

Week 6 - Heaven in our World (Pastor Lori)

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Josiah Kalama share testimony

Good morning! God is sooooo good!

Everyone shout, "Celebrate". That's right, "Celebrate"
Because we are on this incredible journey of discovering what it is to say,
"on earth, as it is in Heaven."

if you missed any of this series messages, too bad! Because you didn't get the live experience being in the house. But you can still have an amazing experience online. Not sure if you heard but someone watching the service with Joseph Lee online was touched by the Holy Spirit. While it is not exactly like being here. Do check it out nhcohawaii.org.
I tell you God is on the move.

Just a bit of review. P. Mark discussed how Heaven is not just to come but that Heaven is also a present reality.

P. Theresa discussed how Jesus unified Heaven and earth together.

Then God brought Joshua Aaron to lead us in a night of worship giving glory to the Creator and Lord. I know for me was overwhelmed with all the folks from other fellowships other regions, even other countries, worshipping together - the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Then Joseph Lee came and illustrated to us Heaven in our Healing. We saw amazing physical healing happening. I am also believing there were soul and emotional healings as well.

Last week, P. Glenn, P. Theresa, and Micah revealed and modeled to us what Shema might look like as they discussed Heaven in the Home. Wasn't it beautiful how they intuitively moved together?

Can you feel it? FRESH FIRE! There is a notable shift in the atmosphere. For a few months it's been ramping up even in the lobby during worship, you can feel a tangible presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

God has brought His fire. Now we get to keep that flame burning. Amen!
So today, I am here to talk about HEAVEN IN OUR WORLD.

Before we do let's pray ... Heavenly Father, ...ON EARTH AS IT IS IN
HEAVEN. AMEN!

——— So what is Heaven in Our World?

Let's define our world ... Is it our world (local/internal); in our world (external); or in our WORLD? This is important for us to consider because two people can be standing side by side and one experience the presence of the Lord while the other feel nothing. Meanwhile, folks all over the room could be experiencing His tangible presence. Example: Worship. Heaven aka the Lord's tangible presence can be that personal and corporate at the same time. There will be times when He will remain inconspicuous like when He healed the man of leprosy in Matthew 8, He asked the man to tell no one.

But most often, like what we saw with Joseph Lee, the Lord is extremely obvious. We see and sense God's tangible presence on folks where His goodness is meant to be shared. Lol! That Sunday morning on the way to church, I felt like the woman at the well. I stopped at the market before coming here. I invited folks at the market. Inviting folks hanging out by Goodwill to come if you can and see what God is doing. I didn't care if they thought I was crazy. I just wanted folks to know and experience the unmistakable, unmatched presence and goodness of God.

Anyone ever have answered prayer? You feel it. You gotta tell somebody. His goodness is meant to be shared. We see someone break free from addiction. His goodness is meant to be shared. We feel His strength or comfort in our deepest moments of weakness. His goodness is meant to be shared. Someone receives salvation or is baptized. Speaking of which we ought to congratulate the Bogush Ohana on their baptism with P. Earl a few weeks ago. And a couple of weeks ago, our family had the privilege of baptizing my daughter-in-law, LeiAnn. Yeah, in the wind and large waves. When we got to Haleiwa the rain actually stopped. It was great. His goodness is meant to be shared.

He comes affects our World. Others see it and that wonder allows Him to begin to affect their world so that Our world is no longer our World but HIS World. It's the tangible unmistakable presence of God that results in transformation. That is Heaven on earth. My wish is that these events, these moments become so frequent, that it becomes a new normal. That in the process we are consumed by His presence. That there is such a great hunger and folks drawn not by what they see but by who they will meet. JESUS. That's revival.

The heaven is open. Our Lord is willing. The question is are we willing to extend what it takes to receive all that God has for us? Are we willing to extend for the sake of others knowing this Good Good Father?

God recently challenged me through Prophet Rob Sanchez. He said, "people cry out for REVIVAL but they wouldn't recognize if they were in it. So it passes them by." Later I asked him what he meant because while it was a passing comment it really hit me. He said, there is a cost for REVIVAL and some people don't want to pay it. It is messy. It is not convenient. Then, he said people come to you for prayer to break free from addictions but some are not willing to release their drugs. But they want freedom. Folks need to be willing to lay their comfort down. There is a cost.

His words reminded me of Jesus asking before healing them, "Do you want to be healed?"

Randy Clark and Bill Johnson often say, "REVIVAL is not an event it is ALL CONSUMING."

God wants us with Him. I gotta admit. There have been times I have asked, "why?" You are mighty creator, almighty God and creative one. And we can be such a mess. His want for us, implies is we have a responsibility - A responsibility of obedience and know that He is God.

Things that might get in the way: Unwillingness. - we no like / disobedience; Unrepentance - unrepented sin. Unforgiveness; HIS DESIRE IS TO HAVE US EXPERIENCE HEAVEN ON EARTH, but because of His love, He will stop pouring out because for Him to continue would fracture us.

