

# Heal the Man, Heal the Land

Mountain View Community Church

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## Invest and Have an Expectancy

Pastor Rob Gross  
September 3, 2023

Today we got the word *invest*. God wants us to have the mindset to **invest our best into our families**; to give them our all. If we are going to **reach them and be transformed, it needs to start with us**. [Pastor Brandon's audio message this morning on *Investing in Your Family*, is available at [www.mvcchawaii.org](http://www.mvcchawaii.org).]

We also got the word *expectancy*! [See **Pastor Joel's word on Expectancy** on page 3 of this newsletter.] **Do we really have a level of expectancy that God wants to download in us to move through us to change the world? Or do we just listen to the message, go home, and nothing really changes.**

There is a **sleeping giant. It is called the church of Hawaii. God wants to wake it up. There is a transition going on this morning in the Spirit.**

I had an interesting **dream** this morning. In the **first scene of this dream**, I was informed by **someone in authority** that the **professor of a class I was enrolled in wanted me to teach the first class** because he could not make the first day. In response I got out the textbook I had already bought and studied as much as I could, took notes, created an outline, and was ready to go.

In **scene two I arrived at our church and went in the front door**. As I entered, **I saw several young people** seated on a bench. I could hear music in the

background and was about to encourage them to go into the sanctuary when I realized that I had forgotten my notes and class textbook. I went to my car to find them, but they were not there. I then remembered that I had left them at home.

In **scene three** I was walking down a corridor in our church to **enter the sanctuary** from the left side through **double doors**. As I entered, I was amazed how **incredibly packed the sanctuary** was. I walked across the back of the room (the music was coming from the front of the room) and then down the right side and sat down at the bottom of the aisle. To my left was the middle rows of chairs and in front of the middle row was an **ensemble of youth singers** led by a girl. I listened to what they were singing but did not recognize any of the songs.

I then saw Pastor Dave Barr, senior pastor of New Hope Windward Church, to my right. I asked Dave if the ensemble was going to sing at his church, but he did not know. [I think this is symbolic of *new hope*. **Something is going to start today if we would have expectancy and a willingness to invest.**]

I then turned and realized that the **entire sanctuary was packed with young people**. To record this, I got out my iPhone and started **snapping pictures** to the left, right, front, and back. When I aimed my camera to the back, I gazed upward and was surprised to see a **huge balcony packed with people as well**.

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In the last scene I walked out of the sanctuary the way I had entered and saw my wife, Barbara. She handed me a letter. I flipped it over and saw that it had to do with Jewish 'witchcraft.' As I walked toward the exit of the building, I threw it in a waste basket and the dream ended.

### **Barbara Parker's Interpretation of the Dream**

**Barbara Parker:** I think the professor is the Holy Spirit and you are commissioned anew to go in His name. The textbook seems to be the Bible, but while it is always comforting to have the Bible and notes when speaking, they are not needed for you to teach/preach because His word is hidden in your heart already and you understand how to speak/do what the Father is doing, regardless of your plans.

The whole second part is about the revival/renewal, especially among young people that are coming. This is soon to happen, and you will get to observe it and be a part of it.

What is the Jewish 'witchcraft'? I believe it is the idolatry they succumbed to in Old Testament times, followed by the false faith of the Pharisees in the New Testament and the adherence to the law today. That you [Rob] are half Jewish seems important to me, and when you threw the unopened letter into the trash, it seems to have to do with your authority to disregard all of the enemy's lies and may be a prophetic act that the time is soon to come when Israel will also reject the lies and embrace Jesus.

**Pastor Rob:** If you read Romans 9 to 11 when the Jewish nation comes to Christ, the end will come, and Jesus will return. We need to wake-up! The second coming and the end times are in motion. We need to walk with God right now! We are not to mess around, pretend, or be on the fence.

**Barbara Parker** concludes that it is interesting to think about the sequence of the dream:

1) It is like a commissioning of you to proceed with what you are called to do.

2) It is like a brief prophetic glimpse of what is about to happen with young people coming into the kingdom.

3) It is like a prophetic glimpse of how the Jews will eventually discard the 'witchcraft', unbelief, idolatry, deception of the past and embrace Jesus as their Messiah!

**This is a wake-up call! Have the expectancy of revival!**

**What does the Lord want to do?**

**Larry Pearson**, who has been trained by Bob Jones, wrote to me on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016: Ok dude, last night I had a dream that had you in it. The biggest thing I saw was you in your gathering and it felt like I was present like in real time. There were probably about four to five thousand people. Testimonials of major miracles and wonders were the focus. Then I also saw some of what I knew were your people. There were unusual supernatural activities happening with them out on a major highway, but it felt like a highway here in Ontario, called Beautiful Water. I am not sure what that means. I would say you are coming into a huge wave of the miracle working I Am. Happy New Year, my friend!

