

HEART-TO-HEART

We are reminded that Christ is in our hearts and we are in His and that love connects us all in unity.



"A father doesn't tell you that he loves you - he shows you."

Dimitri the Stoneheart

Honoring Our Fathers

In June we celebrate Father's Day. In an article found on www.fatherhood.gov it states, "Positive father involvement has been associated again and again with better social, emotional, and cognitive outcomes for children at all ages. Research articles show that it is correlated with higher self-esteem, emotional security, academic achievement, school readiness, and math and verbal skills."

God intended for fathers to play an important role in the family, just as our heavenly father plays an important role in all of our lives. For all of us who remember the positive impacts that our fathers had on our lives, we are grateful for their presence, their words of wisdom, their showing us how to be better people, and for loving us.

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

Billy Graham

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He Was Proud of Us

by Linda Kunimitsu

My dad died unexpectedly in a fishing accident in 1993. When the Buddhist priest sat down with the three of us siblings a few days before the funeral, he posed a question: “What about your father do you remember the most?”

Without hesitation, my sister, brother and I replied, “He was proud of us.”

It was a bit odd. My parents were second generation Japanese ancestry and not demonstrative people. They not once told us they loved us or were proud of us; we just knew. Having this knowledge in our hearts made us secure, and we were never afraid to step out into the world.

We grew up on a ten-acre coffee/macadamia nut farm in

Kona. There were very few rules. We knew the rules, and followed them. At least I know I did. I do remember a few spankings as a young child, tho. It could be that those spankings stayed with me in my later years and I didn't dare overstep my bounds.

My parents and grandparents weren't Christians, as far as I know; but they did not spare the rod and spoil the child. I believe there are over 30 Bible verses pertaining to spoiling the child without discipline.

What is your favorite memory of your earthly father? If you are blessed to still have him, sit down and have a chat with him this Father's Day. Share your heart while you still can. You won't regret it.

Happy Father's Day!



“Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers and singers of song.”

—Unknown

My Confirmation

by *Jeanne Nagatani*

This morning, May 7, 2023, Pastor Stan spoke about the Great Confirmation that God is alive and about the confirmation of God's love for him in his life. This is my journey with my dog Miki confirming that God loves us.

My story begins when Dennis and I got Miki as a 5-week-old puppy. She started having intestinal issues, so we took her to VCA Animal Hospital in Pearl City. There, we were assigned to Dr. Joy Yasuda, D.V.M. Miki had many intestinal visits (sometimes weekly), got spayed as well as having 2 "knee" surgeries while under Dr. Yasuda's care during the first 10 years of her life. Dr. Yasuda left VCA and we lost touch with her. However, during the Pet Expo in 2016, God allowed Dennis, Miki and me to "find" her as she was promoting her new venture.

In 2017, Dr. Yasuda and a group of veterinarians started PetVet Animal Hospital in Salt Lake where Miki was again under her care. In 2022, we went there as a walk-in emergency knowing that we would have to see any vet who was available. We were blessed

that Dr. Yasuda was available and because she knew Miki's history, I had confidence that Miki would have the best care possible.

This morning, Miki and I were again a walk-in emergency and again subject to be seen by any available vet. Miki was not eating and was throwing up and had a hard time standing up and walking. Because of the numerous health issues that Miki was facing and because Miki is almost 17 years old with no hope of getting better, I made the decision to euthanize her. I didn't want her to suffer any more. Again, against all odds, God made provisions to have Dr. Yasuda tend to Miki.

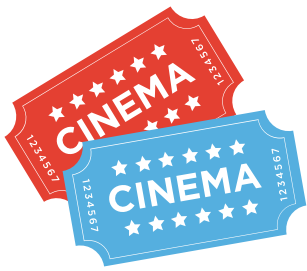
God has been with Miki and me throughout our journey of her life. God knew that Dr. Yasuda would give me comfort so He made sure that she was available during all of the trials that Miki and I have had.

This is only one of the many confirmations that God is there for me. He is and always will be my along-sider. Praise God that He loves me and knows what is best for me.

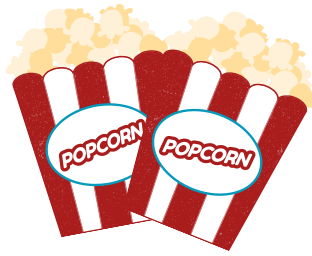


"By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life.."

PSALM 42:8



Movie Night



Save the Date - Saturday, June 24, will be movie night at WOCC.

- Movie: "Jesus Revolution".
- Time: Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; movie will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Bring your family and friends to see this movie.
- Note: Minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult for the duration of the movie.

"There is an entire generation searching for God."

- Lonnie Frisbee (quote from the movie, "Jesus Revolution")

WOCC Calendar of Events

- June 4 - Pastor Stan - Surprising One Way Love
- June 11 - Pastor Stan - The Dilemma of Love and Trust
- June 18 - Joel Duldulao, Father's Day
 - (Pr. Stan ministering at Kahala Nui senior community)
- June 24 - Movie Night @ WOCC (see above for more info)
- June 25 - Pastor Stan -
- July 2 - Clive Cowell - Trusting God in the midst of Suffering
 - (Pastor Stan vacation; Mt. Hermon)
- July 9 - Stan Hankins
 - (Pastor Stan vacation; Mt. Hermon)
- July 16 - Pastor Stan
 - Annual Meeting after church (tentative)
- July 23 - Randal Young (HCC); God and Technology (Artificial Intelligence)
 - (Pulpit exchange - Pr. Stan speaking at HCC)



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