

Shepherd to the Sheep

"For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again."

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

As I am reading through the history of the early Church I am reminded at the simplicity of the Gospel. These early Church leaders did not have some great 5 point plan to bring people to a relationship with the Lord, but they went out and did what God called them to do, and that was preach what they were witnesses to. They told the people that Jesus was the Son of God, that He had been rejected and killed on the cross, but that God had raised Him from the dead and the Holy Spirit was given to those that would believe in Him. God then uses this simple message to work in the hearts of people, and they want to be saved, to have a relationship with the Lord. Once this happens a change occurs, they no longer live for themselves, but they want to do what Jesus asks them to do and in their minds nothing is impossible for God.

This verse just reminds me that I am to be a servant and live for what the Lord wants and not what I want. I am reminded of the cool things that happened this month. First, several Churches got to go listen to **Danny Yamashiro** as he told us that the key to being a great evangelist for the Lord is to be open to what the Lord is calling us to do. It could be something simple like leaving a tract for someone, or it could be sharing our faith with one of our coworkers, but the bottom line is we need to make sure we are doing what God wants us to do. Then we had the great Sunday night Worship service. A time to just praise the Lord for who He is and it was cool to see people get prayed over to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to see some of the testimonies of what God has done in people's lives. Then there was **Thanksgiving**, a time to be with family and reflect on the many things that the Lord has blessed us with. The final thing, and one that I am very excited about, is the building project. The design is starting to really show us that the Lord has a plan for the property there in Mauka. All that I can think is that God has chosen this Church to do something special for Him on that property.

I want to be someone that says "God I'm ready for whatever you want me to do." This is my prayer, that we would be willing to do whatever the Lord asks us to do, and we would live to serve Him in everything that we do.