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KAPONO: Would you join me as we pray? Lord, You are worthy, the only one worthy of our praise, Lord. We lift that up to You this evening, Lord. So thankful. Lord, we thank You, Lord, for Pastor Leitu. Because of his obedience, Lord, we have been blessed in Your word. So thank You, Lord.

Continue to build him up. Encourage him. Lord, love on him and give him the strength to continue Your work, Lord. And be with us this evening, Lord, as we jump into Your word. Lord, we are ready, but most of all, we are willing that Your word would change our lives. So bless this time in Your word, we pray. We ask these things in Your name, Jesus, we say, Amen.

PASTOR LEITU: Aloha!

[Congregation says, "Aloha!"]

You may be seated. Aloha everyone and welcome to Calvary Kaneohe. I welcome you online as well. First, thank you for all your prayers for Pastor JD and his family. Pastor JD's wife, Kellie Farag's celebration of life and of eternal life will be set this Saturday, February 7th, at 11:00 a.m. It will be here at the church and afterwards will be followed by a luncheon. Also for our online church, the service will be livestreamed in its entirety beginning at 11:00 a.m. Hawaii Standard Time at the JDFarag.org website, mobile app, and Roku, as well as our social media platforms. Then Pastor JD will be returning to the pulpit starting next Thursday, February 12th. February 12th.

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Samoans, we have a saying when we are happy. It goes like this: Cha-hoo!!

[Laughter]

I wish it was under better circumstances, like all of you. But we'll be — I'll be blessed and happy to see my pastor back. Amen?

[Congregation says, "Amen."]

So before resuming our verse-by-verse study through *Zechariah*, Pastor JD, next week, Thursday, will talk openly about his wife's death in a topical teaching out of *Ezekiel*, Chapter

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24, verses 15 to 27. Also he'll resume the Prophecy Updates and sermons beginning Sunday, February 15th, all of which will be livestreamed for our online church as well.

We have two services on Sundays, 8:30 and 10:45. In our 8:30 and 10:45 service, Pastor Mac has been going through the *Book of Romans*. We have our mid-week study on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. and I've been teaching through the *Book of Ephesians*. And we come together for all-church prayer on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our next prayer meeting will be March 3rd, 2026, and it'll be here in the sanctuary.

Tonight we'll complete our study in the *Book of Ephesians*. I've titled tonight's message 'Armor of God.' We'll cover the entirety of *Chapter 6*. We'll also remember the life of Jesus and sacrifice that He made as we partake of communion. If you haven't gotten your communion elements, they're in the back by the doors, and so you can get them back there. And so we have much to cover tonight, so let us bow our heads and pray and ask God to bless His word.

Father in heaven, we come before You to thank You, Lord, for how You love us, how You teach us through Your word, Lord. We never forget the moment that we accepted the Gospel and the change, the instant changes You made in our lives. And so we have much to be thankful for.

And Jesus, we never forget the cross. And tonight, we'll remember the sacrifice that You made for us. We love You, Lord, and we worship You. Teach us tonight through the power of Your Holy Spirit. And we pray these things In Jesus' name. Amen.

Ephesians, Chapter 1, starting with verse 1. **"Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. 'Honor your father and mother.' This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, 'things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.'"**

Children learn quickly the blessings that come when they obey their parents. They also learn that obedience — disobedience, excuse me, brings consequences. *Proverbs, Chapter 13, verse 24* tells us, **"Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them."**

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You know, I am blessed that my parents loved me enough —

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you guys are way ahead of me —

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to know that a good spanking would deter my bad behavior. And it worked. But my mom was loving enough to talk to me after the punishment. She lovingly explained why she had to discipline me.

You know, some children: they continue in their disobedience and repeatedly suffer the consequences even into their adult years. Some learn and make corrections in their behavior and carry these life lessons into adulthood. Honoring parents is to love and respect them for who they are. Caring for your parents in their senior years is also a way to honor our parents.

In *verse 3*, God gives us a promise for — God gives us promises for honoring our father and mother. Things will go well for you, and you will live a long life.

Ephesians, Chapter 6, verse 4 tells us, **“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.”**

The way that Jesus loves the church is a perfect example of how fathers are to love and to treat their children. Though Jesus is loving, gentle, kind, and patient, yet He is firm and strong, and He does not waver as He instructs fathers in His word regarding the treatment of their children.