**Pastor Rob:** Last night my hands began to burn with anointing. There will be an impartation today for the miraculous, not for you to get healed, but for you to become healers. Healing is the dinner bell that rings and you wake up and know God is real. You get something like cancer, and you start believing in miracles. You start dealing with potential divorce, and you start believing in miracles. People do not believe in miracles until they need a miracle. God wants to give you miracles. He wants to give you divine appointments. He wants to scatter us in the marketplace, so we begin to touch and pray for people.

Today is about an investment in the kingdom of God and what is important to the Father. Do you want your life to go really well? Seek first the kingdom and His righteousness and everything will be added unto you.

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I look at a person like TC who has overcome stage 4 cancer. Do you see how she gives and keeps giving throughout her whole journey? God wants to release you into the harvest, into this great journey called revival that is coming.

Put your hands on your hearts and pray. **Father, wake me up! Release in me your heart for the nations, families that you have placed around me; not for a mysterious foreign land like Africa, but right here in Hawaii, right where I work, in my neighborhood. Lord, I am sorry I have been asleep. I repent. I want to have an expectancy to be a life changer, a conduit through whom you change families, through whom you change the destiny of people's lives. Lord, I repent of small thinking. I am sorry, Lord, I have not believed the truth, but rather the lie that I am inadequate, that I do not have what it takes, that I am a nobody. Lord, I want to get on your team, and I want to connect with you and others, to be a part of the emerging revival here in Hawaii. Here I am, Lord! Send me! Send us as a church! Amen!**

**One day our Lord Jesus will close the door and it will be too late. You do not want to be caught with that door shut!**

*I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"  
Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."  
(Isaiah 6:8 ESV)*

*But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.  
(Matthew 25:9-13 ESV)*

## Expectancy

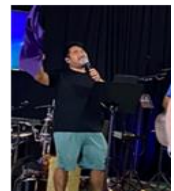
Pastor Joel Weaver  
September 3, 2023

When Pastor Rob announced the archangel was here and called on me, the Lord brought to mind the annunciation of Mary. The archangel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary that she was going to be the mother of Jesus, the son of God. Scripture says she took these things and hid them in her heart, and she pondered it. To ponder means to deeply reflect on something. Equivalent to the word ponder is to chew your cud which cows do. They eat something and then bring it back up and chew some more. It is part of their digestive system.

The Lord is saying the church in Hawaii has been in a season of expectation. There is a distinction between expectation and expectancy.

When we have a specific expectation, we want to see God do x, y, or z. God, this shows me you are blessing this, you are behind this. But what He wants us to have is an attitude when we come here every week and throughout the week, to have an expectancy that God is going to show up.

Abba, today I have a sense of expectancy that You will show up and do something. I do not know what it is. I do not have an expectation this will be that thing, but it is wider than that because I am growing in my understanding of you, Abba, and I want whatever You intend to do in me and through me today. I just want to maintain that expectancy.



Our praisers and worshippers usher in the Lord's presence. L to R: Alan Esparza, Lovey Denis, Cullen Miyamoto

## **The Spirit of the Lord is Upon You**

Karen Lewis  
September 10, 2023

For the **Spirit of the Lord is upon you to set the captives free, to lay hands on the sick, to open prison doors. For I created you. You are the salt of the earth. You are the light. You are the landing strip for My Holy Spirit.**

This is the **season. This is the reason. This is the time in history when you were born to do what I have mandated you to do.**

**People come into your lives for a reason. Some of them come and some of them go. Some of them stay and some of them come back. They are divine appointments. Know this: My Spirit is leading you to them. My Spirit is leading them to you.**

**I am empowering each and every one of you as never before in this season; as never before in history to just move, move with Me. Be sensitive to Me. Be sensitive to My Spirit for I am pouring out an anointing upon you, on each and every one of you discernment, an anointing for healing, for leading those into the kingdom.**

**This is why you are here. This is why you worship Me, to partner with My kingdom, to step into the fullness of all I have for you. I choose to use you. I choose to move through you. My miraculous power moves through you, so spend time clinging to Me and reading My Word, and saturating yourself with My presence because a move is coming, and I need you ready.**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
Because he has anointed me to  
proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the  
captives and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.  
(Luke 4:18-19 ESV)*

## **Winds, Come In**

Pastor Rob  
September 10, 2023

**The winds of the Lord come from all four directions. Some of you turn to the east, some to the west, some to the north, and the rest to the south.**

