesterday." I'll say, "That was yesterday!"

Isn't that God's heart for us? **God doesn't want us to love Him just on Sundays. He wants us to love Him all the time. God wants us to accept the blessings He has in store for us and wants to give us even more. If we don't have the capacity to receive, we are stealing God's joy in wanting to continue blessing us.**

Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you.

(Ephesians 3:20 TPT)

One of the things we need to learn in discipleship is to be obedient. Can we be obedient when it's really hard and the numbers don't make sense, or when logically the world tells us to zig when we should be zagging?

(Love Letter continues on next page.)

If you love me, keep my commands.
(John 14:15 NIV)

*If they obey and serve Him,
they shall spend their days in prosperity, and
their years in pleasures.* (Job 36:11 NKJV)

Love Letter (continued)

During this season God is looking for those who are truly with Him, to those who want to be in the game to further advance His kingdom and to share His love with other people. We don't want to be on the sidelines when God is calling us into the game.

Don't ignore your struggles. That would not be healthy. Michele and I have things to work through. We are not going to ignore it.

Don't let your struggles or fear of struggling paralyze you from getting in the game from sharing God's love with people.

I felt that tithing was a chore, a burden to pay, but then I had this **epiphany**: When I write a check and my wife and I sign it, that is **our love letter to the Lord. When we tithe and do it out of obedience to the One who asks us, we do it out of joy and affection.**

“Lord Jesus, we ask for forgiveness for the times we didn't trust you or commit to you. We trust the process and believe you have a beautiful promise for us. We repent for the times we held on to our finances out of fear God would not provide. The truth is God is Jehovah-Jireh, the God who provides.”

The more we tithe, the stronger our trust muscles will be. With the way things are going, we don't know what 2023 will bring. The Lord wants us to learn to trust Him.

Do we want to survive or do we want to thrive? Why pay God last? Why don't we bless Him and write our love letters to the Lord first?

—Pastor Rob

You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. Before the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the first born of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.

(Deuteronomy 14:22-23 ESV)

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barn will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. (Proverbs 3:9-10 ESV)

What is My Nation?

God wants us to reach the nations. Jesus said to go into all nations. Yes, nations are different countries but they are also different ethnicities. Where do ethnicities gather? **Ethnicities gather in certain circles they are attracted to.**

We have got to learn to infiltrate and hang out with the nations and share the love of Jesus. Think, pray and ask: “What is my nation?” —Rob Gross

The gospel must first be preached to all nations. (Mark 13:10 NIV)

Pastor Brandon shares the love of Jesus in the nation of DVG Jiu Jitsu. **Donna Teramae and the Angel Connection** share the love of Jesus in the nation of the elderly.

Donna has been doing **outreaches** to different care homes and facilities **for twenty years** where she shares **the love of Jesus and the Word of God to the elderly. They also have fun with games like Bible bingo and other activities.**

Donna was a mail carrier who delivered mail to Pohai Nani, a senior skilled nursing facility in Kaneohe until she felt called by God to work there five and a half years ago.

On December 10 at 9:15 a.m. Donna and the Angel Connection will be doing an outreach to share the love of Jesus and bless the senior residents at Pohai Nani. The Kingdom Kids will sign dance, and there will be singing and sharing of testimonies. They will also pray for and give gifts to the residents.

The following **donated items** are welcome:

- **Disposable masks**
- **Comb or brush**
- **Travel size toothpaste and toothbrush**
- **Mouth Rinse**
- **Men or women socks**
- **Soap and hand sanitizer**
- **Memo pad and pen**
- **Kleenex**
- **Pill organizer**
- **Candy – Snickers, M & M's, etc.**

Drop-off dates are:

- **Sunday, November 27th**
- **Sunday, December 4th**



Karen Lewis
November 13, 2022

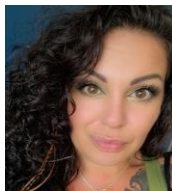
I saw a big geyser of lava shooting full on into the air. Pastor Miguel saw fire. In prayer I saw three tornadoes coming at us. The tornadoes came through the geyser, through the fire, picked up and ignited. A big angel came with a large scroll so I think there is a message here and Leesha has it.



