

Kailua Christian Church
Sunday Message
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***Developing Our Vision For
In-Person Sunday Worship***

*Then the Lord answered me and said,
“Write down the vision and inscribe it clearly on tablets,
So that one who reads it may run.” Habakkuk 2:2*

***“Love Renewed”
“God’s leading through loss to create new love”***

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.”

3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass
judgment.

5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret
heart.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter
than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

10 “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within
me.”

11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit
from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

13 “Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.”

14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue
will sing aloud of your deliverance. **15** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will
declare your praise.

16 For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you

would not be pleased. **17** The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." Psalm 51:1-17

God creates new love through loss by...

I. Loosening the hold of old ways in my heart.

10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."

- What hurt, unforgiveness, apathy has limited God's love in me?

II. Creating greater humble openness to better love.

17 "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

- Where in my mind and heart May God be asking me for honesty to change?

III. By replacing grief with the comfort of gratitude

12 "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit."

- In my grief, how have I been comforted? Take time to give thanks to God and those who cared.

IV. Compelling me with compassion for others in their loss

13 "Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you."

- Consider making this prayer your prayer; "Lord, help me be willing to listen with a heart of acceptance and a desire to understand another's pains that they may know Your comforting love".