



Week 5: "Presenting Challenges"

Yes, we are citizens not of this world. It's where God as our king and we willingly give him CONTROL, and when we do that we must Own our ROLE, living out our authority and the result is we can make our lives WHOLE. Cuz me, I da pidgin pastor, dis how I tell dis: us gotta Make God Large and in Charge, fo us Take Charge, fo erylting come good inside.

Last week, PGlenn taught us about all the ways us can live with new kine disciplines fo us be citizens of heaven to affect the way us live this side of heaven, here on earth, to help us experience more of the presence of Jesus, as I quote this great theologian, "to clear a pathway to our seeking father", p. 20 "In Michael Palompo's Book God Things.

So today, How can we live out our role by making our lives wholes, showing the world we are real good inside. This is where the rubber meets the road! How can we present ourselves, show ourselves to those around us so that others can come to know the One in Charge of our lives? Hear me out, it doesn't come easy. There are some big time challenges.

Why? Number 1, it's not like everyone around us is dying to become followers of Jesus? Are you getting stopped by people at your workplace, your neighbors, family members, asking you to know more about God? Even Jesus, had this challenge! John says it this way, and this is the challenge,

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed," (John 3:19-20 NIV).

The number 2 challenge is this. How are we to show the world this amazing light we have with Jesus in our lives, when like King David, we learned a couple weeks ago, we still have issues, still dealing with our demons, still rough around the edges. Especially, when the strong man, continues to speak lies to us, telling us, "Who you think you? You think you can present me well to others, look you still get issues? Yeah, you different now, but you still get plenny mo fo change."

Yes, we are ambassadors for Christ, Local style, we are "Agents of Aloha" supposedly, to represent the Kingdom of Aloha for all to see and come a part of. But the reality is, we are not perfect Agents, so less than whole!

Today, I get to talk about the reality of living for Jesus, by owning our role and making our lives whole, by living out the amazing life of being in fellowship with Jesus and the challenges that come with Presenting God in our role as Agents of Aloha, Ambassadors of Christ. In this week's message, I get to focus on the third part of living as Citizens of Heaven, in making our lives whole, by how we present ourselves to those around us as "Residents of Earth"



The challenge is how do we live as residents of earth, presenting Jesus to those around us, when we still not whole, still have our issues, demons we still battle with, when we still under construction? Let me set you free by what Paul says as he writes to the Corinthian church,

"You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake," (2 Corinthians 4:5 NLT).

"Us guys no talk plenny bout ony us. We talk plenny bout Jesus Christ, Da One In Charge. We ony tell, us come fo kokua you guys cuz us Jesus guys," (DGASB).

In other words, take the focus off yourself, "I not trying fo live for myself no moa, Jesus is in charge of my life now. Yeah, my old ways was pilau! No good. Now, I want to live by his ways, his values, and with a different spirit. It was all about me before, and now, I like make your life better?

It's not making tantaran, eh look me now, "I got my act together, I get um". That's preaching yourself. It's more like, with Jesus in charge of my life now, he's the one changing me. Yeah, I'm not quite there yet, but with him in charge, and not me no moa, life's good now.

It's like that old Cecilio & Kaponi Song, Life different now, He showed me how, to understand what in this man, oh Lord! You guys know this song? Paul continues in his letter in verse 6 and says,

"For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves," (2 Corinthians 4:6 - 7 NLT).

So how do we present Jesus? Paul says, we are these fragile jars of clay. Characteristics: Ordinary, unattractive, rough, flawed, fragile

God chooses to present his light in less than special carriers.

Nobody is disqualified, everyone is qualified if you are a willing to be used. Just like clay pots of the biblical world, All are Flawed, but not disqualified. Fragile, but not fearful of presenting Jesus. Ordinary, but extraordinary.

OG DISCUSSION Q1: *What is your response to God wanting to fill your fragile, easily broken life with his very presence to shine his greatness?*



And what happens is we are so broken at times, our lives, break, and we find ourselves are less than whole (Drop the clay jar). The good news is that Jesus still wants to shine his light from our easily broken, fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. How? The power is not in our lives, but it's what's inside our lives that matter most because, now hear this, God begins to put back together our lives. As we make him large and in charge, giving him control, he repairs our broken pieces, fits us back together again. And creates something of greater value. We become Gold repaired pottery. As the Japanese call it "Kintsugi" Kin "Gold" "tsugi" repaired.

And we become more valuable because the master potter who formed us mends us with his golden touch and that's what we get to present to the world, God's masterpiece for the world to see. And this is you and I!

OG Discussion Q2: What has God, the master potter, done in your life to repair your brokenness to make you a better Agent of Aloha for the world to see?

I've been outside the secular working world for about 20 years. And I could share with you how I used to live out making my life whole and presenting myself as a Kintsugi jar in my work setting, but I'll do one better. Let me introduce you to someone who is intentionally trying to do so in his work setting. He and his wife are also leading many other young families to be their very own Kintsugi clay jars for the world to see. And from his mess, his brokenness, he has a message! Introduce Marc Cabatbat.

