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1 Samuel 9:15-23, 10:26-11

One of the constant refrains that I say is “leaders lead.” Leaders are crucial to the plan of God and crucial for almost everything in life. If you're going to build a company, you need a leader. Many years ago we were trying to put up a tent but we had no leader. We spent hours trying to put this thing up because nobody knew what they were doing. Then a leader showed up who knew how to put up tents and BANG, that thing went up very quickly. A leader makes all the difference.

But what if you're part of a group that has no leader? What if there's no one that is willing to lead? If God can find the leader, he can do great miracles. Here in Kihei, Maui there is a center called Haggai Institute. I've had John Haggai, the founder and great man, preach here a number of years ago. God gave him a concept of missions that was different, instead of training people to go to missions from the United States, why not bring leaders from the nations, train them, and send them back to their nations and is literally changing nations. These are judges, governors and people of great influence that's are on fire for God and changing their nations. One leader, one idea, touches thousands and changes everything.

There was a man who saw a newspaper article in Pennsylvania about

a gang that had killed an invalid man in New York and his heart went out to him. He went to New York and disrupted the court case with his Bible in the air. That man was David Wilkinson who began a ministry called Teen Challenge. Today it has changed thousands. John Hagee started Christians United for Israel that has now impacted millions of people, and is the the largest organization in the world that supports Israel.

Another friend of mine back in the 60s had a dream of thousands of people covering the earth with the gospel. They took a missions trip with young people to the Bahamas. My brother David was on that trip and his life was changed. Instead of taking a football scholarship he felt called to go to a Christian college. That man who started that one trip to the Bahamas was Lauren Cunningham who is the founder of Youth With A Mission (YWAM) that has literally spanned the entire globe with hundreds of thousands of people witnessing for Jesus. In every nation, if one person gets touched by God and is open to be used by God, it can change everything.

In our text tonight, we see God raising up a leader to lead Israel. Saul's father is a man by the name of Kish. They're part of the Benjamin tribe. It was a tribe that had been decimated years

before because they embraced homosexuality, which is, in the scriptural perspective, a perversion. So all of Israel fought against them and killed them all except for a little handful of men. That tribe was almost snuffed out. Yet the smallest tribe now is the tribe God chooses. That's a lot like God, he chooses people that we would think they were the last people God would choose. In this particular case Saul's father's donkeys ran away. So Kish told Saul to find the donkeys. Saul has a horrible time finding the donkeys, but God uses that to bring Saul to the Prophet Samuel. I wonder how many things God has done in our life to bring us into the place where we need to be so he can anoint us.

God informed Samuel the day before Saul shows up to his town that “I'm sending you the man I've chosen to become King”. What is fascinating to me is that God tells us that He is going to raise up a leader and then he puts the leader into place, and he doesn't even know he's a leader. Most leaders don't know they're leaders. We are not born with a sign that says, “Leader.” God chooses leaders through very unusual circumstances. Samuel tells Saul that he was the man God chose.

I've noticed our staff hear God and speak to people that God has chosen to serve him in great capacity, but

they don't realize that God has chosen them. They freak out when one of the leaders comes say, "Have you ever thought about doing a life group? Have you ever thought about being an usher, or greeter?" God is always looking for people that He can use for His glory. Even in this case, God has chosen Saul before he even had a clue. Samuel has already gathered the tribes where he plans to introduce Saul as the king, but Saul doesn't want to be king. Saul hid himself among the baggage! He didn't want to be king. They found him and dragged him out!

There's often times where God will call us to do something that we don't even want to do. However, I've noticed that once we yield to God's call, He puts a desire in our heart to do it. Then God begins to use us in a great, great way.

When it was shared with all of Israel that Saul was the new king, there were those whose hearts immediately tied themselves to Saul and left everything to follow him, while some people ridiculed him. Every leader is going to have that problem. If you plan to be a leader, there will always be those who God puts in their hearts to help you. Yet there are those who think that leader is insane. But there are those at King's that God has put in our hearts to be a part of this church.

All of the King's Chapels that God birthed has come about by God raising up leaders, and by God putting it in people's hearts to serve. God is going to build His church. God is the Lord of hosts and going to give us victory after victory. He is our banner. He's going to fight our battles. But what you'll notice is over and over again in the Old Testament is that God fights the battles and gives victory through people whose hearts are tied to what God wants to do.

When Saul goes back to his home a crisis occurs, where a town on the eastern side of Jordan, Jabesh Gilead, is attacked by the Ammonites, who besieged them and wanted to disgrace them by demanding they all take out their right eye, and be slaves to them.

The ammonites gave them seven days to make the decision because they thought no one would help.

It's a good picture of the devil who wants to mame us, to make us feel alone, and full of fear. I'm thankful to be a part of the King's family that prays for me, even through the hard times this family helps people. You are not alone.

Saul comes in from his work in the feilds and hears people in the town crying and weeping loudly in grief. They thought no one could help them. Israel didn't have an army or anyone who could help Jabesh Gilead. They didn't think their newly selected king, Saul, could do anything. But when Saul heard about the cruelty of the Ammonites and the despair of his own townspeople, he got

oxen to all the tribes of Israel to provoke them with the idea that if they don't show up all their livelihood and cattle will look like that, "This will happen to you and what you own." He calls the people to follow him and Samuel. Adding Samuel to the message validated his demand because everybody knew Samuel was a prophet and had the ear of God.. He wanted to be certain they all understood this was a God thing because it was God who anointed.

It says the terror of the Lord fell on the men and they all turned out; 330,000 men were immediately formed as an army. The Ammonites were slaughtered. Saul attacks their camp right between 3am -6am. The enemy is completely wiped out.

