

The Spirit-Led Life

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We've been talking about Heavenizing our world all year. But would you agree, before we can Heavenize our world and our families, we first need to heavenize YOU! So for the next 6 weeks, we're talking about...

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Heavenizing YOU!

So since our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, how exactly do we carry the Presence of God within us?

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When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
— Acts 2:1

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'And it shall be in the last days,' God says,
'That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind;
And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
And your young men shall see visions,
And your old men shall dream dreams;
Even on My bondslaves, both men and women,
I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit
And they shall prophesy.
— Acts 2:17-18

How many of you have given your lives to Jesus and you're following the best you can? Then the Holy Spirit is Someone you already have in your life!

Exercise 1: Partner up, have you received the Holy Spirit? Not yet? By the end of this message you will. The one who has by faith ask Holy Spirit, “What do you want me to say to my friend?” Could be a picture, a word, comfort, encouragement. Be still. Then when I say just step out.

Following the leading of the Holy Spirit is something every believer must learn to do. Let me give you an example of how powerful and transformative this can be in the world.

What’s this a picture of?

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If I say to you “the Rail Project,” you probably don’t have a positive feeling about it right! We’ll, you’re not alone. In the history of our rail project, you basically only heard one thing: it’s going to cost more than what they promised! So how do we get ourselves out of this? Most of us would not want anything to do with fixing the rail but some people are willing to try. But their solution is typically throw more money at it! Very typical of how government minds work!

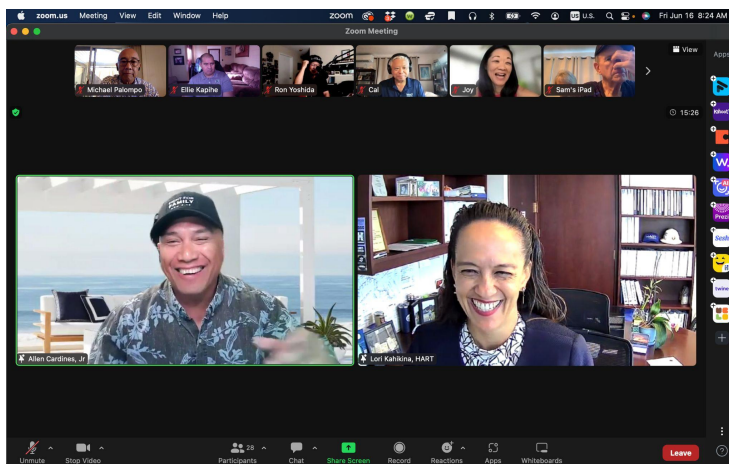
Enter Lori Kahikina

Lori is a wonderful Christian sister with a servant heart and some extraordinary leadership gifts. Instead of increasing the HART budget, she cut it by 70%. Cut the staff. Now you can ride the Rail for free on opening day on June 30!

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This is just a glimpse of what the church can do to Heavenezize our world, but first we need to Heavenezize you! And for that to happen, we need to set you on a journey toward “Heavenly Wholeness.”

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We have Artificial Intelligence today that can write an essay for you on any subject in the universe and make it sound like you or anybody you want for that matter. It can also create very convincing photos and videos!

For 2 years the entire media and the government kept telling you that Donald Trump was a Russian asset! Then we spent millions proving that none of it was true.

A few weeks ago, a former Air Force intelligence officer blew the whistle on a secret program that our military has alien spacecraft and the bodies of alien pilots in its possession. Then interestingly aliens land in someone's backyard in Vegas just a few days later.

We are living in some really crazy times and my point is it is getting harder and harder to tell what the Truth really is.

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Marshall Simond's Middle School

A Middle School tried to organize a pride day to get all the kids to celebrate Lesbianism Gay Bisexuality Transgenderism Queer plus other sexual perversions as normal. But the kids revolted! What would you do if your school made this a school-wide event?

What is the Truth? And how should Christians respond? Does it feel like something or someone is trying to bombard the airwaves with information, news, and stories so you feel overwhelmed and overloaded?

