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About Us

South Pacific Christian Ministries is a Non-Denomination Missions Oriented Ministry that sprang out of a small tourist focused church in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. After 16 years serving as the Senior Pastor the LORD redirected our steps from the little chapel by the sea to the small island communities of the South Pacific.

Our Vision is to bring the living water to the small islands of the South Pacific; a vision summed up in the Hawaiian phrase Ke Ola Wai, which means the living water. Ke Ola Wai encompassing our greatest spiritual and physical need, pure spiritual and physical water.

Our Mission is to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the people who live on the small islands of the South Pacific that can only be reached by boat. To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their shores, assisting local Pastors, providing Bible Training for believers and conducting outreaches to draw in non-believers. To provide gravity fed, family sized, reverse osmosis water filters; emergency medical supplies; medical services; and disaster response training.

Summary

God Word is either a stumbling block and an offense or a sure foundation upon which you stand, regardless of your circumstances. This message explores these options and why we sometimes fail to believe.

Scripture References

Romans 9:33	John 15:7-8	Isaiah 53:5
Romans 10:8-13	2 Timothy 2:15	1 Peter 2:24
Mark 9:23	John 10:10	



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Sermon Notes

Romans 9:33

33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

The Gospel of Jesus is a stumblingstone, a rock of offence. It is salvation for those who will accept it.

Jesus is a stumblingstone to those who are filled with knowledge, but not with God. He is a stumblingstone to those who trust in man's science and the fools who believe that there is no God. You can have an alphabet of title after your name, but if you don't accept God's Word as truth, you really know nothing. All you have is man's knowledge and understanding, which is limited and often wrong.

He is a stumblingstone to those who believe that they must earn their way to heaven. He is a stumblingstone to those who believe that there are more than one way to heaven. There is only one God. There is only one way to eternal life with Him, that is, Jesus Christ and the work of the Cross.

Salvation can not be earned. Salvation can not be found anywhere except through Christ. It does not matter how good you are or how many great things you do for people. All that matters is your acceptance of God's Word as absolute truth; your acceptance of Jesus Christ as your LORD and SAVIOR.

Jesus is an offence to all who choose darkness over light, death over life. Those who embrace this world and reject God. He is life to those who humbly accept the gift of life, His Righteousness, His life, His Love.

Romans 10:8-13

- 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;
- 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
- 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
- 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

If we believe on Him, confess our sins, then we shall be saved. If we believe His Word then we shall not be made ashamed.

This statement applies to more than just Salvation. It applies to every area of our lives. If you believe His Word and act accordingly at His direction then you will not be made ashamed.

You can trust Him regarding your finances, your health, your family and your friends. You can trust Him when you pray for yourself, your family and for others.

You can trust Him that every act of obedience by you will produce good things. Every act of obedience will produce Godly fruit with eternal value.



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Mark 9:23

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

There are no limits to what you can do. There are no limits, but there is a condition. All things are possible, but you must believe. You must accept His Word as truth. If it is written in God's Word, if it is a promise that God has made, then He will do it.

John 15:7-8

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Abiding in Christ means having a relationship with Him. Abiding in Christ requires fellowship with Him. Abiding in Christ requires learning about Him through His Word. Abiding in Christ means spending time talking with Him, not just at Him.

You can not stand on the Word of God that you do not know. You can not stand on a promise of God that you do not know.

2 Timothy 2:15

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

If you know the truth, then truth will set you free. If you know the truth, then you will know how to apply it. Knowledge of the truth comes from dwelling on the truth and through a personal relationship with God.

How do you build a relationship with another person? It takes a purposed effort to learn about them and to talk with them. Without communication with another person you can not build a true relationship.

John 10:10

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

This verse makes it clear who brings death, sickness, financial troubles, loss. These things do not come from God. Sickness is not from God. You can not believe for healing if you believe that your sickness came from God. You can not believe for provision if you believe that your financial troubles come from God. Once you understand the source of the attacks against our lives and families then we can accept the solution.

Our enemy is not an equal match with God or Jesus. The spiritual war is NOT a match between two equal and opposite forces. It is a orchestrated attempt to get God's creation to reject God's Word and rebel against Him.

The War was won before it began. The end was declared before it started. Only a fool goes against the Most High God.

The enemy can only prevail in our lives through our lack of knowledge of God Word and who we are in Christ. In other words, the degree to which you reject God's Word as absolute truth is the degree to which, without God's Grace the enemy can prevail in your life.



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God's Grace creates a hedge of protection around us. It cancels our foolish words. It limits the enemies ability to bring destruction and deception. That does not mean we can not walk out from under His protection. If we reject God and walk in disobedience then we walk out from under His Protection.

When we take a stand on God's Word against the enemy and circumstances of life we will not be made ashamed for having trusted God. God's Word will prevail in every situation.

We need to constantly strive to gain knowledge of His Word and Ways. Constantly challenge our areas of unbelief so that we can align our hearts and minds with His Word. That way, we will prevail and grow in faith and understanding.

Jesus gave His life for us so that we could have life more abundantly. Jesus allowed Himself to be beaten and whipped, then nailed to the cross for us. He did not have to. He choose to. He had the power and authority to stop it at any time.

The word abundantly in John 10:10 is the Greek word per-is-sos' which means superabundant (in quantity) or superior (in quality); by implication, excessive; exceeding abundantly above, more abundantly, beyond measure. God desires that we have a life that is beyond measure in blessings, strength, provision, favor, health and peace.

Our acceptances of Jesus Christ as our LORD and SAVIOR is the first step to that position of abundance. The degree to which we understand His Word and Accept it as fact is the degree to which we will experience it.

God cares about every little detail in our lives. When you have a need He delights in providing for you. When you take a stand on His Word. He causes our circumstances to line up with His Word. We will not be made ashamed for having trusting in God.

Isaiah 53:5

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24

24 Who his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed.

What do you do when circumstances appear to stand against God's Word? What is your first response? Your first response, how you react tells you where your trust lies. We must trust in God, not our own understanding.

The fact is, God's Word is absolute truth, regardless of our acceptance of that fact. If we our honest with ourselves and God about areas of unbelief, then we can grow beyond that unbelief.

In many areas of my life God has repeatedly shown me that He is trust worthy. That does not mean that I did not deal with a degree of fear along the way at times. Thankfully, when your heart is willing to accept His Word as truth, He extends grace to your unbelief.

His Word is Absolute Truth. The issue is our unbelief, not His lack of faithfulness or the lack of truthfulness of His Word.

Lord, forgive us for our unbelief! Help us to identify the lies that we hold to be true, so that the truth will set us free!