**Let us pray: Lord Jesus, we receive into our hearts, into our spirit man, spirit woman, your Word that your desire is to use us, to move through us to effect change, to change, to transform, to impact people's lives. Put people in front of us. Put people in front in me. Give me the faith, the awareness to understand the people whom you put in front of me were sent by you. Give me the courage and grace to be willing to step out in faith and minister to them.**

**Eastern gate, open up and let the east wind come in.**

**Western gate, open up and let the west wind come in.**

**Northern gate, open up and let the north wind come in.**

**Southern gate, open up and let the south wind come in.**

**Lord, may your winds come in today, in Jesus' name.**

*I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me,*

*“Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath,  
Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.*

*(Ezekiel 37:8-10 ESV)*

**Divine Direction**  
Pastor Rob Gross  
September 24, 2023

*Who is the man who fears the Lord?  
Him will he instruct in the way that he should  
choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and  
his offspring shall inherit the land. The  
friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,  
and he makes known to them his covenant.*  
(Psalm 25:12-14 ESV)

Who is the man who fears the Lord? It is the individual who reverences God, who has an intimate heart-to-heart relationship with the Father. We know from scripture that David was a man after God's own heart. He loved God. He had an up-and-down life, was messed up at times, but he loved God with all of his heart. Scripture says the man or woman who loves God, who fears Him with all his heart, will be instructed in the way he should choose. That is divine direction! How many of you want divine direction? How many of you want God to lead your life?

Verse 13 says, *your soul shall abide in well-being.* That means in your mind and thought life, your will, your capacity to make the right choices. Your emotions will be well. People spend so much money on therapy, alcohol, drugs, striving for this and that, and their souls are not well. So, when you hear the Lord, your soul shall abide and make house with well-being.

The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear and reverence Him. He makes known to them His covenant.

That word friendship is also rendered *counsel*. There is a picture in this Bible of a small group, a gathering of Christians sharing, and the Lord of the universe is saying, "Love me and reverence me with all your heart. I will counsel you and I will make known to you how to tap into My promises, how to tap into My will, how to tap into My rest."

**Jesus is our friend. The Bible says if we love Jesus and we are His friends, we will obey Him.**

Let us pray: Lord, we thank you that we get to be here this morning. We thank you that you call us friends. Thank you that you love us unconditionally. You are a good, good Father! We invite this morning your holy presence. We thank you for the Spirit of God, and we lift you up, Lord Jesus, over this valley, over this island, over this state. We give you thanks. Let us worship the Lord with joy this morning!



### **I Am a Friend of God**

Ben and TC lead us in worshipping the Lord with joy.

**Redeeming Rejuvenation**  
Karen Lewis  
September 24, 2023

The fields are close to maturation. The stalks are blowing in the wind. God is breathing on them. The fields are ready for harvest. The harvest is ready for you, My people, to step up and step into the river of revival. Redeeming rejuvenation is upon you to replace and erase the rehearsals of past events, the traumas and regret you keep playing in your mind.

**I redeemed you! I call you My own! I call you blessed because you are My children. I call you My ambassadors because you are the testimony of My love, My grace, My redeeming power. Step out of the old! Step into the new!**

I see a few people, key people, and you don't believe it is true about you, but you are stepping out of a cave. It has been a long period of hibernation. The enemy has convinced you to stay there. But that is not so! It is time to come out! It is time to come out of the cave and out of the shadows. God says it is time to emerge because I am going to activate you!

## **Fight the Good Fight!**

Amy Sugawa

September 24, 2023

My children, we are at war! The **battle is raging**. The enemy realizes his **time is short**. He has launched an **all-out attack** on you. Some of you are in the **battle for your lives**. **DO NOT GIVE UP! Keep your eyes on Me, the Author and Perfector of your faith.**

The enemy wants you to believe **I am not enough** — **not enough to heal you, not enough to mend your broken heart, not enough to set you free**. The enemy lies! The truth is **I am the Great I Am! I am the All-Sufficient One! I am all you need.**

**PERSEVERE! Fight the good fight of faith! I am the God with whom all things are possible**. I am the same God who **parted the Red Sea, held back the river Jordan, stopped the sun for Joshua**. I heal every sickness and disease, resurrect the dead, mend broken hearts, and set captives free. **There is nothing too difficult for Me.**

I created the universe. I created you! I can **create new body parts and heal and restore whatever is needed**. I can put scattered body parts back together and mend every broken heart. I opened the prison doors for Peter, and I can do the same for you to set you free.