After Saul won this victory, men around him who loved him emphasized retaliation on those who rebelled and did not heed his call. Saul did good by not seeking revenge on those Israelites and this event became the highlight of Saul's ministry. Everything was fresh; everything was new. He was walking humbly and did not seek revenge on those who rebelled against him because he knew that this was a

time to celebrate, for God had rescued them. He knew the battle was the Lords.

Now I want you to grab onto very different strategy that God used. The battle is the Lord's, but He uses us. God chooses people and gives them a job to do and gives us the ability to follow him, He brings the salvation message, we are forgiven of our sins, on our way to heaven, and delivered us from the power of darkness. Then God desires to use us for His glory. The greatest tragedy that I see as a pastor is when people believe they can't be used by God. God wants to flow through us to accomplish his purpose, we can't do it on our own. The church is the body of Christ. Our physical body has a lot of parts. If certain parts aren't working it becomes a limitation to what that body can do. When I was in high school playing football I had an ingrown toenail on my big toe and invariably somebody would step on that toe. The pain got so bad,

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angry. Now not all anger is bad. The Apostle Paul says to be angry and sin not, don't let the sun go down on your wrath (Eph 4:26-7). James 1:20 tells us that the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God. The point is that if we get angry a lot, that will destroy us. There are times of a holy anger; where injustice has been done and there needs to be a correction. God, in His grace and his mercy, raises up somebody that has enough anger that moves to fix the problem.

That's what happens with Saul. The holy anger was encouraged by the Holy Spirit who came on Saul, with power. The anointing on Saul that took place under Samuel pouring oil, now became a reality. It was no longer just oil. Now it was the actual Holy Ghost that was upon him in power. He does something very unusual by sending a very grisly message to all of Israel. He cut up oxen and sent the body parts of the

that I finally went to the doctor and had it fixed. It was amazing to me how one toe could limit how well I played because I was afraid somebody would step on it and hurt it. If we are not functioning in the body of Christ, we become limited. Many different gifts allow this church to accomplish the vision and succeed, such as those with the gift of intercession. Their prayers are making this church alive every day and I can count on them. There are people when the offering plate comes around, they consistently give and they stretch every year to give more than they did the year before. That's why this church can do what it's called to do, all because of their faithfulness. We have many people who serve and wake up early on Sunday morning to pray at 5am, security ministry, ushers that open up the building, media

Marshallese churches all over the US and they are believing that in the next 6 months they will reach 100. On Christmas Day, which is the big day for Marshallese, they had 4300 people throughout the Marshallese community! We need to raise up by the grace and power of God, no matter the limitations, we all can do something for God.

Oftentimes God's power is released when there's a need. Here we see that God used the need to challenge the people of Israel. Many times God uses a need to challenge us. A great pastor in the United States years ago built the Crystal Cathedral in Anaheim, CA and wrote a book about church growth. The thought was that you grow a church by finding the need. On Maui we found a need and established Family Life Center, who reach out to the homeless and

God is using them and blessing them. Pastor Daniel Rice and Pastor Colleen, my wife, found a need, inmates in prison. Many people that are attending our church

to pray, to serve, to be in the House of the Lord, to give. I'm gonna challenge each person to do the things God called all of us to do and if you will rise to the challenge, God will use us. Exclaiming, "Whoa, look at what the Lord has done." Don't be afraid of a challenge and keep challenging others. The Bible says to provoke one another to love and good works (Heb 10:24-25). Some of people are good provokers in certain areas but not very good when it comes to challenging people to work for the Lord. A shift happens when we provoke other toward Christ, love, and good deeds, the church grows. Encourage people to be everything God's called them to be. I am absolutely convinced that every revival starts, not only with the leader who's willing, but also with people who have tremendous influence, where whole families are saved.

All of us have influence in our families, friends, on our jobs, and countless other ways. One person may be the key to break open a revival and they don't even know it. Just like Saul was the key to bring victory to Israel and he didn't even know. God wants to use each person we just need to be willing.

GOD'S PLAN IS TO ANOINT AND EMPOWER PEOPLE TO BRING ABOUT THE VICTORY.

and sound teams, and on and on. There are leaders that gather people together to be used of God, music, productions, generations ministry and more. Each person uses their gifts fueled by the power of the Holy Spirit that allows us to be the church.

God raised up a Saul and the people that were willing to follow Saul. God puts in the hearts of people a desire to be a part a particular ministry. That's why we are a part of this church, we joined together for a particular vision. God is looking for leaders that will lead. Our vision of 12/120 can only be accomplished if leaders rise up.

There are about 60,000 Marshallese people in the United States. They are a people who have a heart after God. Pastor Datsun has a desire to reach all of them and sends a leader to a city, with no income, to live with a friend or family and plant a church. I am so proud of all they do. Today we have 71

today were in that prison. They are now set free and delivered from the power of Satan.

God launched Saul to be king and a need came up. That need challenged all of Israel but nothing would have been done unless God's spirit came on Saul. God's plan is to anoint and empower people to bring about the victory. In this house we constantly encourage people to be filled with the Holy Ghost because we need him to accomplish victory. God's plan is for victory. People are important to Him and He will anoint and use them.

Lastly, don't ever be embarrassed to challenge people to do more for God. The challenge that Saul gave to the Israelites was a grisly one but we see that God honored the challenge because the terror of the Lord came on the people. They feared death if they didn't go. As King's Global Pastor I am not gonna back away from challenging our people



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One Church, Many Locations

MARSHALLESE

By Pastor Datsun Imakita



The Lord has been doing a tremendous work throughout King's Marshallese. Pastor Datsun & Pastor Betty are more than ever in full force, reaching out wherever there are Marshallese. The current vision for KC Marshallese is 500 extensions by 2025. We've seen God multiply us in many ways. Most of the time we had to walk on water, whether it was releasing leaders out into the field, working on building projects, or making drastic decisions for transitions but without a doubt, God has been moving and He still is!