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Kawasugi Testimony

You first meet them and you really do think they have it all together. Kai is actually Dr. Kawasugi with his own successful practice and Jodi is a trained

nurse. Both Punahou grads. But if you check under the hood they needed some major work. They needed some HEAVENLY WHOLENESS
And when you have heavenly wholesome, you can talk about your past. Why? Because the **shame** is gone! That old self is not you anymore! Heavenly Wholeness will set you free from your guilt, shame, and past.

Heavenly Wholeness

June 24 - July 30 (6 Weeks)

Today we begin a 6-week meditation on experiencing Heaven in our whole being and being transformed into someone who walks and talks with Holy Spirit on a regular basis.

So let's go back to some fundamentals

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Definitions

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Body (מֵה) “**me`eh**”: Your visible, natural, physical being (brain, bones, blood, organs) that allows you to relate to the physical, visible world—God gave you eyes to see and ears to hear.

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Soul (נֶפֶשׁ) “**nephesh**”: Your invisible thoughts and feelings (not your brain but your mind, not your physical heart but your feelings). Your soul is how you connect to yourself and other souls. Your mind and heart are included in soul.

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Spirit (רוּחַ) “**ruach**”: Your invisible, supernatural part of you that allows you to relate to God, and the invisible supernatural dimension.

Last week PEarl taught us how important ALIGNMENT is. Well Body Soul and Spirit also need to come into alignment. What does that look like?

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ALIGNMENT



Spirit

Soul

Body

The Spirit needs to go on top

Flows into the Soul (informing your heart and soul) and your soul affects your body

So if are negative, worried, anxious, or—here's a huge one—FEARFUL in your soul then you will be SICK in your body!

Man Visits Doctor

Story is told of a man who was feeling sick and worn out so his wife took him to the doctor. And the doctor examined him carefully. Then the doc told him to wait outside and call his wife in. Wife walk in, "How's my husband doing, Doc?" And the doc said, I've examined him thoroughly and there's nothing wrong with him.

Wife: "So what do we do?"

Doc: "You need to remove all the stress from his life. Cook, clean, do whatever he asks."

The wife leaves the office to meet her husband outside.

Husband: "Honey, what did the doctor say to you?"

Wife: "You're going to die."

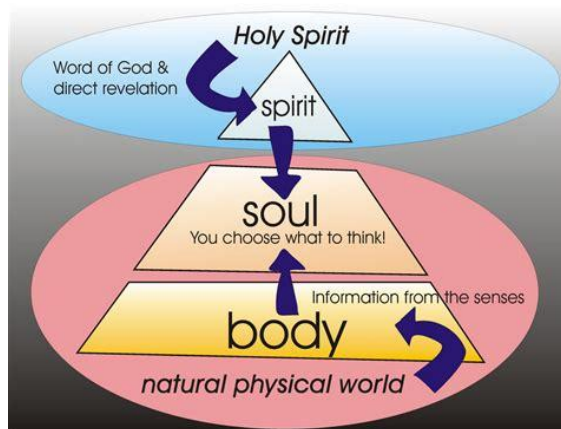
Our soul is connected to our spirit!

So to achieve HEAVENLY WHOLENESS, you need to come into this exact ALIGNMENT.

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THE BIG CHALLENGE: AUTHORITY

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Let's imagine removing the top of the pyramid. What have you got?

Who becomes in charge then? Right! The Soul!

But there's a problem: we have a problem. We've been living not just misaligned but completely disconnected from the Spirit since the moment we were born. The only thing we've ever known is coming up with our own ideas on how to do life and these ideas were FED to us by whatever happens to us in life!

Do you believe people are naturally good? Or do you believe they need to be trained and taught to be good? Discuss this at Shabbat tonight.

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.

— Matthew 15:19

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[Indian Ballistic Sub Hatch Open](#)

This past week we saw the tragedy of that tourist sub exploring the wreckage of the Titanic. Looks like everyone lost their lives in that tragedy 2.5 miles down in the Atlantic.

Imagine the top of Spirit top of your pyramid is likely the top hatch on a submarine. If you submerge with the hatch open, what happens? The ocean comes flooding into your life! You are left helpless to discern for yourself what is right and wrong, what is good and evil. You are wide open to whatever whim tickles your fancy. You basically do whatever you feel!

How many of us have heard, “Just follow your heart,”

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“The heart is more deceitful than all else
And is desperately sick;

Who can understand it” (Jeremiah 17:9 LW)?