I know all and see all. I know exactly what you need. I know everything you have gone through, every tear you have shed, every hurtful word spoken against you, every heartbreak, every false accusation, every betrayal. I also know every hurtful act you have committed, every offense and trespass you have committed against others, every dirty secret you try to hide, **UNLESS you have truly repented**. If you have not, you continue to give the adversary of your soul an open door to keep attacking you. Repentance is not just saying you are sorry, but repentance is when you have **TRULY CHANGED and SIN NO MORE.**

Whenever you asked for forgiveness and truly changed, **I HAVE FORGIVEN YOU! FORGIVE YOURSELF!** Why do you keep beating yourself up? Once you nailed it at the cross, I remember it **NO MORE**. The enemy wants you to remember. The enemy wants you

to keep beating yourself up. He comes to steal, kill, and destroy your peace, your joy, your love, your freedom, and your future.

**We are at war! You are My warrior! Rise up! Resist him! Resist the true enemy. First, clothe yourself with humility. Then put on the full armor of God I have given you: the helmet of salvation. Remember all I did for you on Calvary and take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Put on the breastplate of righteousness and walk and fight in righteousness, holiness, godliness, and purity. Have pure hearts and clean hands. Put on the belt of truth and always seek the truth, walk in truth, speak the truth in love. Put on the gospel shoes ready to go wherever I send you, whenever I send you, to do whatever I want you to do and be a peacemaker. Put on the shield of faith to withstand the accusations, attacks, and lies of the enemy. Put on the sword of the Spirit and use My Word to defeat the enemy.**

He will try **all he can** and **all you let him do** to keep you in **bondage, to make you feel guilty and ashamed, to make you think you are less than, inadequate and undeserving**. Resist him! **Fight the lies!**

**You are who I say you are. You are my child, heir to My kingdom, a mighty warrior, conqueror, and champion. You are also the apple of My eye, My son, My daughter, my beloved.**

**Don't look back! Put the past in the past! If you have asked for forgiveness, it is all covered under My blood! You can choose to keep wallowing in the muck of guilt, shame, self-pity and sin or MOVE ON! Aren't you sick and tired of letting the enemy win? Are you ready for all I have for you? MOVE FORWARD WITH ME!**

*Fight the good fight of faith.*

(1 Timothy 6:12 NASB)

*Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)



**Investing in Your Family**  
(Series: Home Improvement)

September 3, 2023  
Brandon Gross

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**Testimony Sunday**

September 10, 2023  
Clockwise: Amy Sugawa,  
Mike and Audria Moorefield,  
Kekualani Jumawan-Pantil  
and Marisa Lee, and  
Reyn Stockton.

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**We Live by God's Word**  
(Series: Home Values)

September 17, 2023  
Luis Salazar

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**We Are Called to Make Impact**

(Series: Home Values)  
September 24, 2023  
Danny Jones

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**Kingdom Moments**



**A Miracle for Dezmond Continues**  
Jeff Kimbrel  
September 10, 2023

On November 11, 2022, my then 11-year-old son **Dezmond** was **diagnosed with a rare form of oral cancer**. Dezmond went through a series of **various tests and surgery with five teeth and part of his gum removed on December 14, 2022**. The news was **devastating with more surgeries needed**.

The people at **DVG Jiu Jitsu and MVCC ministered words of peace and comfort to us and prayed for Dezmond's healing**. We arrived in **Seattle on February 27, 2023, for another planned invasive surgery**. When they cut out some samples and checked, **there was no cancer in the samples**.

We were told Dezmond would need to be checked again in six months. **I returned to MVCC today to testify that Dezmond's test results continue to indicate he remains cancer free at his six-month check-up**. Thank you to our Lord Jesus and the people of MVCC for your prayers.

[Dezmond's full testimony from March 5, 2023, can be found attached to the March 2023 newsletter at [www.mvcchawaii.org](http://www.mvcchawaii.org).]

**House Blessing Turns into Healing**  
Pastor Rob Gross  
August 29, 2023

I drove to Nuuanu to **bleed a property for a couple**. The **woman's friend set up the appointment**. While there, **I discerned that the friend was dealing with fatigue**, so I asked her if it was true. She replied 'yes' so, I asked her if I could **pray for her**.

**This week I received an email to let me know that she had been dealing with chronic fatigue for years and just realized that she no longer was lacking energy!** I encouraged her to tell her friend because she was **not a believer yet and saw me pray for her**.