Our annual Marshallese Conference held every July brought many of our Marshallese to unite and worship God. This year, we hosted our conference in the largest auditorium in Arkansas. It's hard to put together and fathom what God is doing right before our eyes. Throughout these extensions, God is

healing, birthing purpose, and people are being transformed to fulfill their callings.

Our core values as a church are what we stand by. Praying in agreement every morning at our early morning prayer time is crucial for reaching the 500 vision. We've seen that at many of our gatherings as a body of Christ; we not only grow spiritually but we grow in our vision and purpose. It is the very reason why we never neglect to pursue and host as many encounters & leadership trainings as we can.

We continue to faithfully stretch ourselves to reaching the vision by currently putting our marks on Tulsa, Oklahoma, Berryville, and Arkansas. Pray with us, contend with us, and let's expand the Kingdom of God together.

Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

“WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT TUCSON, ARIZONA?”

By Minister Barry Hagerty



“What do you think about Tucson, Arizona?” This was a question Pastor Daniel Bracken presented to Minister's Barry and Jan Hagerty in February of 2022. What seemed like a random and simple question was actually all part of the Holy Spirit's plan to bring revival to the southern area of Arizona.

The Hagerty's completed their fourth year as the directors of Alaska King's School of Ministry based at King's Wasilla. KSM had 8 students when they began to lead and in 2022 the enrollment was 88 students with 28 students graduating. But it was clear that the Holy Spirit was up to something new.

The 12/120 vision of King's Cathedral and Chapels is in full swing towards fulfillment and what God is doing in Tucson is part of that. After much prayer, counsel, and discussion with both Pastor Daniel and Dr. Marocco, the Hagerty's stepped down as KSM Directors in Alaska to move to Arizona to open a King's North Tucson extension. But this was only the beginning.

Two additional families from King's Alaska joined with us to plant Tucson, Chad and Sara Davis (KSM Class of 2020), along with Paul and Maria Hass (KSM Class of 2022). These amazing families, including 8 children, sold houses and resigned from jobs in Alaska and then bought houses and accepted jobs in Arizona!

Team Tucson hit the ground running and here are some highlights: Over 1,000 houses were reached through the “Every Home For Christ” program that King's participates in. Sunday morning services started immediately in our home and averaged 20+ in attendance.

We established Early Morning Prayer (EMP) from 7 to 8 AM every morning. Established an Outreach called “Sunday Night in the Park”, where we distributed food and had a full service with worship and the word. The attendance reached over 40! There have been salvations, deliverance, and signs and wonders that have accompanied all that the Holy Spirit is doing and He is just getting started.

We have recently moved into a building but King's Tucson North continues to do the Outreaches every week.

Other highlights include:

- An Embrace Women's Christmas Tea
- King's Youth Friday Night Life Group
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

God still wasn't finished with what He was going to establish in Tucson. Prophet John and Meleanna Harke planted a church in South Tucson in 2021 and we have now adopted it into the King's family as of December 29, 2022. They have become King's Tucson South! Minister Barry and Minister Jan and the amazing team lead both extensions. If you're willing, God can do multiplication through a simple question, “What do you think about Tucson, Arizona?” The Holy Spirit has said that Tucson is ripe for a harvest of souls and an outpouring of Himself there. Team Tucson says, “Yes and AMEN!”

CREATIVE THINGS!

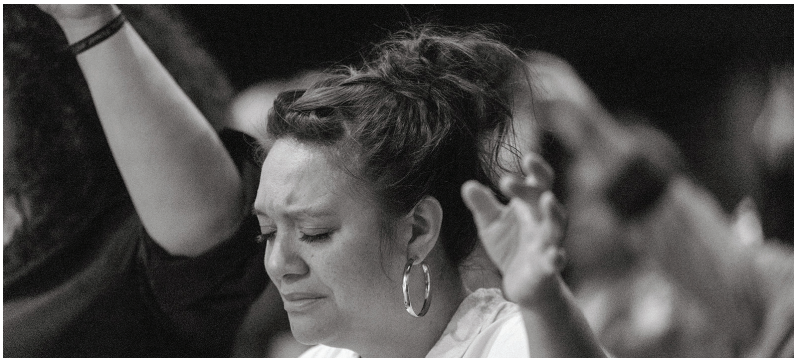
By Pastor Chris Davis

Creative things have been happening at King's Branson as we move forward in the vision to touch our world through Arts and Media. Last October, we hosted our first Worship & Creative Conference.

The weekend featured special guests Andrew Holt and Austin Davis, songwriters and producers from The Belonging Co. in Nashville, plus Pastor Alex Betsill from King's Maui. The TBCO team led us in powerful moments of worship and gave fresh insight into writing and producing from within the local

church. Daytime sessions were taught by our King's team of Pastors, Ministers and leaders on growing deeper in worship, vocal growth, creative writing, animation, audio, directing theater, drumming, and much more. Times were also set aside for one-on-one training by several of our seasoned King's worship leaders.

It was great to see participants from Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Oregon, Kansas and Missouri all encouraged and built up in their creative gifts!



NEW OPPORTUNITIES

By Pastor Steve & Minister Vickie Franks

The 12/120 vision is moving forward and in May of 2022 the Franks family launched again, this time back to the Mainland to serve KC Worldwide under Dr. Janelle and help plant and encourage possible new King's locations in the Continental States (Harvest Team). We are assisting Dr. Janelle as well at King's Springfield where we now live. Ariana and Evan are helping at King's Branson under Pastor Chris and Mackenzie is attending Evangel University.

We have come full circle from where our journey started in 1989 graduating from Central Bible College, which is now part of Evangel University. I feel that we are seeing the fruit and legacy of Dan and Esther Marocco's labor in missions being fulfilled here in Springfield where they started at Central Bible Institute.

