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DYING TO LIVE

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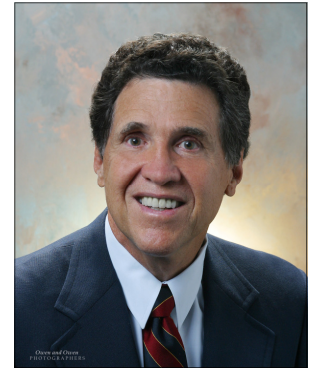
I was in deep despair. The year was 1982. I had recently become a Christian and had then remarried my former wife. Our divorce a few years before had been tumultuous but based on our new found faith we decided that remarriage was God's will for us. My despair stemmed from the fact that we were still terribly stuck in the dredging up of past wrongs we had inflicted upon each other. In desperation I sought counseling with a pastor friend. I now remember only one thing from his counseling but, with difficulty, I followed it and it worked. It was that I needed to die to myself and let Christ live in me (Luke 9:23; Gal. 2:20).

This is a paradox but by dying to our sinful desires, idols and fears we are indeed able to live the abundant and joyful life that Christ promised. I have also found that this principle does much more than just heal marriages.

It will dissolve anxiety and free us from fear. Today, the real estate market is getting leaner as are many of our wallets. These can be anxious and even fearful times for us. How do we regain our peace? We must surrender ourselves to Jesus who promised us that if we come to Him then He will give us peace (Matt.11:28). Coming to Him involves entering into a deep relationship with Him where we surrender

our old habits and hang-ups and let Him live in us and transform us.

It can heal all relationships. Conflicts with others usually start from our unmet desires that battle within us (James 4:1). Once a conflict ripens, one of the hardest things to do is to forgive others when they hurt us. But, as we die to our sinful desires, Jesus who lives in us will show us the "log in our eye" and fill us with love for the other person. We can then forgive and give up our rights to take revenge. We can then bless one another. Then we will have peace with God and man and we can live through Christ in the true freedom that only He can give to us.



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Luke 9:23 ~ Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (NIV)

SUMMER LUNCHEON PROVIDES COMEDY!

DATE: August 28, 2008

PLACE: Hale Koa Hotel
Waikiki Ballroom

TIME: 11:15 am (CHECK-IN)
TO 1:30 pm

SHARING:

† Jack Leslein,
"I Had to Pray..."

† Junior Kekuewa, Jr.
Comedian, Singer &
More

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE TIME FROM YOUR BUSINESS SCHEDULE TO SPEND TIME WITH THE LORD AT THIS EVENT.



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DYING TO SELF

When you're forgotten, neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you don't sting and hurt with the insult or the oversight, but your heart is happy being counted worthy to suffer for Jesus Christ, **this is dying to self.**

When your good is spoken of as evil, when your wishes are crossed, and your opinions ridiculed and you refuse to let your anger rise up in your heart, or even defend yourself, but take it in patient loving kindness, **this is dying to self.**

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder in your life, any irregularity, any punctuality, any annoyance; when you stand face to face with adversity, waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility and endure as Jesus Christ endured on the cross, **this is dying to self.**

When you are content with any food, any offering, any raiment, any society or any interruption in your life, **this is dying to self.**

When you never care to refer to yourself in any conversation or record your own good deeds or yearn after any commendation or desire to truly be unknown, **this is dying to self.**

When you can see your brother prosper and have his needs met while you feel your needs are being unmet, and you can be happy with this in your spirit, **this is dying to self.**

And when you can receive correction and reproof from one of seemingly less stature than yourself, and you can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, **this is dying to self.**



HAWAII CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FACILITATES WISE GIVING

An organization was recently formed to assist donors in their charitable giving. The organization is called the Hawaii Christian Foundation (HCF) which incorporated in June 2008 and was designated a 501(c)(3) non profit entity. HCF is the local associate office of the National Christian Foundation (NCF) www.nationalchristian.com headquartered in Alpharetta, Georgia.

The mission of HCF is to "enable faithful stewards in Hawaii to give wisely to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ". Its parent organization NCF started in 1982 and together with its local offices nationwide have helped thousands of givers send more than \$1.6 billion to over 15,000 churches and ministries worldwide. NCF and the local offices envision being an increasingly integral part of funding the completion of the Great Commission, seeing an annual grant level of \$1 billion beginning in 2015.

HCF's goal is to provide expert counseling and innovative giving

solutions to assist: (1) individuals and families make a greater impact with their charitable giving, (2) churches and ministries to offer supporters creative ways of giving, and (3) professional advisors such as financial planners, CPAs, attorneys, and others to present charitable giving expertise to their clients.

The Executive Director of HCF is Thomas Rulon, Esq. Chairman of the Board is Sandra Young, Esq. Austin Imamura and Suzanne Nakano are directors and Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

The Hawaii Christian Foundation plans to be a strong catalyst for positive change in the community by helping to facilitate wise giving. HCF will have a website up shortly and plans to conduct presentations within the near future. It also plans to host a kickoff event in the fall of 2008.

To obtain additional information, please contact the Executive Director or any of the officers and directors