## Kingdom Moments – Healing and a Greater Perspective



Audria and Mike Moorefield  
September 10, 2023

**Audria:** I had been having some physical problems and when I moved to Hawaii, I started going to physical therapy for treatment. **My therapist's name was Philip.** He is a nice guy and **from Thailand.** The therapy did help but during this time my **left ankle started to bother me for no reason.** I did not fall, but the pain persisted. When my therapy treatments were done, I started with a chiropractor, but **my ankle continued to hurt when I would walk.**

A few weeks ago, Pastor Rob called out ankle problems. I went up to receive prayer because I was sick of the pain. Pastor Miguel came up and, in faith, called out the spirit of python. He said he saw that spirit and we were going to pray to get it off. As he prayed, under God's power I fell to the floor and when I got up, sure enough my pain was gone. Thank you, Jesus!

I started to wonder **where this spirit of python came from** and thought it was weird that **what came to mind was Philip from Thailand.**

As I was celebrating my healing with tears of joy, I started to walk away, and I saw **Kevin Wada.** I attend **his Zumba class which is super fun.** He came to me and said, "Oh my gosh, did you hurt yourself in my class?"

I replied, "Oh no, it wasn't that."

**Kevin said he saw something wrapped around my ankle and it slithered away.**

I said, "The only thing I could think of was Philip who comes from Thailand."

Kevin said, "Oh, they worship serpents there."

**Through Kevin, God confirmed my healing and the understanding of the source.**

I went to get healing the world's way but instead, I got this spirit of python. **God delivered me, gave me freedom, and healed me. I love it! God is so great.**

**Mike:** I have always had **back pain** from doing stupid things. I may **walk okay then end up on the floor and I cannot get up.** A couple of months ago, it flared

up again for no reason. **I ended up on the floor with a heating pad. That lasted for a week. I missed a whole week of work.**

As time went on, **I reached out to my men's group, and they started praying for me. I missed one meeting and was about to miss a second one when they decided to come to my house because I could not move.** We had our usual meeting, then towards the end **Pastor Luis said, "Let's pray for Mike."**

They helped me stand up and **Pastor Luis, Sam Chang, Tracy Hayase, and Dave Hokama surrounded me and prayed for my healing.** At a certain point, Tracy came and prayed not for my back, but for the lifting off of stress and the burden, the crushing pressure of the world, of being a provider for my family and being the head of the household. I had not said anything about this, but as soon as Tracy prayed, the stress lifted off. **This ball on my lower back just left. I then felt it go down my leg. It is the first time I have experienced anything like that. I know it was God who spoke to Tracy and told him what I needed.**

**God not only healed my back, but He gave me a different perspective.** We are often looking for **instantaneous healing, that miraculous, powerful thing, but sometimes God often uses these things to remind us of the bigger miracles in our lives: I had a group of men come over to my house who cared about me and prayed for me, a wife who took care of me, and an extended family. Audria's mom, Cheri Noble, takes care of my family at times. I have a boss who is a believer who told me to take care of myself and family. I realized that sometimes when we are so focused on our pain, we forget to look around and see the miracles that God has placed in our lives. Sometimes it is good to remember the family, the support group He places in our lives, and how much He loves us.**

[Listen to Audria and Mike's testimony under Media at [www.mvcchawaii.org](http://www.mvcchawaii.org).]



## Kingdom Moments – Healing and Discernment



Kekualani Jumawan-Pantil  
and Marisa Lee  
September 10, 2023

**Kekualani:** On July 30, 2023, Pastor Rob called out for those who needed physical healing. **My neck, shoulders, lower back, and ankles were hurting, and my right ear felt stuffy. Marisa Lee prayed for me and discerned I was having some anxiety.** At that moment I could not think of anything I was anxious about and we continued in prayer.

When I left church that day, I kept thinking about what kind of anxieties I had. I felt I was doing all the right things in my daily life. **The next day, right before picking up my car at Servco, my ear opened and was healed! Also, the pains in my body were gone and my body healed!**

**My healing led me to have faith in God that He will do what He says. He is faithful to keep His promises.** It took a lot for me to **step out in obedience** to share with Pastor Yvette and then in front of a bunch of people. This led to my healing and the next level God is calling me to.