Serving as Asia Team leaders, we have seen God multiply leaders and locations greatly in just these six months. Minister Vickie and I recently had the privilege of going to the Philippines to encourage and train our leaders there, as well as connect with new possible extensions. Our first Sunday there I ministered in Santa Rosa Laguna while Minister Vickie preached in King's Lima. We taught at two leadership training conferences: the north Philippines with Pastor Quinsay and the south with Pastors Alan and Estrella Nakama. Our north Philippines conference had 175 pastors and leaders in attendance. The south conference had approximately 50 core pastors attending. Both conferences included a time of anointing and impartation as we sent these leaders back to their extensions with renewed vision and empowered with the King's DNA to see the Philippines reached with the gospel. We also connected with our pastors from South Cotabato, Danny and Sangking Tongcaling, who minister to the Tboli tribe. Some of these locations are very remote. Pray for the resources needed to reach even more remote locations.

New opportunities for multiplication are opening in Indonesia as well with adopted churches as well as new King's plants. North Vietnam is opening up new locations as well as locations in the central and south Vietnam. Pastor Moses Cao was able to go and minister this last year with hundreds being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

In the mainland there have been new opportunities to plant in Florida, Illinois and possibly more in Missouri. Everywhere we have been, there are people looking for spirit-filled churches but the harvest is great but laborers are few. Please take time as you are praying for the 12/120 vision to intercede for laborers with a burden and heart for the kingdom. I can safely say I have seen a greater desire from people to start churches this year

than in all the years I have been in ministry and all the locations we have served in.

To our King's family wherever you are: We have the greatest people on earth in our church. Many of those people are diamonds in the rough...just a little polishing and they could launch out and help us with this harvest. Some are serving when they could be leading, some are leading when they could be pastoring, some are just trying to be obedient. Listen to the voice of God during this fasting and prayer and run to the harvest fields. The harvest is truly bigger than what we thought. May God use us in this powerful moment to fulfill the vision and make disciples as well as train leaders and send them out.



Pastor Steve and Minister Vickie Franks

KING'S LIHUE

By Pastor Monica Zenger

We are King's Lihue!

After moving locations for a number of years from Hanama'ulu, in June 2022 our campus name changed to Lihue. We believe this was a prophetic act in motion.

We have been praying and fasting for a venue that would accommodate our challenges and growth and in April, God started the process of opening doors with the owners of the building formally known as the Kukui Grove Cinema. In May negotiations were underway and after six months the lease was signed and demolition began on November 1st.

The vision to open in our new location in 30 days was shared, and the people of King's Kauai unified and worked daily for four weeks. Many came for a few hours at a time, some viewed our posts on what still needed to be ac-

complished and surprisingly showed up to lend a helping hand.

With each working day the anticipation of being in a new location got the people excited. Many pulled together and invested their time, talent and treasure by serving and pushing forward to get the job done. We were blessed by many who provided meals, construction, plumbing, lighting, flooring, painting, restoring, cleaning and landscape maintenance.

God is preparing and positioning the people of Kauai for revival. On November 30th in the heart of Kauai, we are proud to announce that King's Lihue held our very first service at our new location that seats 200 people in our main sanctuary and 178 in the Kids room. Opening on time, allowed us the privilege of holding our Christmas banquet with Dr. Marocco on Tuesday, December 6th, with over 300 in attendance.

Actively being in our new location we have seen God bring new and former families back home. We also celebrate significant increase to our campuses island wide which includes Eleele, Kapaa and our Marshallese congregation. Please partner with us in prayer that in our new season we will multiply Life Groups and coordinate outreaches that will be effective for the Kingdom.

We would like to extend a special THANK YOU to KING'S KAUAI! We are forever grateful and appreciate all that you do! Thank you King's World Wide for all your prayers!





WE'VE COME TO WORSHIP

Pastor Joshua Marocco
Matthew 2:1-6

I believe in this passage there is a spiritual parallel, that when king Herod heard this and was troubled, it is a picture that when we worship God, we trouble hell. What troubled Herod was that these wise men came to worship a new king. They were making a declaration that a new king had come. When we worship God, we declare that the devil is no longer the king of our life, the world is no longer the king in our life, but Jesus is the new king. When we come to worship Jesus, we trouble hell a lot.

The profound statement from the Magi was that they came to worship. They had no other purpose of motivation; they came to worship. The word worship in the Greek shows us the totality of the word and the motivation of their heart. The word, *proskuneo*, means reverence and honor, from a place of respect and awe. They traveled

hundreds of miles to respect and honor the new king they had never met.

Two distinctions make up this Greek word of worship, His position, and our posture. Our worship begins with the way we see Jesus. If we don't see Jesus right, we can't worship him right. Do we see Jesus as a wise person, a good person, who did a couple of miracles here or there. Who is Jesus? Who Jesus is determines how we worship him. Matthew 13:58 relates that Jesus could not do many miracles in his hometown because they did not honor him. Jesus was not depleted of miracle working power, or didn't do miracles because he was not able, but the problem was in how they saw him. The way we see Jesus will determine how we respond to him, how we worship him. In worship does Jesus have the right position in our life? Is he truly king of kings and lord of lords? Is he the great I AM? He is more than just a

Counselor or friend, He is my Savior, Lord, King, Creator of heaven and earth.

When I was a youth Pastor, one of my favorite songs was, "Jesus you are my best friend." We love seeing Jesus as our best friend and we should. He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. This generation has become so desensitized and familiar with Jesus that it has effected their worship. His position in your life will determine the magnitude of your worship. Is he truly king?

His position also determines our posture. The "posture of worship" means to lay prostrate before the Lord. How we position ourselves determines the validity of our worship. Do we position ourselves in humility and the one we worship in a place of honor? If someone of great stature or position walked into a room in those days, people would lay prostrate and become low. It was a sign of great reverence and humility, declaring, "I give you power over me." We

don't like to talk about that when we worship. We see worship as a declaration of appreciation, we thank the lord, but worship means a humbling of ourselves before the Lord affirming, He has power and lordship over us. One of the biggest dilemmas in worship is a fight for posture. The reasons why we don't walk in a greater intimacy with God is not God's desire toward us but the battle of our posture with Him. The word worship means that we place such value and honor on a person that we give them power over us. The very word lord is a title of power and authority over another. Is Jesus really our Lord? Is He ruler or advisor, Lord or buddy? How we see Jesus will determine how we worship Him.