Valecia (Leesha) Bowler
November 13, 2022

There was a heaviness right here by my stomach. I tried to lift it and it was very heavy. It was a scroll that said:

I will remove the mountains. Make way for the living waters to come through. The fire of the Lord is upon us. There's this rock (Pastor Rob adds: Jesus is the Rock of all ages). Living water is flowing through this rock. This rock will touch nations. Lord, touch them.



Courage and Worship
Audria Moorefield
November 6, 2022

I saw a huge angel standing behind the congregation with its arms stretched open around all of us. The angel was blowing and breathing all over us. I heard these words in my spirit:

God is **bringing courage** to step into the new; to lay down inhibitions and **take part of the new of what's coming. It's a movement of worship, a heart of worship** that becomes our **weapon as well as our blessing**. As we praise Him we are being cleansed and prepared for the new thing. We are being made an empty vessel so we can be filled with His glory, with the courage He has for us, and most importantly, to be with Him. **He's releasing the courage to worship unapologetically.**



Justin Kaleo Miyamoto
November 13, 2022

Six months ago prophetic scrolls were released at Ignite Hawaii. Instructions given then are similar to the instructions given today. The Lord told me at that time that He was creating two pillars of fire – one at Mountain View and one at Ignite Hawaii that would spread the fire of God through these fire tornadoes. Today these tornadoes were ignited and will start reaching the nations. He said they would spin and consume these islands and then the nations. He is releasing these scrolls to Mountain View today.

On these scrolls are instructions for the nations you inhabit. Along with instructions on these scrolls is the impartation of supernatural favor, provision and collaboration.

There are three fire tornados, three pillars, three small scrolls and one large scroll with the copy of the instructions for this era to reach the nations, families and the people. Three scrolls were given to Joyce Miyamoto, Shan Nishimura and Danielle Ross that night at Ignite. The scrolls were copies of the large scroll and they were multiplied and released to everyone today.

The fire of the Lord will burn in your hearts and the hearts of those around you. You are my fire cyclones spinning and dancing with the joy of the Lord reaching the nations with the burning love of Christ. I've given you the privilege of being the first of many on the islands waking up to the work I'm doing in the spiritual realms.

Ask me for what you need and you shall receive. Whatever you need I will provide. Ask! Ask! Ask!

God is a spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.
(John 4:24 ESV)

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
(Matthew 7:7 ESV)



GIVE THANKS!
Emily, Kyle and
Kayden Guthrie
November 4, 2022

On November 3 my husband Kyle and I visited my horse Sriracha. **I praise the Lord for guiding and protecting me and giving me a second chance to live.** I am also **thankful for Kyle who pulled me safely away from Sriracha** after he kicked me and I was knocked out.

I lost my memory and woke up in an ambulance as we were rushed to Tripler. A CT scan showed I have a hairline fracture in my temporal bone. I have a concussion, and I am also struggling with vision problems on the side I got kicked and have a black eye. It's very hard to move my jaw to eat and my bottom tooth is chipped.

The **doctors were very shocked my injuries are not as serious as they could've been.** If I had been kicked harder, I could have bled out. Instead, there was almost no bleeding from the fracture.

One day later my brain isn't 100% yet and it's very hard to think and make decisions, but I am so **thankful and praise God I am still alive and my injuries are not as bad as they certainly could've been.**



Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. (Psalm 95:1-3 ESV)



What Are You Thankful For?
Thanksgiving Service, November 18, 2022

Nita – Thankful **Jesus healed** my two heels with the constant pain level decreasing from eight to zero at the Thanksgiving service.

JR and Krystle – Thankful for **MVCC and Healing Hearts and God bringing transformation and healing our marriage.**

Sarah – Thankful I have grown **closer to the Lord and the MVCC ohana** since having our little boy. Also thankful I am **stepping into my calling of worship** as I serve on the MVCC worship team.