I consider myself to be selectively introverted and extroverted. It depends on what I discern around others. I am very careful, not judgmental. I am more bold, confident, and courageous now than I ever have been. I was very shy and would worry what others thought of me. I would be overly dramatic and overthink when it came to public speaking. **Since my relationship with God has grown deeper and more intimate, I am more of who God says I am in and through Him.**

**I hope my testimony will encourage many to know the Lord more so everyone can experience who they really are in Christ Jesus and to step out in faith and trust in the Lord!** I was very nervous and the scripture that the Lord gave me to help me to actually get up and speak is 1 Timothy 4:12. **I am encouraged to just go for it and believe and trust God that everything is going to be all right. At just the right moment the Lord prepares you for what He wants to accomplish through each of us. We have to acknowledge God and believe and trust that God's way is the best way. Be blessed, healed, and transformed! All the glory and praise to God! Hallelujah! Amen!**

**Marisa:** During prayer for healing, I felt like I was to pray for Kekualani. I felt pain in my back and neck, which normally is not there, and received **confirmation** when Kekualani shared she had **pain in her back and neck, as well as her ear, and ankle.** I placed my hands on her back where she was having pain, **invited the Holy Spirit and Jesus, and thanked Jehovah Rapha, for being our Healer and loving Kekualani.** We **pleaded the blood of Jesus over her and commanded all pain and anything not of Jesus to leave her body. I could feel my hands getting hot.**

She said some of her **muscles relaxed but she still had pain in her neck. I remembered the story of Jesus praying over a man who couldn't see.** Initially he saw men that looked like trees but after the second prayer, his eyes were healed. So I asked her if we could **pray a second time. When I prayed the second time, I heard the word anxiety.** She seemed unsure but we decided to continue to pray and just try anyway. I asked her to **make her hands like a bowl and just place anything she may think causing her anxiety at the feet of Jesus. A few days later, Pastor Yvette informed me that God healed Kekualani's pain and ear. All praise and glory to God!**

**I believed God wanted to use Kekualani's testimony of healing to increase faith and to heal other people experiencing ear problems.** As Matthew 10:8 says, *Freely you have received; freely give.* After sharing our testimony on Sunday, I felt led to ask **if anyone in the church was also experiencing ear problems, dysfunction of their ears, or wearing a hearing aid. To my surprise and amazement about 8 people came to the front to receive prayer for their ears!**

**God is so good, and it is amazing to see His love for everyone and His nature to heal. It is very encouraging to partner with God and to be His vessel to bring healing to Kekualani. It is always a privilege to pray for others. I am so thankful that the Lord and the pastors are teaching me to pray and minister to others, to hear His voice, and increase my spiritual discernment and faith in Him. All glory to God!**

## Kingdom Moments – Healing Hearts Deliverance



Reyn Stockton  
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My **greatest struggle** revolved around the **internal pressure to excel in my relationship with God**. Subconsciously, I believed I had to be a **flawless Christian to deserve His love**. Whenever I fell short of the standards set by the Bible or the sermons I heard, I deemed myself **lukewarm and unworthy of love**. So, my **primary challenge** was this **performance-driven mindset in my relationship with my Heavenly Father**.

My parents were typically very **supportive and loving**. However, there were a few instances, starting **when I was quite young**, where they said **things that were not as encouraging**. I vividly recall **one such incident when I was seven, shortly after accepting Christ into my heart**. I was sitting in the living room, **struggling with math** while being homeschooled. My dad spent **about an hour teaching me**. He said, **“Reyn, if you don’t learn this, you’ll still be sitting in this kindergarten seat when you’re 27.”** Although I knew that **didn’t make sense**, I interpreted it **literally, believing that if I didn’t perform well, I’d be stuck in life**. My dad left the room, and **right then, I began descending into a dark place that would affect me for years to come**.

Despite being offered comfort, I found it **challenging to accept** because the walls were already rising due to my **performance-driven relationships with both God and my parents, coupled with the shame that accompanied it**. Receiving comfort at a young age became **extremely difficult**.

During my **teenage years**, I turned to the **world for solace**, and in **my adult life**, this evolved into **self-destructive tendencies**, all while I remained **involved in ministry, sharing the message of Jesus**.

It was the **constant need to perform**, coupled with an **inability to accept comfort**, a series of **poor decisions, lingering shame**, and an **unending cycle**. What I ultimately lacked was **divine comfort**. It is not that God wasn't offering it; I simply felt **unable to measure up, a lie I came to believe**.

It wasn't until I went through **Healing Hearts** that I experienced a **significant breakthrough**. The process allowed me to see the **Holy Spirit highlighting major wounds that I didn’t know I had**. I underwent **life-changing deliverance and healing** during my sessions. I would **highly recommend Healing Hearts to anyone in need of a breakthrough**. Just be sure to approach it with an **open mind and a willingness to let the Lord minister to you in deeply personal ways!**

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# Kingdom Moments – It Takes Only One



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## LOST AND DECEIVED

In 1973 my husband Gary and I returned to Hawaii after spending several years finishing college and Gary fulfilled his two-year military obligation on the mainland. My first job was at a private school as a registered occupational therapist. My director and the teachers convinced me to attend **Erhard Seminars Training, EST** for short, since they had attended and they wanted **all the staff to be aligned in thinking and philosophy**. Gary also attended with me since they said it is good that we also be on the same page at home.