The action of the wise men reveals their understanding of kingship and the magnitude of His call. They came to worship a king they didn't even know with a marked extravagance. Their extravagance worship was marked by three distinct acts: the extravagance of their journey, the extravagance of their gifts, and the extravagance of their motives.

Their first act of worship was the extravagance of their journey. The Bible intentionally says that they came from afar and did not consider the journey as an inconvenience but rather, a privilege. They got to worship the King of kings and the Lord of Lords. They didn't see it as a problem. When they started following the star, they didn't know where they were going or how long it would take but they were excited about the privilege. They did not see the journey as inconvenience, but rather a privilege and a honor. As a child, I loved going to my grandparents' house in Paradise, CA. The house was a beautiful place in the forest, where their closest neighbor was the forest Ranger. My grandpa and I would get out binoculars and watch squirrels go into a house grandpa built to eat walnuts and we would eat walnuts all day. We cut down trees, shot stuff with BB guns. My grandpa had a motorcycle, and we would go dirt biking all around Paradise, CA. It was so much fun! I loved it and I loved my grandparents. I never, ever, ever saw the length of the journey as an inconvenience. As a matter of fact, it was exciting to me because I knew where I was headed, and it was a privilege. It was going to be awesome and amazing. But there is also a place I

dread going. It's only 5 minutes from my house and every time I must go there, I start twitching. Every time when I drive by that place, it brings up fear and dread in my life, the dentist. Isn't it interesting that I would enjoy a journey that was hours long, my grandparents' house, but someplace 5 minutes away I hated going? Worship makes the journey worth it. Their journey was an act of extravagant worship. They didn't mind the journey because, to them, the worship was worth the journey.

The second act of worship in this scripture is the extravagance of gifts. Their gifts declared who Jesus was, would be, and what he would accomplish, prophetically. The gold represented Jesus' kingship, the frankincense symbolized His role as a priest, and the myrrh alluded to His death. There are some profound parallels that we see throughout scripture concerning these incredible gifts. We don't know if the Wisemen could truly understand the

the cross and the soldiers offered him something called gall, which was a mixture of wine and myrrh. When Jesus died, he was buried in myrrh and aloe. Little did the Wisemen know that their gifts declared Jesus as the sacrifice for our sins and the covering of his burial.

Lastly, we see the extravagance of their motives. A young girl lost her dog and frantically searched all over town. She hung up signs offering a great reward to whomever found her dog. One day a young boy took notice of the sign and decided to join the search. As the young girl searches she states over and over, "I hope I find my dog, I hope I find my dog. I miss her so much. I can't wait to hold her in my arms." But the young boy runs around frantically saying, "I hope I find this dog, I could really use the reward money." We see a stark difference, not in the intensity of the search, but the motives were different, a boy feverishly searching for a reward and a young girl feverishly searching for

"HOW WE POSITION OURSELVES DETERMINES THE VALIDITY OF OUR WORSHIP."

full magnitude of what they brought to Jesus and oftentimes we don't understand the full magnitude of our worship to; the full magnitude when we serve, worship, and give. Did the Wisemen understand that when they brought gold it was a prophetic fulfillment of the ark of the covenant being overlaid in gold, as theologians affirm? That Jesus was the living embodiment of God's presence and He was the fulfillment of God restoring His covenant to his people.

Frankincense was added to sacrifices as sanctifying the offering for worship. It was part of the pleasing aroma of worship that the Lord prescribed. Myrrh was an expensive spice used at that time in gall and burials. In Mark 15:23 Jesus was on

her dog out of relationship. This passage in Matthew 2 should make us question our motives. Why do we do what we do? Why do we worship? Why do we read the Word? Why do we serve? Why do we give? Why do we love? All of us must confront the motivation of our actions and relationships. In this passage we see very clearly the motivation of these wise men, "We've come to worship Him. They didn't come that Jesus would make them counselors or a part of His Kingdom. All they did was come to worship. They came on an extravagant journey and brought extravagant gifts just so that they could worship.

This passage also challenges the motivation of our worship. I believe in the principle of sowing and reap-

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ing. I believe in the principles of the word of God of, “give it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down shaken together. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you (Luke 6:38).” That’s the principle of sowing and reaping, whatever you sow is what you’re going to reap. I believe that there’s a place of faith, but God also looks at the motivation of our worship, serving, and giving. God wants us to serve, worship, and give whether we get anything back or not. If we truly worship we’re not doing it for our own gain. Jeremiah 29:13 states, “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart, and I will be found by you,” declares the Lord. Hebrews 11:6 reveals, “Without faith it’s impossible to please God, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.” The Bible says that God rewards those who seek Him but we have to be mindful the reward. In the context the scripture is saying that the greatest reward we can receive is not money or power but a relationship with God. Jesus is the reward. Out of a relationship with Jesus, wisdom flows, strength comes, power is released, and peace pervades. Our calling is derived from him. Everything comes from a relationship with Him. He is the ultimate reward.

Many times our motivation is off. We get caught up in what

we’re going to receive because we’re worshiping, giving, serving, etc. We remind God of all the things we’ve done and we’ve lost the true essence of why we worship. Was it really for Him? We make worship, giving, and serving more about us than about Him. When we don’t gain the recognition, the favor, the position, the miracles that we want, we throw up our hands and quit. We say, “Well, God didn’t come through or give that miracle I want and I’m out.” This story confronts some of those areas of life of motivation. What if everything we do for God was not about receiving but the true motivation of, “We have come to worship.”