Doreen - Most thankful for **Jesus.**

Iris – Thankful for the **love of family** at MVCC, my natural family and new friends I meet.

Dale – Thankful **God provided** all the staff needed this year for the pre-school I run.

Donna – Thankful my **husband** agreed to watch our grandchildren so I could attend Thanksgiving service.

Gary - Thankful **MVCC is Spirit-led** and for **Claire** telling my wife and me about MVCC.

Amy - Thankful **God protected** my husband, granddaughter and me from any injury when a man backing out of his garage recently hit our car. Also thankful for our **MVCC ohana and their genuine love and caring hearts.**

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will
sing praises to my God while I have my
being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son
of man, in whom there is no salvation.
(Psalm 146:1-3 ESV)*





Give Thanks!
Pastor Jason Lehfeldt
November 20, 2022

What is God's will for my life? The best place to be is in the middle of His will because that is going to be the best for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us His will and plans for us include prosperity, a future and a hope.

His will is that we **give thanks in everything.**

In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
(1 Thessalonians 5:18 NASB)

Part of His will is also to be conformed into His image. Jesus was continually giving thanks to the Father.

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son. (Romans 8:29 NASB)

To access His kingdom we need to live in the posture of recognizing the good God is doing and give thanks. One of the keys to His kingdom is the password, **"Thank you!"**

*Enter with the password: "Thank you!"
Make yourselves at home, talking praise.
Thank him. Worship him.*
(Psalm 100:4 MSG)

What's the Problem?

Patterns of Perception. In a troubling circumstance **70% of us** will have a **negativity bias and only think about how unfortunate** we are. We become catastrophizers and think the worst has happened and we turn molehills into mountains.

On the other hand, **30% of us will see the good** out of a situation and think about how fortunate we are.

*Continue steadfastly in prayer,
being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*
(Colossians 4:2 ESV)

We need to **see it!** We are to be **watchful and look for the good and see His goodness.** As we see it, we will celebrate it!

Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. (Psalm 105:1 NLT)

We need to **look back at our circumstances and see the good things He has done.** As we see it, we can give Him thanks.

Practice Prairie Dogging to Pin Point His Good Works. Prairie dogs live underground. They occasionally have to come out of the dark into the light. They intentionally pause and look back. We **need to push the pause button and intentionally look and see the good.**

In superb situations we can easily see the good.

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. (James 1:17 NASB)

In **troubling times** we are to look back and see the good and that God is working for us.

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
(Romans 8:28 NIV)

We can pause and look for the good in the:

- **People**
- **Provision**
- **Direction**

In troubling times we are to see that God:

- **Works for us.**
- **Works in us.**

If we walk away or give up, how can we learn what God wants to teach us? How can we learn to love unconditionally? How do we become more like Him?

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
(Habakkuk 3:17-18 ESV)

Take inventory and praise Him for every little thing that is good. Be a prairie dog, pause and take time to see the good. **HE IS GOOD!**



2 Legit 2 Quit
(Don't Give Up! Look Up!)
Pastor Rob Gross
November 13, 2022

If you are a son or daughter of God, you're legit! God says, **"Don't Give Up! Look Up!"** When we experience a lot of what is going on in the world, there's a lot to be bummed out about. But, **there's a lot to praise God for.**

Today I'd like to share three stories of times I was really bummed out. **The first story** is about when I wrote a letter of resignation as pastor of MVCC in 1994. I was **utterly discouraged** about where the church was at. I was **also burned out, felt like a total failure and my expectations weren't coming to pass.**

What are the causes of discouragement?