Years later as we processed the training, we realized we had been **brainwashed into thinking that there is no God other than the god within ourselves**. We had the **power to create our own universe**. We had been trained **in mind control and we were taught whatever we felt was right, was right**. There was **no standard of truth or morality**. If anyone, like our spouse, **disagreed with us; they were wrong and interfering with our space**. With that *me-first* and *it's-all-about-me* kind of thinking, **many couples got divorced and families were torn apart**.

I then got into **Siddha Yoga** when one of my friends at work opened her home to be an ashram. We would gather weekly, sit on the floor, **burn incense, chant our chants** in front of a huge, wall-sized picture of **Baba Muktananda, a Siddha Yoga guru, and worship him**. **Werner Erhard, the founder of EST, studied under Baba Muktananda**.

From this group, I visited a **New Age church** once. The reverend announced that one of his colleagues was going to teach a **new class**. I decided to sign up. In the class we were being taught to **read auras around people, levitate things, and throw our bodies in space, what they call astral projection**. About the third class, a new friend shared with me that she was having an **affair with the reverend**. As messed up as my mind was, I knew that was wrong. I also got concerned **he was exerting some kind of ungodly power and control over her**, and I quit the class.

## ROY'S DREAM

During this time, **Gary's older brother Roy, wife Joan** and son Robert were living comfortably in Cincinnati, Ohio. They had good jobs, a big, beautiful house, and solidly planted in a true church. They were the **only Christians in the family**.

One night Roy had a **dream**. In this dream he was at his **father's funeral**. As he was standing in front of the **open casket, his father suddenly sat up and said to Roy: "Roy, why didn't you ever tell me about your Jesus?"** As you can imagine, Roy and Joan **started to pray** and seek the Lord. They knew it would be a financial challenge to move and live in Hawaii. **Two days after the dream, Roy got an unexpected, unsolicited call out of nowhere from a company that offered him a job in Hawaii with everything they asked the Lord for**.

At first, of course, we were happy they were home, but soon our **faiths began to collide**. Not only **Gary and I, but also their two sisters were in New Age thinking, and both parents were longtime Buddhists**. Roy and Joan lovingly and patiently would share about Jesus and that **He was the only way to heaven and eternal life**. They **continued to be gracious and steady even when the rest of us would respond with unkind words and manner**.

## STRANGE ENCOUNTERS

**Strange things** started to happen to me. Like one day I am at a work conference and decide to have lunch with **two therapy friends**. As we began to have lunch, they said, **"Amy, you are such a nice person, can we tell you about Jesus?"** Inside, I thought **'not again'!** But they said I was a nice person, so I said, **"Sure."** Before lunch was over, they led me in a prayer to receive Christ.

Unfortunately, **my heart was hard and dry**. My heart was like the **soil in the parable of the sower in Matthew 13**. It was **full of rocks and thorns and the Word did not stick**.

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A couple of months later, I decided to have my **hair cut at a new place**. As I sat in the chair, my **friendly new hairdresser** introduced herself. **When she saw my necklace, her whole tone changed. My necklace** was a beaded one much like what the hippies wore, and **attached to it was a picture of Baba Muktananda**.

With a raised and tense voice, she asked, **“Who’s that?”** as she pointed to the picture.

I answered, **“Oh, that is Baba Muktananda.”** She stuttered and even louder this time said, **“Baba, Baba...what!”**

I replied, **“Baba Muktananda. He is a Siddha Yoga guru.”**

She lost it and really yelling this time, pointed her finger at his picture and shouted, **“You don’t need that! You need this!”** as she pointed to a Bible scripture on her counter.

Before I knew it, I was surrounded by all the hairdressers as she led me in a prayer to receive Christ. Unfortunately, my heart was still full of rocks and thorns, and it didn’t stick. I didn’t want to tell Roy and Joan about these encounters, but I did start to visit a couple of churches.

### CHURCH VISITS

I first visited **Mililani Baptist Church** which was near our home. I liked the service and when the pastor announced he was having a **Bible study** after service and all were welcome, I decided to join them. As I sat in this small group of about 10-12 people, I started getting some strange stares. I felt so uncomfortable, I never went back.