Pagans believed that worship fuels their idol’s existence. If they stopped worshipping, then their gods would decrease in power and cease to exist. They believed they had to worship and the more that they worshiped the stronger that their idols got. Our God exists despite our worship. God’s existence is not dependent upon our worship. I would venture to say the very opposite is true. Our existence is fueled by our worship to Him. In a TBN special featuring Andrea Bocelli, one of the best tenor opera singers on the planet, they asked “How has your faith changed you?” I was in awe by his response, “Faith hasn’t changed me; it’s created me. It is the bedrock of my very existence.” Every time we worship we are being created in

Him. He is changing us, altering the very bedrock of our lives. Our existence is dependent on our relationship with Him.

Can we imagine in 2023 if we take hold of this statement, “We’ve come to worship”, and our motives got back into line? Every time we serve, every time we give, every time we worship, we declare who Jesus is. Our very existence is a moment given to worship God. Instead of it being a drudgery or an inconvenience, it’s an honor and a privilege. We actually get an audience with the maker of heaven and earth. There’s no greater celebrity in all the universe. We get to worship Him. Imagine what 2023 is going to look like if we adopt this declaration? In everything we do as believer’s and as King’s, “We’ve come to worship Him.”



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NEW BEGINNINGS

By Pastor Moses Cao



A new beginning is here in 2023. King's Vietnam seeks to impact over 100 million Vietnamese through outreaches and humanity relief support groups. Here are some projects we are working on for 2023:

In the mountains of Sapa, populated by Hmong and Thai people, a brand-new building has been built, yet the church building can no longer hold everyone because many more come to Christ. Please continue to pray for expansion in Sapa.

Bordering Laos, Dien Bien Phu is part of the "Golden Triangle" which accounts for one of the largest opium and heroin producers. Yet in that land we desire to buy land to build a church for 400+ people. Pray that the land and labor will be provided as we reach the people of Laos.

At the border of China, Lai Chau once known as a drug district, has become filled with people hungry for God. With the change of the entire

district, the government had approved the freedom to worship God, whereas many in Vietnam are still unable to exercise that right. Another government response resulted in pavement of roads. This upcoming March 30, 2023 we are expecting ten thousand people will gather on the top of the Lai Chau mountain and are praying to evangelize them. Pray that God will give us an open door to influence that time and pray for a stage sound system to communicate the gospel.

Hanoi, in northern Vietnam, is in need of land and a larger location. This recent Christmas 2022 is the only time underground churches were approved to surface. We took this opportunity to have crusades at five different locations. 521 people accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior and 657 people were filled with the Holy Spirit. Signs and wonders continue to follow as we gathered. Wherever we went, we saw the hand of God give us favor. His blessings are so abundant.

We are overwhelmed with His blessing. Words cannot express everything but we believe that this is the beginning for the vision for "12 million souls to enter the kingdom within ten years".

In Phu Tho, nearby Hanoi, we are expecting to gather five thousand people during next Christmas, 2023 at an open air crusade.

With all this expansion for 2023, we need more leaders and disciples. Fervently pray for more leaders to be disciplined, disciple others, grow teams of spirit filled leaders, and especially establish anointed worship leaders. Please continue to pray for Vietnam and the people in bordering nations. We need your support, and God willing, it will be done.



Embrace

CHOSEN

By Pastor Shannon Marocco

EMBRACE - To willingly and enthusiastically accept or support a belief; to hold (someone) closely in one's arms, especially as a sign of affection.

The lights in the sanctuary are low. The powerful message shared by the guest speaker still resonates in her ears as the soft worship music begins in the background. She senses movement around her, but her focus remains inward; she knows that something has shifted inside her. The pastor is on the microphone, praying. Ministers and leaders are lining up across the front. Someone touches her elbow and encourages her to walk from her seat, into the aisle, and down to the front. Awaiting her there at the altar is a minister she remembers meeting at the pre-party social yesterday who smiles and greets her by name. The minister takes her hands, then asks if she can give her a gift. She feels a beaded bracelet being slipped on her wrist and looks down to see the word, "CHOSEN." She closes her eyes as the minister starts to pray.

Chosen. This is the exact word she has been hearing throughout the day. She had been CHOSEN by God to be at this specific place in this exact moment. She was CHOSEN. The things about her which she always considered flaws were in fact designed by God to function for His plan. He had CHOSEN her. The trials, the struggles and all of her fears, the cesspool of insecurity, the sum total of everything she had stumbled through, had led her to this moment. Here at the altar, at the end of an Embrace Conference, surrounded by the most extraordinary sound of women worshipping.

She notices that others around her had different words on their bracelets: JOY, BEAUTIFUL, FREEDOM. She realizes that the Holy Spirit had

CHOSEN this particular bracelet for her alone. The colors of the beads—some of her favorites—their textures, even the size of the bracelet itself, felt hand-picked by a loving, forgiving Father just for her. She understood now what the shift was that she had felt earlier: she knew she was CHOSEN by God, but she realized in this moment, perhaps for the first time in her life, that she had CHOSEN to run after Jesus with all her heart, mind, soul and strength. He had chosen her, but she also had chosen Him.

At the end of the night, she cheered alongside her sisters, rejoicing in the Lord with all her being, and heard Pastor Shannon Marocco's voice over the speakers: "This is more than a moment, ladies. This is a MOVEMENT!" And she knew in her heart this is true. She is forever changed.

Fast forward a year and she now helps plan the annual Embrace Conference. She still wears her CHOSEN bracelet and has even made more similar bracelets which she randomly gives to whomever the Holy Spirit tells her to. She has spent the past year discovering who she is in God, and how to use her talents and passion to further His kingdom. She regularly attends a life group and has even helped lead one. She was involved with food distribution and other events at the church. She has become a part of a community. But even more importantly, she has found a sisterhood. She has learned to embrace God, embrace others, and embrace her call.