Like Jesus, fathers should be loving yet firm. Their adherence to the Lord's instructions concerning their children is crucial in raising a child. So too, children are to honor their parents by their love and respect and their obedience.

In life, parents, we all mess up. We've experienced the Lord's discipline and corrective hand in our lives. As we mature in Christ though, we understand and we accept that Jesus corrects us because of His love for us. So too we should love and correct our children the same way that Jesus loves and corrects us, with love and with patience and with kindness.

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Colossians, Chapter 3, verses 20 and 21 tells us, **“Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not aggravate your children or they will become discouraged.”**

A child who is angry, dispirited, and disheartened because of the way their parents treat them can become rebellious. They can become a problem. Excessive physical and psychological abuse of a child, again, can have long-term, negative effects.

On the other hand, a child who is nurtured with love and with encouragement will thrive, and he will honor and love and respect his parents. Aggravating a child involves deriding, ridiculing, teasing, mocking, provoking, and even insulting a child.

As a coach in sports, I’ve seen the actions and behaviors of parents, which instead of encouraging their child, discourage them. Many parents: they try to live vicariously through their children.

For example, a father may want his son to be an NFL quarterback. Meanwhile, the son has a high IQ of 140-plus and is a genius. He's not interested in sports. All he wants to do is soak up and read as many books as possible because he's a sponge and he wants to learn everything about everything.

God has blessed each child with unique gifts. Some are athletes, some are scholars, and some have a strong love for the Lord, even at a very young age. I pray that parents would exercise patience and recognize these gifts and strive to nurture and develop them in their child instead of aggravating and discouraging them.

Proverbs, Chapter 22, verse 6 tells us, **“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”**

“The Way” was the New Testament phrase for Christianity. Christianity's (Christians) were followers of “The Way.” Most importantly, I pray that parents teach their children of the way to make them — to make God the first priority in their lives, to love and honor God even more than they love themselves, even more than they love their parents. That fathers and mothers, as well, would love and treat their children the way that Jesus loves and treats us.

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The hope and prayer would be that should a child depart from their faith in the Lord, that they would return as they experience life with all of its trials and tribulations, that they will, in turn, train up their children in the way that they should go.

Ephesians, Chapter 6, verse 5 and 6 tells us, **“Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. [Verse 7] Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free.**

[Verse 9] **Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. [Don't treat them—] Don't threaten them; [Excuse me.] remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and He has no favorites.”**

In the Ephesian church, even slaves were being saved. In society, slaves had no standing and were simply servants to their masters. Some masters would mistreat their slaves. Paul warns these masters that in God's eyes, slaves and masters are equal. So masters do not mistreat your slaves. The Holy Spirit had indwelt these slaves.

Because of the joy — because the Holy Spirit had indwelt these slaves, they had the joy of the Lord. These Christian slaves would work harder than anyone of the slaves who were unsaved. They loved their fellow unsaved slaves and grew to love their masters as well, even though they were mistreated.

They wanted their lives as Christian slaves to serve as a witness to them of their love and admiration for Jesus Christ and what He'd done in their lives. They knew that God saw everything that they did as they worked, but yet they were driven by love and gratitude.

Their desire was to honor and worship the Lord by how they worked. They wanted to inspire their fellow slaves, as well as their masters, to come to a place of repentance and to be saved.

Today, if you're a Christian employee at your job, I pray that you are the hardest worker there, unless, of course, there's another brother or sister with you.

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[Laughter]

If you're a Christian employer, I pray that you would treat your employees well. Our calling and our walk with Jesus is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We can accomplish that not only by our words but by our actions, our behavior, and by the way that we love.

Ephesians, Chapter 6, verse 10 tells us, *[And 11]* **“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the Devil.**

[Verse 12] **For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. [Verse 13] Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.”**

New believers tend to mistakenly believe that all their problems go away because they've come to Jesus. Even unbelievers mistakenly think that all Christians who love God should have no problems in life. The truth is all believers in Jesus will experience trials and tribulations in this life.