Months later I realized what had happened. In my rush to get to church on time, I grabbed the first *bible* I saw. It had a green cover and was given to me by a kindly couple who had come to our door to tell us about their Jehovah Witness faith. I think I distinguished myself that day. I must be the **only one in all church history who ever joined a Baptist Bible study with a Jehovah Witness bible.**

I then attended another church in Nuuanu. I call it the **church of good works, because they believed you got to heaven through good works.**

Meanwhile things were getting increasingly tense at family gatherings. Roy and Joan continued to calmly share their faith and did not take offense at our offensive comments. Their parents wanted them to go with the rest of the family to their **Buddhist temple and they said ‘no’.**

On the third Sunday as I was driving to the church of good works, I was so angry and frustrated at what was said at the latest family gathering, I cried out, **“God, whoever you are, I don’t care whether I am right or wrong! I just want the truth! Show me your truth!”**

Suddenly, a powerful presence of love and peace flooded the car. I felt a warmth start from the top of my head and ooze down to my feet. I began to weep. I had never experienced such a feeling of love and peace before. I knew that I knew that God, whoever He was, was going to show me the truth.

I continued on to the church of good works. After the service I stopped by their bookstore and bought a few books written by the founder of the church and went home.

### THE TRUTH

The very next Saturday there was a knock at our door at our Mililani home. As I opened the door, I saw a kind-looking, elderly Japanese woman. She introduced herself and said, **“Amy?”**

I said, **“Yes.”**

She continued, **“We were so happy you came to visit us at Mililani Baptist church, but we noticed you have not been back, and we wanted to make sure you are okay, and all is well with you.”**

I thought how nice and said, **“Thank you, but all is well. I found a church I am more comfortable in.”**

She nodded and started to leave, then quickly turned back and said, **“Amy, can I tell you one more thing?”** I said, **“Sure.”**

She responded, **“Make sure it is a Bible-believing, Bible-teaching church.”**

I thanked her and she went on her merry way.

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As I closed the door, it was like the scales fell from my eyes. A Bible-believing, Bible-teaching church! Yes! I realized that was what I needed!

I then saw the books I had just bought from the church of good works and my first thought was that I need to go back there and get my money back. My next thought was I didn't want anyone to be deceived like I had been, and I tore up the pages and threw the books away.

### SALVATION

I still didn't want Roy and Joan to know that I finally found the truth. Also that they were right and I was dead wrong. But that Christmas in 1977, they invited us to their church Christmas dinner. As Pastor Roy G. Sapp of First Assembly of God gave the altar call, my hand quickly shot up and I received Christ, this time for good.

Gary received the Lord two weeks later and we started attending First Assembly and were solidly planted there for eighteen years before the Lord moved us. Before the Lord called Roy and Joan back to the mainland, Gary and I, their two sisters, their mom and dad received the Lord.

My message is: **IT ONLY TAKES ONE** in a family for all to receive Christ.

### My Family

With my family, my father died when I was eight-years-old. I grieve at the thought he did not make it to heaven and ended up in Hades, a place of eternal fire, agony, and torment. But one thing I do know is that wherever he is, he would want as many people as possible to know the truth, to be told about Jesus, receive Jesus, and be with Him in heaven for eternity where there is only love and peace, and no more sorrow or pain.

I know that from the parable of the rich man and beggar Lazarus in Luke 16. Briefly both die and Lazarus goes to heaven and the rich man

ends in Hades. The rich man quickly finds out he is there permanently for eternity. He and no one where he is can go to where Lazarus is. No one in heaven where Lazarus is can go to Hades.

The Word says there is a great divide, a chasm that separates the two eternities. The rich man cries out, "Father, send someone to my home to tell my brothers the truth, to have them receive Christ so they don't end up where I am.

I had the privilege of leading my mother in a prayer to rededicate her life to Christ. She told me that her teacher in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade led her to Christ. Life happened and she fell away and now rededicated herself to the Lord. Some years later when she was in hospice care at home, she wanted to be water baptized. At that time, we were planted at New Hope Oahu and we were there for 25 years. I was able to arrange Pastor Wayne Cordeiro to come to her home to water baptize her.

Six years later after my mom graduated to heaven, my sister got ill, and I led her in the prayer to receive Christ. As she lay in the hospital about to be transferred to a hospice facility, she asked me to water baptize her.

My older brother is the only other person in my family. He is stubborn like I am. I believe he has received Christ but does not want to tell me. If not yet, he is close, and I believe because of 2 Peter 3:9 and 1 John 5:14-15 my brother's name will be written in the book of life.

2 Peter 3:9 tells us it is God's will for none to perish and all to come to repentance and receive eternal life. I have been praying for him and 1 John 5:14-15 tells me that when we pray according to God's will, He hears us, and we will receive what we ask for.

My message again is **IT TAKES ONLY ONE** for a whole family to come to Christ. **WILL YOU BE THE ONE FOR YOUR FAMILY!**