Following your heart is the source of all your misery and pain. Just doing what you feel is right is the reason for hell.

Because it will feel right. It feels right to move in with your boyfriend before you get married. It feels good to give that guy a one-finger salute for cutting you off on the H-2! It feels good to eat the whole container of Ben and Jerry’s Chunky Monkey.

But without the Spirit on top of your pyramid, your soul is in charge. Your flawed, imperfect, diseased heart. And that is how you end up living a carnal, fleshly life.

So if you watch a baby, they are 100% governed by their feelings.

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Our granddaughter, Lylah is so adorable.

She poops whenever she wants. She eats whatever she wants. And this girl loves to eat! If you want to be her friend, give her something to eat. Or show her videos of herself and she will be glued to the phone, cracking up laughing, so proud of herself She lives in a world of pure narcissism.

She has to be 100% brought under control by mom and dad or she will die. She cannot drink, feed, or bath herself. She cannot take care of herself if she gets sick.

Our souls must be brought under control by the Spirit!

I'm not just describing Lylah, I'm describing a person without the Spirit!

But remember, your submarine hatch is open so your life is wide open, so your life is sinking deeper and deeper into the darkness, despair, depression. You have no sense of rest or ease and you live with DISEASE.

You don't have Shalom in the Home. Your life is wide open to spiritual darkness and you are attacked by predators twice your age, twice your size, and twice as unhinged as you. And you become the monster. And the monster devours your family.

For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit" (Romans 8:5 LW).

Then these hatchless people move out into society and allow that chaos into our schools, government, and streets. Have you seen San Francisco lately?

You've lived by your own rules pretty much one way all your life and now you raise your hand to accept Christ and suddenly you're supposed to live a completely different way. And when we don't, we deal with a lot of shame

and embarrassment. If you're not gracious with yourself a lot of Christians give up right then and say I tried Jesus. It didn't work for me.

So if we're living from our own bodily cravings, addictions, desires, or just our own thoughts and feelings, we call that walking in our flesh.

Before a person becomes a Christian, there's really no other way to live but to go by your feelings or gut instincts. But once a person comes to Christ, now they begin listening to God instead.

And that's where we're going in this series. We want to learn how to hear God's voice and do what He says rather than live according to our flesh.

So what is the answer? You must un-learn what you have learned.

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THE ANSWER: TRANSFORMATION

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Close the hatch! You were born in the ways of the Soul, now you must be BORN AGAIN into the Way of the Spirit!

But just because you raised your hand and repeated a prayer after the pastor doesn't mean your life is hunky dory yet.

Just because you got baptized at Hale'iwa doesn't mean you're done yet.

Just because you joined Resolution for Men and Women and put on a new suit and stood before the Church doesn't mean you made it.

It just means you fixed your sub and you're no longer sinking. And that's a good thing! But now you need to flush out all that water flooding your ship

and head up to the surface. You can by faith already see the Light getting brighter and brighter as you draw closer to God.

But remember you're in a submarine so can't really see the Light with your physical eyes. You must believe with your spiritual eyes and you must hear with your spiritual ears. When you're in a submarine, you're all alone sharpening your senses now, moving by the sound of His voice.

Dying to yourself and walk in the Spirit. This whole series is about that in every area of your life—body, soul, and spirit.

When you come to Christ, your spirit is the only part of you that's perfect. So there's no such thing as Spiritual growth. What? Your Spirit doesn't need growth! It's already perfect! Isn't that cool?

So what needs to change is our souls and bodies. All the issues we have are in those two places only.

So what then is the Spirit-led life? Your biggest challenge will be discerning the difference between your own good intentions and the actual voice of God.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
— Galatians 5:25

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Learn to discern the Spirit's voice

How can you tell the difference between the voice of Jesus and other voices? How do you know it's not your own thoughts?

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“When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice” (John 10:4 LW).

Exercise

Questions for Discussion and Meditation

1. What are the challenges of discerning the Truth these days?
2. What are the three major dimensions of a human being?
3. What does each dimension empower you to do?
4. What is the proper alignment of the three dimensions?
5. What is the challenge when the Spirit is not in charge?
6. How can we tell the difference between the Spirit's voice and other voices (such as our own)?
7. Have you begun your relationship with the Spirit of Christ?