The Embrace Women's Ministry began as a dream in Pastor Shannon's heart more than a decade ago. She believes the seeds of vision and faith were birthed in her through the constant leadership example and encouragement from Dr Marocco and Pastor Colleen. It was Pastor Shannon's heart to continue

to steward the vision for women that Pastor Colleen has fearlessly led for over 40 years. At the end of 2019, the baton was passed from one generation to the next to lead the Maui Women's Conference. So amidst all the pandemic uncertainty in 2020, Pastor Shannon felt the Holy Spirit stirring up a big dream. She heard a call to step out in boldness. To pray big audacious prayers. To make daring declarations. With not much more to go on than a promise and a prayer, she began setting the conference plans into motion. And in March of 2021, the Embrace Women's Conference—BOLD, took place on Oahu and Maui. It was the first-ever conference held on two islands over two weekends, and it was a smashing success. Women poured in from all over the state, despite the travel restrictions and hardships endured because of the pandemic. More than a hundred women were hosted online, and some joined in small groups from extensions via live stream.

After the momentum of those two weekends in Hawaii, Pastors Shannon and Melani flew to King's Alaska and joined Pastor Karen who hosted their own BOLD conference. Washington extensions gathered their women together for their own BOLD conference the week after Hawaii. Pastor Heather translated all of the conference materials and devotional and held a BOLD conference in Chile online! Pastor Shannon never thought that when she cast a vision for two islands, it would stretch across the entire state and beyond!

In the last few years, there has been supernatural increase and multiplication both in attendance and impact. The conference itself is now being duplicated by campuses throughout King's. Not only do Alaska and Chile continue their annual conference, but this year Missouri hosted their first



Embrace Conference. Our desire is to continue to resource, support, and come alongside all our churches, worldwide. We know that we could have never accomplished any of this without our faithful volunteers who've sacrificially served year after year.

WHAT STARTED AS A MOMENT, HAS BECOME A MOVEMENT!

The Embrace team have penned two bible studies, "Embrace Your Race" and "Marked", which can both be found on the King's Central app. In the fall of 2022, Pastor Shannon birthed a new facet of the vision: The Embrace Sisterhood. She started a podcast and created a small-group to equip and develop leaders among the Embrace Community. There were more than 50 women-led small groups, ministering to hundreds of women globally, who simultaneously studied the 12-week "Marked" Bible Study. The team is currently working on a new Bible study set to be released at the end of conference in March. There have been countless testimonies of women that were healed physically and emotionally through the Embrace Conference, and lives that are being radically changed by being disciplined through life groups.

None of this would have ever happened without the foundation of faith established by Pastor Colleen Marocco all those years ago. Her passion for wives, mothers, sisters, and girls who were so easily overlooked and ignored, and her pioneering spirit to create opportunities for women to find encouragement, refreshment, and community was the bedrock on which the Embrace Conference was built. Her leadership continues to guide the team, and her experience is invaluable.

Just as King's is one church in many locations, the Embrace Sisterhood has grown into a global community. And this is just the beginning of what God wants to do with the women of King's. "I am believing for incredible impact and

lasting fruit in the lives of the women and their families, communities, and beyond," said Pastor Shannon. "Let's give it up for the God who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, and above all we could ever ask, imagine, or think, according to His power!"

THE EMBRACE VISION FOR 2023

ATTENDANCE - 2000+ statewide & online.

SERVING - 200+ sisters serving & getting involved.

SAVED - We are believing to reach more unchurched women than ever before through personal invites, marketing, and sponsorships.

EMBRACE THE CAUSE - Bless a ministry or outreach with \$20,000+.

EMBRACE A SISTER - Believe for over \$10,000 to be donated to bless women who are in need of sponsorship for conference registration.

BLESS LOCAL CHURCHES - Invite & build relationships with other leaders/churches.

LIVES TRANSFORMED - We are believing women to encounter God in a powerful and life changing way.

COMMITTED DISCIPLES - Believing to launch 100+ sisterhood groups with "The Garden" Bible Study to see continual discipleship and growth.

LASTING IMPACT - Women to be forever changed and a domino effect to happen around them.

SUPERNATURAL RESOURCES RELEASED -

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the

measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Philippians 4:19 TPT I am convinced that my God will fully satisfy every need you have, for I have seen the abundant riches of glory revealed to me through Jesus Christ!

As we begin a NEW YEAR, we are ecstatic that EMBRACE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE "The Garden" is just around the corner. Our team is in full planning mode and thrilled to prepare a life changing weekend for all the women of King's. Wherever you may be reading this article from, we invite you to join our sisterhood and attend the conference whether in person or online. Mark your calendars and grab some friends and join us either on Oahu March 3rd & 4th or Maui (in person/online) March 10th & 11th.

To register for this year's Embrace Conference, visit the Embrace website at kingscentral.net/embrace. To find out how you can get involved, email the team at embrace@kingscentral.net. If you feel impressed to sow a seed into Embrace by supporting our initiatives, Embrace the Cause and Embrace a Sister, please download our King's Central App and give with the description Embrace Women's Ministry. Also make sure to follow us @embracekc on Instagram and Facebook for all the latest news. Thank you for all your continued prayers and support.



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YOUTH CAMP

By Minister Nestor Ubalde

King's Youth Camp happened July 2022, in Lagonglong Misamis Oriental, with the theme "Awakening and Breaking Boundaries through Empowering", under the leadership of Minister Nestor Ubalde. As we prepared for this youth camp all the details came together, money, leaders, facilities and unity with all the youth ministries was overwhelmingly positive. The camp time was life changing for all who attended. It brought hope to the youth and many testified about God's revelation of his purpose for their life.

