

Kailua Christian Church UCC
March 13, 2022 Morning Message
Sacred Gamble: Betting on God's Inconceivable Love
Scripture Reference: Mark 6:34-44
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“As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” ³⁷ But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii^[a] worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸ And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled; ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.”

Many times it is in that uncomfortable space that God stretches and grows us.

What has God been asking of you that seems somewhat scary or out of your comfort zone?

What has He been asking of you as a church - a body of Christ that is anxiety provoking and “unfamiliar territory”?

Feeling safe with what we know is often what holds us back from trying new things and allowing God to show us what He can do for us.

What feelings emerge as you consider how God may be calling you to something new. (Individual and collective)?

What do you think you stand to lose?

Or how could you be impacted if you respond to that call?

What attracted you to this body of Christ?

What do you love most about being a part of Kailua Christian Church?

What are your most beloved memories of times at KCC?

Sometimes memories of who and what we loved limit our imagination of what's ahead of us.

What if God were calling you to change to become a rebooted version of yourself or your beloved Kailua Christian Church?

What would that look like?

What do you need to unpack and let go of to move forward in your life?

How do you think KCC needs to let go and unleash God's power and Love among you?

We invite you to reflect on these song lyrics that was shared on our Zoom worship on Sunday.

The song is **I Will Trust In You** by Laura Daigle

Letting go of every single dream
I lay each one down at Your feet
Every moment of my wandering
Never changes what You see

I've tried to win this war I confess
My hands are weary I need Your rest
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight
No matter what I face, You're by my side

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings
There's not a day ahead You have not seen
So, in all things be my life and breath
I want what You want Lord and nothing less

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!
I will trust in you!

You are my strength and comfort
You are my steady hand
You are my firm foundation; the rock on which I stand

Your ways are always higher
Your plans are always good
There's not a place where I'll go, You've not already stood

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!
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