- **Our expectations aren't met.**
- **People we treasure aren't around anymore.**
- **Our finances go down but our expenses go up.**

Insights

- **God allows us to plunge into the valley to teach us that He's with us just like at the mountain top.**
- **Beware when you're coming down from a high because that's when the enemy will strike you.**
- **Beware of always needing to feel high.**

We have to lay down our expectations, because if our expectations are not fulfilled, they will mess us up. **We need to get in tuned with what God wants. It's not about what we want. It's about what God wants.**

Flooded with negative emotions, we actually think there is no other option except to quit. We've got to learn to **anchor ourselves in God's Word and support one another to make it through.**

I turned in my resignation and one of the elders read it, tore it up and said, "We don't receive this."

The **second story** occurred in 1998 when I was **rejected by a pastor and his entire leadership team.** The pastor questioned my theology and forbade his leaders from being prophesied over by me. I was crushed. I wanted to leave.

Another pastor told me, **"Rob, the Lord wants you to get crocodile skin."**

The **third story** is about the green vomit dream I had one night. A few days later I received an unpleasant phone call laced with multiple obscenities. I replied, "I love you!" Then, several months later, this man tells me, "I forgive you." I told the Lord, "This isn't fair! I quit! I'm outta here!"

The enemy was contesting my faith, but the Lord was testing my faith.

If you've felt like quitting recently, you're in excellent company. Here are **three Bible heroes who blew their tests.**

King David was at the lowest point of his life because he believed the Lord didn't care about him anymore.

I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death. I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like one without strength. I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care.

(Psalm 88:3-5 NIV)

One of the greatest schemes of the enemy is to convince us that God is no longer good.

In 1 Kings 19 we have the story of **Elijah running for his life in fear after a mountain top experience on Mount Carmel.** He is **fearful when Jezebel comes after him and he no longer wants to live.**

[Elijah] came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." (1 Kings 19:4 NIV)

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Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly. (Matthew 26:75 NIV)

Having denied Christ three times just as He said Peter would, **Peter was filled with deep remorse and sank into a pit of despair.**

Have you taken your eyes off of the Lord Jesus lately? What have you been led by the enemy to believe about your situation or circumstances?

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When we feel like giving up, our perspective is being blurred with the lies of the enemy.

David believed the lie that God was against him and not for him. Elijah was so exhausted and afraid that he lost his perspective on the **God (big) picture that God was in control** and believed the lie that he was alone.

Peter was bummed because he believed the lie he was beyond redemption because he had turned his back on Jesus. The Lord knew Peter would deny Him 3 times, but **He put Peter in charge of leading the church when He was gone.**

When we're discouraged and feel like quitting God tells us, "Keep going! I'm still in control. Don't have a pity party." If the tide goes out, it's gonna come back in.

When you're worn out, lonely or anxious, **don't leave the ancient path and you will find rest.**

*Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls.
(Jeremiah 6:16 NIV)*

When you're down, depressed or discouraged two things are happening:

1. Your **trust in the Lord** is wavering.
2. You are leaning on your limited perspective, not **God's perspective.**

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight
(Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV)*

You're 2 legit 2 quit! *For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed* (Romans 8:19 NIV).

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
(Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV)*



Aloha MVCC 'Ohana!

At MVCC one of our core values is that we are family and enjoy community. Just as our physical bodies need different organs and parts to survive, we need one another. Although we are different from one another, we are equally needed in the body of Christ. Healthy Christian relationships are important to reach our full potential in Christ. We weren't created to do life alone which is why God designed us to have family and community.

One way to experience family is within our small groups, called Ohana Groups. An Ohana Group is a small family community of 3 - 20 people who meet regularly to grow in their relationship with God and others. This community of people will learn and experience family the way God originally intended, discover their identity as His sons and daughters, and identify their God-given spiritual gifts to influence the world.

On December 11th, we will have a special time during the service to honor our Ohana Group Leaders. After the service, they will be available to meet with you and invite you to sign-up to join their ohana group next year.

If you'd like more information (or want to join) an ohana group, please visit our website mvcchawaii.org and click on the [Connect Card](#) tab and check off the box "I'd like to join an ohana group." Our Connections team will be in contact with you.

Blessings over you,
Yvette Salazar