During the preparations God really is so amazing, the preparations went so well, and smooth, without any conflict between the officers and Pastors. Everyone was very committed to work as a team, since the very first day of our preparations until the Youth Camp days. Every officers are very committed and responsible to do their assigned task. Since the first night of the youth camp, God is moving, He is touching and speaking to everyone's heart.

In every part of the program God is so consistent in terms of financial needs from the expenses for the materials used for the camper's washing area, bathing area for male and female comfort rooms and quarters for females. God even provides the materials for the campers I'D and Certificates, Tokens for the speakers, love gifts for the cooks and speakers, everything is provided by the Lord. The king's Youth Camp 2022 is far different from the other youth camps that we attend before, it was very life changing. It also brings hope and light to everyone. It revives broken family relationships, commitment and daily prayer life. One of the campers want to impart their testimonies about how

God touched and spoke to them. The Holy Spirit moved dramatically and lives transformed. Here is one testimony of a life changed:

As a youth I grew up not knowing about God. Not faithful in relationships and stole money from my parents to drink and smoke. I would skip classes and play computer games all day. This was all before the age of 18. I fell in love with a girl but we broke up and I was so full of grief that I tried many times to commit suicide, yet each time someone would stop me. I thought that if I died all the pain would go away. One time I decided to jump in front of a speeding car, I took a step and all of a sudden someone grabbed my hand and pulled me back to safety. I turned around and my friend showed up and saved me. I was so broken and full of depression that I did not know what to do.

One day I was scrolling on tiktok and saw a advertisement about how God loves us unconditionally. It went deep into my heart and I felt as if God was speaking specifically to me. I had a revelation that if I died committing suicide I would be in hell. I asked God for his forgiveness and repented and God poured out his love for me. The moment that we are poor in spirit, the moment that we are weak, the moment that we are physically down, He comes in. We may not realize it, but He is already working for us. I have now joined King's and God is encouraging my faith and using me to be a testimony of his love.





& YOUTH SEMINAR

By Pastor Alan Nakama

On October 15, King's Tacloban had a Project "Teen-Spired" Seminar designed for youth and their parents dealing with the consequences of sex at an early age. Doctor Grace Tan-Uy, a Pediatrician at one of Tacloban hospitals and a born-again Christian spoke and encouraged the families. About 41 people showed up and the Lord strengthened the parents relationships with their youth. Families have been highly affected because of the social, economic, and sexual influences affecting our youth. Towards the end of the seminar, the parents and youths shared their love for each other through a letter which they had each written. Our pastors got to pray for every family. It was wonderful to see parents and youth expressing their honest feelings with no repercussions.

"LET'S MAKE IT BIGGER INSTEAD OF BUILDING SMALL..."

By Minister Renato Cardinas



The Lord's vision for his servant, Pastor Renato Cardinas, of the ministry in Pantukan, Davao de Oro is very great. Pastor Cardinas, along with the leaders and disciples, responded to the Lord's call to build a very large church building measuring 89 x 44 ft. to prepare for the harvest. Pastor Cardinas said, "Let's make it bigger instead of building small and then tearing it down when we grow. It's better to make it bigger now."

KC Pantukan believes this is a challenge that moves and pleases the heart of God. The Lord did his work in providing all the large and expensive equipment for the

construction of that building. The spirit of BAYANIHAN (Unity) in prayer, skills, and finances grow as we help one another. As Nehemiah had a burden to rebuild the temple. KC people are working together as a team to expand God's territory for his glory.

The building is now at 60% completion and is being completed now with the support of the Lord's people in KC Pantukan by his grace and intervention. People wonder where all the things they see in the church come from, and we tell them that God's kingdom cannot be exhausted; God is our provider.

GREAT MOVE OF GOD IN ITALY

By Pastor Italo Frigoli



It was her first time attending an evangelical church. She came responding to the invitation from Minister Silvina Chacoma to hear Dr. James Marocco. For the first time, this lawyer heard the Gospel. Being deeply touched by the Holy Spirit, she cried during the whole service. The following day, she had many questions for Minister Silvina. Her heart was so touched by the Lord.

This was the first time Dr. Marocco visited the church in Brescia, and God used him in a powerful way as he shared the Word of God to a full auditorium, and many came forward for prayer.

Ministers Pablo and Silvina pastor King's Brescia and two extensions: one in Valcamonica and the other in Bergamo. They also

administrate a charity or ONG, called "AMEMOS" that helps people in need.

Brescia was the city that was hit the hardest with the COVID pandemic in Italy. Ministers Pablo and Silvina were able to help hundreds of families with food and clothes, as well as comforting people that lost loved ones. The city of Brescia recognized their hard work, and they were given special recognition.

After enjoying a delicious real Italian pizza, Dr. Marocco visited the "MERCATINO" where donations are collected to be distributed to the needy. We are praying that God will provide a van for this ministry.

Thank you, Dr. Marocco for being faithful to the vision of ONE CHURCH IN MANY LOCATIONS.



KING'S KULA

By Pastor Carrie Low



In October of 2022, we held the first ever King's Kula Candy Lane! 60 cars, 263 People, 100+ Volunteers, tons of candy, hot dogs, cotton candy, and lots of SMILES! The amazing team of volunteers who showed up to serve before, during and after the event is what made this event a great success! Fast forward to December 2022, King's Kula signed up to be part of the Pukalani Community Association Christmas Electrical Golf Cart Parade! We were sponsored to decorate 2 Golf Carts with lights and fun decorations. We also decided to add some our life size character puppets! The response from the Upcountry Com-

munity was extremely positive. The Pukalani Community Association even allowed us to pass out flyers inviting families to church and our Christmas Production! King's Kula even won an award for Best Representation of Christmas! It was a great night of 30+ Volunteers and memories to last a lifetime!

Thank you to all who volunteered their time to see Upcountry Maui touched by the Lord! King's Kula looks forward to 2023 being a year of great opportunities in reaching our community!



Kula, Hawai'i



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