

It's That Time of Our Life

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Currently my wife Nancy and I are at LAX waiting for our flights. However, we are going separate ways: Nancy to Boise and I to Honolulu. She is going to help care for her parents, and I'm going to help care for my Mom. For some, the season of taking care of one's parents have already taken place, others are currently going through it, some are logistically preparing for it in the near future, some are too busy taking care of their own kids (maybe the parents as well), and some are thinking this could never take place. Well, if you are lucky, it will not take place.

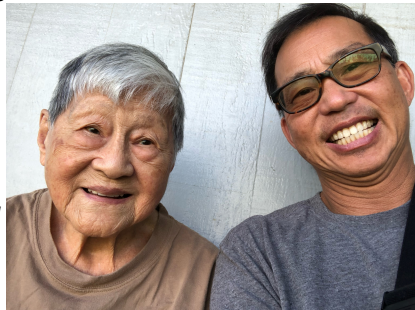
1 Timothy 5:8 says *"But if anyone does not provide for his relatives and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."* These are strong words. Also in many places it says to *"honor your mother and father"* (Deuteronomy 5:16, Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-3).

Taking care of my mother has been a blessing. For the many years of my life, I have seen my mother as my mother: Some one who takes care of me! Albeit, the transition has been slow, but now I am the one who takes care of her. Having children, I know how to raise a child. But caring for a parent is so different. You can't treat a parent like a child. Parents have wisdom, experience and (rightly so) don't like to be treated as a child. So out of this, I have learned about patience, compromise, love and grace. (I guess my Mom is still teaching me about life!)

I am no saint in taking care of my mother since she lives in Honolulu and my brothers and sisters there have had to step up for most of her care. Fortunately she has no dementia, has a happy demeanor and, is easy going. However, I do hear my brother's and sister's struggles in caring for a person that once was independent. I think the most challenging aspect is preparing for increased disability and dependency as they age (children have less disability and dependency as they age). There is more need to make sure they eat properly, help in getting from the chair to the bathroom, showering help, making sure there are no trip hazards, (because hip fractures among the elderly is very common and could be difficult to recover from), and other obvious health needs.

But there is so much joy in being with her. She is 98 years old, and has so much to share, teach and enjoy. It's hard work but a joy to love in a way that God wants us to love. My reflection of 1 Tim. 5:8

is that God wants us to help provide for our parents, but the blessings go all around: My parents enjoy being with their children (parents always love being with their children, it never gets old), and we get to care for them and learn about grace, patience and unselfish love. I'm also learning about the gift that God gives every day that my Mom is still with us!



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Order of Service

November 12th, 2023

Welcome & Call To Worship.....Ron
 Worship.....Ryan & Congregation
 Welcome of New Staff.....Phil & Ryan
 Honoring of Veterans Journey Veterans
 Sermon..... **Peace With All**..... Ted
 Song of Response.....Ryan & Congregation
 Benediction.....Ewin

Sermon Outline

Ted Kau • 11/12/2023

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all—Rom. 12:18

In regards to living peaceably with all:

1. is _____ possible, 12:18a
2. I'm to do _____, 12:18b
 - a. **Goal:** love seeking peace, 1 Cor. 13:11
 - b. **Mind:** understand before _____ Jm. 1:19, Pr 18:17
 - c. **Mouth:** speak truth in love, Eph. 4:15, Lev. 19:17, Mt 18:15-17
 - d. **Assumptions:** no bitterness, no grudges, Heb 12:15, Lev. 19:17
 - e. Be willing to forgive, don't be the unforgiving one, Lk 11:4
3. it's _____ of Christ-followers, 12:18c, Hb. 12:14, Ps. 34:14

Application, discussion

- Why does reporting abuse or self-defense not violate this verse?
- Does Scripture require us to continue a relationship with a difficult person?
- How is the Spirit leading you to apply to this message? How can you start?

Ways to get involved:

Today: after months of searching and prayer, please **welcome** our new worship pastor **Ryan Kingsman**, and our new youth pastor **Phil Yoder!**
Shoebboxes due today for Operation Christmas Child (OCC).
Veteran's Day, thank a veteran for their service and for preserving our freedoms.

- 11/17: **Youth Friendsgiving**, the youth will send off Christian and Kat.
 11/18: **SERVE Ministry**: please sign up here: tinyurl.com/jet-serve-23C.
 11/18: **Feed the Flock Workshop**. Info flyers on the foyer table.
 11/19: **Thanksgiving Lunch**. Join us for a Hawaiian-themed meal after service. Interested in serving in the kitchen? Contact moonhoanglee@gmail.com.
 11/24: **Shoebboxes Processing Party** (1pm-6pm): help organize shoebboxes at the OCC Processing Center. You must be ≥13 y.o. Sign up: shorturl.at/tCKT4.
 11/24: **Young Adult Friendsgiving** (7pm, potluck at Kaus): RSVP to Wes, Luchi, or Alan and let them know what you're bringing so won't be all chips.
 11/26: **GO Partner Adam Joe**: join us as he shares his ministry: 9-10:20am, MPR for meet and greet with coffee and donuts, after service for extended sharing
 12/17: **Baptism**: Praise God we have one person who will profess Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior! Email ted@journeyec.org if interested in baptism or transfer.

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 Paulah Wong
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 Wesley Lin

Elders

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 Hiro Kono—Cong. Dev., Pastoral Care, Women's Ministry
 Peter Leung—Children, Welcome
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 Victor Wong—Campus, Finance, Hospitality, SERVE, Vietnamese

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