Believers who know God's word and who walk and serve the Lord, they understand and they grasp the realities of spiritual warfare. The attacks that come from the enemy is real in their Christian lives. They know Satan exists and that he is seeking to destroy them.

The Devil does his work in the spiritual realm that cannot be seen. For us who follow Jesus, we can surely feel the effects of the attacks of the enemy. I've been feeling it all week. Actually it's been a while. Left unprotected, we will fight a losing battle if we try to fight the Devil in our own strength.

In *verse 10*, Paul instructs us to seek and rely on God's strength and His power rather than our own when battling the enemy. God instructs us to put on the armor that He's provided, which will bring victory against our enemy.

Verse 14 tells us, **“Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness.”**

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Paul the Apostle described the armor of God using the example of a Roman soldier's body armor. The armor symbolizes the Christian's protection against the attacks of the enemy. Paul starts with the belt of truth. It's been said that truth is the most solid ground to stand on. I'll say that again. It's been said that truth is the most solid ground to stand on.

In this verse, the belt of truth holds up a soldier's groin protector, the netting for his upper legs, as well as the sheaths for his knife and his sword. It also anchored the breastplate. The belt was crucial in keeping everything tied together and stable and strong.

The enemy, the Devil, is the father of lies and deception, and he desires our allegiance. On the other hand, Jesus is all about truth, for He is the truth. He is perfect and there is no darkness. There's no lies or deception within Him.

John 14:6 tells us that **“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.’”**

God's truth jumps out at us in His word. Keeping truth in the forefront of our lives will always keep us free. It also keeps us safe when we're in a battle with the enemy.

The breastplate, or the body armor, of the soldier guards the vital organs of the body: the heart, the lungs, the kidneys. Any attack on these crucial organs can result in death. Our hearts are the engine of our bodies, and if stopped, we will die.

Spiritually, Satan wants to attack our hearts, so we need the protection of the breastplate of righteousness. As Christians, we also know that Satan wants to attack the heart of our beliefs, the heart of our faith. He wants us to doubt God. He wants us to doubt Jesus. He wants us to even doubt the truth of our salvation.

God calls us to stand on the righteousness that's provided for us by His Son, Jesus, the only righteousness that God will accept. When we accept Jesus as our Savior, His righteousness is given, or imputed, to us. We're then forgiven, and then God sees Christ's blood and He doesn't see our sin. He sees Christ's blood, not our sin.

Philippians, Chapter 3, verse 8 and 9 tells us, **“Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become**

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one with Him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with Himself depends on faith."

So the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness, two solid components of God's armor, they help provide victory over our enemy as we battle. When Satan sees that we're protected, that we're ready to fight with the armor that God provides, he flees.

James, Chapter 4, verse 7 tells us, **"So humble yourselves before God. Resists the Devil, and he will flee from you."**

Verse 15 of Ephesians 6 tells us, **"For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared."**

In order to stand firm during a battle, you need to have shoes that can firmly grip the ground to stabilize yourself. In sports, your legs are the base, and that's where your power comes from. It's where your power starts. For that power to be transferred to the body so that soldier could effectively fight, his feet needed to be firmly anchored to the ground.

The spiritual shoes that Paul describes here are to prepare believers for the challenges that lay ahead. They had their marching orders and were called to preach the Gospel that would bring peace to a soul that was searching and lost.

Again, we're standing on firm ground when we're planted on the rock who is Jesus Christ. We're planting our feet on a firm foundation, and that gives us an advantage as God's power joins us in the battle against our enemy. And so He gives us the victory.

Our hope is that we can make an impact in this world, this world that is constantly fighting and battling world wars, wars that are brought on by our evil adversary, the Devil. But blessed are those who, when called, they go and they spread the gospel with feet that are shod with the gospel of peace.

Isaiah, Chapter 52, verse 7 tells us, **"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"**

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Verse 16 of Ephesians 6, and 17 tells us, **“In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery [Darts] arrows [Excuse me] of the Devil.”**

Again, as Christians we are bombarded and harassed by Satan and his minions. The enemy is continually shooting fiery darts in our direction. As believers, we need a spiritual umbrella. We need a shield to protect our heads and our minds from the enemy’s attacks. Satan is not omniscient. He doesn't know everything. He cannot. He cannot read our minds. However, he does understand human nature. He does know our weaknesses. And so he can influence our thoughts with sinful ideas, temptations, and lies.