Like Pastor Earl said I have and still am working in the secular world. I know for all of you that are in your own work ministries and being a Christian can be very difficult at times. Like Pastor Earl just said we are all called to be the light in those dark places and if you are like me, your work area is not the Brightest!! Which is why you are there, what better vessel for God to use, to light those around you in Jesus. For example: I was that Christian in the work place however, was I being that Agent of Aloha? That light in the Darkness? Allowing God to use me as his Jar of Clay. More importantly did other know I was a believer and did I show them with my actions? No I didn't do that, it was quite the opposite. I worked hard and partied even harder. Like many other Christians I compartmentalized God and put him in a box. An "on demand God", only using him when I needed and only allowing him to "see" what I wanted him to see. I know that sounds silly right?! However, how many times have you justified, made excuses, compromised yourself thinking God wouldn't see or mind. Reflecting back on it I cringe at how I acted and how bad of an example I was being that agent of aloha, especially those who knew that I was a Christian. Truth was God had blessed me throughout all my military training and allowed me to fulfill a lifelong dream I had. But like P Glenn preached on spiritual discipline. I had none and slowly my light started to dim with every compromise to the point that I believed that I alone was responsible for getting to the Top.



If you don't know my testimony please I urge you to go watch it on youtube as this is the reason why I am up here speaking with love and truth to you brothers and sisters. Remember the saying "You don't appreciate something until it gets taken away"? That was almost me as I was not living in Christ. I gave up control to the enemy, did not own my role, and wanted to make me and only me whole. At one point I was willing to give up my family for earthy desires. That is right willing to Give up my wife and kids for the sake of self-gratification. Sounds crazy right? But back then it sounded real tempting. How the enemy can lie and twist your reality if you are not discipline.

Remember I talked about compartmentalizing and how I was good at it? This past week God gave me a vision about compartmentalization, a download, if you will. I woke up early in the morning around 3:30am as my mind was racing, I was not at peace for some reason, work, the world, reality of Abby waking us up!! Ha! But I asked God in that moment why it was difficult for me to compartmentalize as I was very good at it with my job being a pilot for the longest time. Why can't I just stick those thoughts away and go to bed peacefully. What he told me surprised me as it came with a vision. He said to me that the world has trained you to think this way. To become like a machine and file your emotions, concerns, and worries away so you may execute to the Authorities of Man. I however, do not operate in this manner, You are not meant to compartmentalize as you are now a vessel for me. Instead of having many boxes filled and put away when needed. You are now one big box, one big box that encompasses your whole life, not some, but ONE (God box). Your individual, family, job, career, everything is in this box and I live in it. God, Son, and the Holy Spirit are in your one Box open to travel and touch whatever you put in it. This allows me now to be part of every aspect of your life as you don't need to do this on your own anymore. So the reason why you find it difficult compartmentalize is because you are transformed and I have made you new.

God wants to be part of your whole life, not just parts, or some, or the parts you choose. He wants to be in all of it. You see, God has given you authority in Christ and you have a new identity in Him. He loves us so much that he bankrupt heaven for us and do you know how he see us and asks us to be like? Paul writes in 2 Corinthians Verse 14,

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere," (2 Corinthians 4:16 NIV).

He leads us.....in Christ's triumphal processions. What an outstanding description of how we should look at ourselves. We are in "Christ's triumphal procession" because we are worthy and made in the image of him. In addition he asks like the light to also be a be fragrant or as Paul describes spreading the sweet aroma of knowledge of him everywhere. Are you walking in God's Identity? Believing you are being led in his triumphal procession? How do you smell? A sweet aroma providing knowledge or hauna seeking destruction like I did?



Brothers and Sisters, I stand up before you with a humble and loving heart. I know it can be difficult at times but Jesus wants you/me to be that light and example for others. I'll leave you with this saying "You might be the only Bible any one reads". You have Gods Authority and go out and fill your area with that sweet Jesus aroma. Amen.

OG Discussion Q3: Honestly ask yourself, how are you smelling to those around you? And discuss the idea Marc Cabatbat brings up about compartmentalization of our Christian walk.

Conclusion: Even Jesus wasn't immune to being broken. In his fully human state, He was more broken than any of us put together. On the cross he was broken for us. What a testimony of love. Being agents of aloha.

If you can identify with Marc. He's been super broken. Almost to a point of losing his marriage, his kids, and his career, but God picked up his broken pieces and put him back together. Yes, still fragile, but still shining brightly for Jesus. That kintsugi plate, that's their plate to remind themselves of the amazing work of Jesus repairing them for amazing work God has planned out for them.

If you are here and can identify with Jesus being broken for us being our example of an Agent of Aloha, I want to invite you to open up your lives to have his light, his spirit to come inside your life to light your life up with his very presence. If that's you, I'd like to pray with you to trust Him. Invite Him to be the light of your lives. It starts there.

If you are here and have felt disqualified because of your past brokenness and now you see that God so wants to use your life to shine for everybody to see, I wanna pray with you too.

Know that all that you have been, who you are today, your life, is a jar of clay, fragile, regular, but never forget that are containers of his very presence to present to the world. A world awaits you to shine brightly from your jars of clay. Witnesses to his very light of his presence shining out for all the world to see. Remember you are Agents of God's Aloha! Don't you know that we together are God's temple and his spirit is in you?

So let's shine together and present the world what it needs, containers of his very presence, Agents of Aloha connecting everyone to Jesus, the light of the world! You agree! Dass it! We are two weekends away from the superbowl of our church calendar, Easter! Don't miss next week as PT closes out our series.

We have a chance to invite others to see other Kintsuji masterpieces all shining brightly with Jesus, and this might be their time to trust in Jesus! So go out in your role as Agents of Aloha, fragrantly walking in triumphal procession with Jesus. Let's not miss our superbowl!