For ten years we held "Shima's Podagee Horseshoe Tournament." My husband Guy saw these boxes and decided to build our own. At finish, they were about 2.5x the size of the original. Two decks about 3' high by 3' wide

by 4-5' deep. So large we used them as risers. But so much fun. You pitch the washers from about 15' away. I have not shared this because we came under fire from brothers and sisters of faith. Because 80% of the folks were unchurched, so they did what unchurched folks do. Nothing crazy.

... anyway ... It was just a great time of gathering - community. We weren't thinking outreach or anything. But, we were amazed that what started with 20 of us friends and family just getting together grew to over 100 people coming together at our home. Folks who we never met, friends and family all gathering; from Waianae to Hawaii Kai, they'd all come. We would shut down our street. We even had a time when folks came to do childcare. We would prepare lunch, but soon we were preparing dinner and even breakfast. Folks would also bring their favorite dishes as well. It was just a beautiful time of coming together. People would come from early morning and stay until early the next day. What was interesting is playing ... would eventually become praying. Maybe it was because they were tired or maybe it was because we had relationship with them and they knew we were believers. Either way God's showed up. We had some serious heart convos throughout the day, in the evening and early morning hours was when we would see relationships restored and people rededicate their lives or dedicate their lives to the Lord. It was pretty crazy amazing. Sadly, after we caught pushback, people even left the church we stopped holding these times. We gave in to the voices. We walked away from what God was doing in our humble garage to transform folks.

Our responsibility is found in His heart for us and our ability to partner with Him in Spirit, Truth, and obedience. Because the stuff in this world was never meant to stay just here. It was meant to go to the ends of the earth.

We see in the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and Mark Jesus sent the apostles out in pairs 2 x 2.

Mark 6:7-13, says this ...

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. **7** Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and **gave them authority over impure spirits.**

8 These were his instructions: **“Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. 9** Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. **10** **Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town.**

11 And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

12 They went out and preached that people should repent. **13** They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

In Matthew Jesus - tells them to go in peace and let their peace rest upon the house. The mission: Tell them the Kingdom of God is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.

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Later he commissions 72. Luke 10:3-9, NIV

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two[a] others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. **2** He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. **3** Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. **4 Do not take a purse or bag or sandals;** and do not greet anyone on the road.

5 “When you enter a house, first say, ‘**Peace to this house.**’ **6** If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. **7** Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. **Do not move around from house to house.**

8 “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you.

9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

NOTICE THE TWO SAY SOMEWHAT THE SAME THING ...

- 1. AUTHORITY** - Given authority - walk in the authority to heal and cast out unclean spirits (Go with God). This is critical and the difference between doing a humanitarian deed versus a Spirit-filled effort that will walk with God’s authority. GO WITH HIS LOVE
- 2. BLESS** - Carry the Spirit of blessing and peace - You can’t just contrive this. The spirit of blessing is an outpouring of love. Regardless of who they are, where they are from, their background, or what they look like presently. I loved when P. Mark was very transparent about his feelings

toward someone who was often belligerent out front. He wasn't too busy to stop and sort through his feelings. Why he was feeling the way he was about the person. Each of us needs to do the same. Are we angry? Fearful? Where is it coming from? Surrender it to the Lord. He is not surprised at the feelings. He is disappointed and disarmed when we have pride and don't want to grow in the area of love.

3. **COME TO KNOW THEM.** Jesus tells them live among them. Don't move from place to place.
4. **DELIGHT IN MEETING THEIR NEEDS** Heal the sick, raise the dead, help the lepers, cast demons.
5. **EVANGELIZE:** Tell them that the Kingdom of God is near. Share the gospel.

We see they returned with joy celebrating what God had done.

Basis for His calling them. Basis for their reaching so many? LOVE FIRST.

Loving on folks wherever He leads us.

That's what we do then, God shows Himself in tangible ways and does the rest.

Our sisters Margie, Danette and Pam are on a trek to Alaska. Wherever they go, there they are. So is God's love. Take a look at this. Stone Soup Kitchen in Alaska.

[VIDEO]

They were able to pray with some folks, particularly two young men who were awaiting housing and encourage them to Jesus. I love how those ladies assimilate to wherever the Lord leads and then, jump in with love leading the way.

They go with authority, they went with blessing and sent blessings, they stay and get to know folks, met their needs, and shared how the Kingdom of God is near.

As we close would you stand. We all have a burden for people and some places. Might be our homes, neighborhood, our city, workplaces, or other places. Might be folks from those places, other places, your super bowl gathering. Right now, we're going to take a few moments and just pray from where we are. If you like you can even turn your body toward the area, lift your hands and surrender them to the Lord. Let's lift up Holy hands and pray over those areas for those places to be as they are in heaven . Pray for opportunities to talk story with those folks who need Jesus.

Study Questions:

- What did God speak to you today?
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- What is God asking you to do?
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- What does Heaven in our world mean to you?
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- What does partnering with the Holy Spirit mean to you?
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- Are there areas you need to surrender to the Lord?
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- In order to receive open heaven, we must believe that the things of heaven are both good for eternity and good for us now. What are your thoughts?