Remember in *John, Chapter 13, verse 2*, that the Devil had put into Judas’ heart to betray Jesus. We need to protect our minds with the spiritual armor of the helmet. Roman soldiers would carry shields called scutums. The shields could repel the enemy's onslaught and arrows, which would rain down in large numbers. It also provided protection for a soldier in a sword fight or from flying spears. So too, that the spiritual shield of faith protects us from the flaming hot darts that the enemy continually throws at us.

I have noticed in my life that Satan’s attacks usually come before or in the middle of a task, especially preparing for a Bible study that I'm engaged in. The attacks come in the form of conflict, confusion, troubles, temptations, and even fear and anger. Anything that could go wrong goes wrong.

However, I've also experienced that God, by His Holy Spirit, He always comes through. He always makes a way for me to succeed and have victory. Our salvation started by faith as we believed. Let us trust that God will be with us in the battles with our enemy.

We've seen God's faithfulness to protect and watch over us and to bring victory time and time again. It gives us the confidence that we need. And we can know and we can trust without a doubt that God will never break His promises. He cannot because He's God.

The Roman army made their shields so that it could be placed side-by-side and overlapped. Some soldiers would be assigned to raise their shields above their heads. It would protect a group of soldiers from arrows above that might penetrate from between or above the shields.

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The formation of the soldiers with overlapping shields was called a phalanx. It was an awesome sight to behold. I've seen movies of phalanxes. It's beautiful. It's like a box, and they just move forward. They just move forward, and the enemy just drops. The enemy.

Christians should be united in a spirit of love. We've been speaking about that so much in the *Book of Ephesians*. And we're to support one another in our battles against Satan.

We're called to be united as brothers and sisters walking in lockstep. We'll face many challenges from Satan's devices that seek to undermine our witness and destroy our faith.

Ecclesiastes, Chapter 4, verse 12 tells us, **"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken."**

That's why it's important to love one another and work in unison so we can be found walking worthy of the calling that God has called us to. *Matthew 18* tells us that if we have an issue with someone in church, that we are to approach them and try to make it right and bring peace. That is what love does.

Let us as Christians form a phalanx of our own in our church so we can defend the enemy's attacks and have a united victory against him because he wants to destroy all things concerning God.

Verse 17 of verse 6 — Chapter 6, excuse me. **"Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."**

So the brain is the most crucial organ for sustaining life as it serves as the central command center. While the heart and the lungs are vital, the brain regulates the functions like breathing, heart rate, and blood pressure.

The helmet, in that day, protected the brain in battle from flying wood, metal objects, shields, horses, rocks, hammers. I am thankful for the spiritual helmet of salvation that God has protected my mind with. The Lord provides protection for our minds so that we're not led astray.

New believers are vulnerable to Satan's attacks, to Satan's devices, which can wreak havoc on their minds. In order for us to have any victory with all of the armor that God provides,

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we first need to be saved. We need to have been born-again and receive Jesus as our Savior. Now, the Holy Spirit in us, He can work within us to achieve the victory. The mind of an unsaved person focuses on the world and the things of the world. A born-again, regenerated man thinks about the things of Christ. So let us keep our helmet of salvation on and offer eternal life to others who are not saved.

Notice that all of the armor to this point have been for defensive attacks of the enemy. In the sporting world, it's been said that a strong defense wins championships. Within the spiritual armor of God, the sword of the Spirit, God's word, is a weapon that is used for both defending and attacking. The sword can thrust forward, attack, and take ground from the enemy.

God's word can also be a strong defensive weapon. There are two Greek words that describe the word of God in our Bibles: Logos and rhema. Logos is God's written word, and rhema is when God's word is verbalized. Logos is the content of God's word, which is the Scriptures written by humans, authored by God.

Rhema, on the other hand, is the spoken word of God. God's word, when memorized and spoken, is likened to an offensive weapon such as a sword. As you speak God's word like a sharp sword, it cuts through deception, it cuts through lies and the schemes of the Devil, and it reveals God's truths.

