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a WORD from PASTOR BRYAN

Dear Church Family,

I really believe our new series can change our lives! Not that there is some magical formula, but because we will be encouraged to allow God into our lives to bring transformation and change.

The new series is called, “Learning to be Spiritual: 5 Godly Practices that will Change our Lives.” These godly practices are ways we position ourselves to connect with God—prayer, fasting, study, solitude, and worship. Obviously, these are not the only ways to connect with God—but these are five ways. These avenues of connecting with God are also known as “Spiritual Disciplines.” As we practice these disciplines, we give room for God to do the change in us—God does the change—not us. Richard Foster writes in *Celebration of Discipline*, “The disciplines allow us to place ourselves before God so that he can transform us.”

The beauty of the spiritual disciplines is that God meets us wherever we are. Whether we consider ourselves a spiritual beginner or more advanced, all of us have a starting point, and God meets us where we are. So whether you are a believer or not, allow God to meet you where you are. This series will not bring guilt, but encouragement and hopefully empowerment.

However, living in a culture where empirical data is highly valued, can make it difficult to think about the spiritual side of things—the things that cannot be proven with our five senses or repeated in a laboratory. Even with that, there is a longing in us for something more—something deeper!

This series invites us to go deeper—to experience freedom. Experience freedom from trying to fix ourselves—but putting ourselves in a position to have God work within us.

This weekend I am excited to start the series off about talking about the power of prayer—and the reality that prayer really can and does changes things. God hears us, and God acts!

Pastor Bryan



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Mahalo!

RIVER OF LIFE MISSION



Volunteers Needed!

Tuesday, January 8th.

If you'd like to make a positive difference for Jesus in the lives of the homeless, write ROLM on your connection card at our worship service

or call Pete Alpeter at 255-6683 for more information.



Our Refresh Ministry team members will be taking a well-earned vacation days on Jan. 6 & 13.

Our Christmas Offering will go to:

Global Hope Network International, KCC Caring Fund, Salvation Army's "Pathway of Hope," and Amor Ministries
Mark your offering, "Christmas." You may give online at www.kaimukichristian.org

Mahalo for your generosity.

IMPORTANT PARKING REMINDER



HPD recently asked us to remind everyone that it's illegal to park on the overpass above the H-1 freeway, on Koko Head Avenue.

Although the street signs seem to indicate that parking is allowed there on Sundays, parking is not permitted.

Please remember to park in one of our many parking lot options, instead. Mahalo!

VEHICLE Donation



Do you have a vehicle that you would like to donate? If so, you can do so by:

- (a) donating it directly to KCC, so we can give it to a needy person or family in need, or
- (a) donating it to Vehicle Donation for any Charity (www.v-dac.com), which sells your donated vehicle, and gives the proceeds to KCC.

Call the church office at 735-1771 for more information.