We remember that Jesus used the word of God to defeat the Devil's deception and lies when He was tempted for 40 days in the wilderness. So too Christians can brandish and wield our sword, God's word, as we battle our enemies.

Verse 18 tells us, **"Pray in Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in all your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. [Verse 20] I am in chains now..."**

Paul the Apostle, again, he was in a Roman prison. He's writing this letter. **"I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for Him, as I should."**

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Paul the Apostle is locked, confined, and in prison in Rome. Physically he's restrained, but spiritually he's well. He's filled with the joy of the Lord because of his love for the Lord. He does not dwell on his dire circumstances, which surely affected the other prisoners. He thinks of others, and he asks the Ephesians to pray regularly for their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Now that Ephesians have put on their spiritual armor, they are ready for battle. They are now to fight from their knees. He asked Ephesians then, and he speaks to us today, to be alert and to watch out and pray not only for ourselves but for believers everywhere.

You know, Paul had started the other churches, and he knew the power of prayer that could affect the outcomes of believers' lives. Though they prayed for others who lived thousands of miles away, Paul knew the power of God to reach these saints. Praying in the Spirit means to pray with God's power and according to His will.

He is omnipotent and omnipresent, which means that He's all powerful, and He's everywhere all at once. The Lord loves it when we look to Him and when we depend on Him. He loves it when we as Christians look to Him for every need in our lives.

Paul was counting on the prayers of the saints in Ephesus, as well as the other churches that he had started and to which he also wrote. He asked the Ephesians to pray for him. But it wasn't prayer for himself. It wasn't a selfish but selfless prayer as he wanted God to give him the words and the boldness to share the Gospel.

We've read in many of Paul's writings his heroic deeds that he boldly accomplished for the Lord. In all that he accomplished, he never pointed to himself as a source of the strength and the boldness that he had displayed. He always acknowledged that he was being led and strengthened by God.

God blessed Paul's work because it was always bathed in prayer. Paul was a man who often prayed. He's a prayer warrior. He prayed fervently. Paul had his brethren join him in petitioning the Lord. I pray that we always would see God first and rely on His strength and not our own to accomplish that which God has called us to do. I also pray that we never stop or we never cease to pray for anything and everything.

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1 Thessalonians, Chapter 5, verse 16 to 18 tells us, **“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”**

The *Book of Romans* confirms the need for us to pray in the Spirit. We see it in *Romans, Chapter 8, starting with verse 25*. **“But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently. And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for.**

But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows our hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and who are called according to His purpose for them. For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”

1 John, Chapter 5, verse 14 and 15 tells us, **“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”**

Verse 21 and 22, Paul finishing and winding up his letter to the Ephesians. *Verse 21*, says, **“To bring you up to date, Tychicus will give you a full report about what I am doing and how I am getting along. He is a beloved brother and faithful helper in the Lord's work. I have sent him to you for this very purpose — to let you know how we are doing and to encourage you.**

[Verse 23 and 24] Peace be with you, dear brothers and sisters, [Paul says] and may God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you love with faithfulness. May God's grace give you love with faithfulness. May God's grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.”

We who love the Lord never forget the love that God has for us. The pain that His Son, Jesus, suffered was excruciating. In John — *1 John, Chapter 4, verse 9 and 10* tells us, **“God showed how much He loved us, by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we**

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might have eternal life Through Him. “This is real love— not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.”

Tonight, we will celebrate and partake of communion. What we're about to do is symbolic. It's not the actual blood or body of Jesus, as some false teachers teach. The bread and the cup are symbolic representations of what Jesus did for us. It's a time to remember the sacrifice that He made for us on the cross. It's a time to say, “Thank You, Jesus.”

As we partake, we remember His broken body, not His bones, but the open gashes and nail spikes that were inflicted upon Him. Jesus said we will partake again of this communion in heaven with Him.

We see that in *Luke, Chapter 22, verses 15 and 16*. **“Then He said to them, ‘With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’”**

This will be fulfilled in the future at the wedding supper of the Lamb, after we're raptured, very soon, I'm praying.

But on the night that Jesus was betrayed, He gathered His apostles. Jesus initiated the Lord's Supper on the night of the Passover holiday, the night when all Israel would commemorate their exodus from the bondage of Egypt. Just as the Israelites were set free from the cruelty of slave task masters, so too Christians are redeemed and set free by the sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

Jesus was born, and in His youth did carpentry work until the time came for Him to start his ministry. During His ministry, He would demonstrate to the world the power of God which He possessed because He is the Son of God. His miracles and healing work left no doubt of who He is. He is the Christ, the Messiah, anointed by God the Father to be the Savior of the world.

Those who believed were saved and blessed and would spend eternity with Him and His Father in heaven. But sadly, many rejected Him. Even the religious leaders knew that Jesus was sent from God. Nicodemus, we read in *John, Chapter 3*, a religious leader of the Jews,

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told Jesus so. Although the Jewish leaders knew who Jesus was, His existence threatened their power. Still, they not only rejected Him, they crucified Him.

But we know that it wasn't only the Jewish leaders or the Romans that put Jesus to death. It was all of us here tonight and all of you online. Because of our sin, we're responsible for Jesus having to go to the cross. We can't point to the Romans or the Jewish people of that time. The finger of blame points back to all of us in all of human history. A simple confession of guilt and a thank You from each of us, I'm sure would bless the Lord.

Before we partake of communion, I want to give an invitation for anyone who has not accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

Romans, Chapter 3, verse 23 tells us that we all sinned. On Judgment Day, we will pay for our sin. Death will be the sentence, and hell will be your home forever, for those who reject the Savior.

Romans 6:23 tells us, **“The wages of sin is death, but the free gift from God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.”**

Instead of everlasting punishment, God wants to save you from a death sentence and give you eternal life with Himself. But you need to call out to Jesus by faith. Believe what He did on the cross. Believe that He died for you so that you could be saved, and that He was buried and He rose again on the third day.

You can call out to Jesus on your own when you're ready. I pray you don't wait. So right now, if you want, I can help you by leading you in a prayer to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

You, here in the sanctuary, and you online as well, just be sincere, and God will hear you. That way you can partake with us of the communion table which is for believers who remember and honor our Lord Jesus Christ and what He's done for us on the cross.

So right now if that's you in the sanctuary, or you online, repeat after me. Again, just be sincere, and God will hear. Let us bow our heads. For you who desire to be saved, pray this with me: Lord Jesus, I need You. By faith, I believe You love me. Thank You, Father, for sending Your Son. Thank You, Jesus, that You gave Your life so my sins could be removed so

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that I can dwell with you in heaven forever. Be my Lord. Be my Savior. Lead and guide me in my life by Your Spirit. Thank you for saving me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

For you who called out to Jesus, congratulations. You're now family, the family of God. So let us now partake of communion together.

1 Corinthians, Chapter 11, verse 23 tells us — starting with *verse 23* tells us, **“For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’”**

So let us take the cup and open the top portion and let us wait to take the wafer.

Father in heaven, I come before Your throne. Lord, we remember what You did for us, how You were battered and bruised. You even had a crown of thorns attached to Your head and a spear on Your side, beside the nails and the thrashings that You took for us. We never forget and we're thankful, Lord. As this bread represents Your body that was broken and beat, we who love You thank You. Let us partake together.

“In the same manner He also took a cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the New Covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.”

We can now open the rest of the cup. Again, please wait and we'll partake together.

Lord, we come before Your throne. We never forget the blood that was poured out for us. We are so grateful and we're so thankful, Lord. We are so sorry for the pain that we put you through, Lord, because of the consequences of our sin.

Lord, let us now go throughout the world and spread the Gospel and reach others. Lord, we love You and remember and never forget what You did for us, and the blood that was poured out for us. And we pray this in Jesus' name. Let us partake together.

Kapono. And why don't we stand?

Father, we come before You tonight, Lord, to thank You for Your word, to thank You, Lord, that we can commemorate and remember what You did for us over 2000 years ago, Lord.

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So we come before You to praise You and thank You, tell You how much we love You and that we never forget the cross and what You did for us.

Holy Spirit, I pray that you will lead us home, tonight, safely. Also that You would bless our time of fellowship. And Lord, protect those who came to serve tonight as well. And so we come before You to thank You for what You did tonight in teaching us and letting us remember Your Son. We pray these things in Jesus' name, Amen.