“Hui, ‘Auhea ‘Oe e Ku’u Haku?”
Are you there lord?

Nā Heluhelu Baibala / Scripture Readings

Mataio (Matthew) 7:7-8 NIV
E noʻi, a e hāʻawi ʻia na ʻoukou; e ʻimi, a e loaʻa hoʻi iā ʻoukou; e ʻikikēkē, a e wehe ʻia no ʻoukou. No ka mea, ʻo ka mea noʻi, ua hāʻawi ʻia nāna; ʻo ka mea ʻimi, ua loaʻa nō iā ia; a ʻo ka mea ʻikikēkē, ua wehe ʻia nona.

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. NIV

Luka (Luke) 15:1-7
A laila hele akula i onā lā ka poʻe luna ʻauhau a pau, a me ka poʻe hewa e hoʻolohe iā ia. A ʻōhumu ihola ka poʻe Parisaio a me ka poʻe kākau ʻōlelo, ʻī aʻela, “Ua hoʻolauna ʻo ia nei me ka poʻe hewa, a ua ʻai pū nō hoʻi me lākou.” ʻŌlelo maila ʻo ia i kēia ʻōlelo nane iā lākou, ʻī maila, “O wai ke kanaka i waena o ʻoukou he poʻe hips kāna hoʻokahi haneri, a nalowale kekahio ʻo lākou, ʻāʻole anei ia i waiho aku i nā hips he kanaiwakumamāiwa ma ka wao nahele, a ʻimi aku i ka mea i nalowale a loaʻa ia iā ia? A loaʻa, a laila e kau iā ia ma kona poʻohiwi me ka ʻoliʻoli? A hiki mai ia i ka hale, hōʻuluʻulu ʻo ia i nā hoaaloha a me nā hoaluna, me ka ʻōlelo iā lākou, E hauʻoli pū mai me aʻu; no ka mea, ua loaʻa iaʻu kuʻu wahi hips i nalowale. Ke ʻōlelo aku nei au iā ʻoukou, ua ʻoi aku ka ʻoliʻoli ma ka lani no ke kanaka hewa hoʻokahi e mihi ana, ma mua o nā kānaka maikaʻi he kanaiwakumamāiwa ʻaʻole pono iā lākou ke mihi.”
Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

**Manaʻo / Thoughts**

*Ask, Seek, Knock*

*By Scott Topping, KS Executive Vice President of Finance / Chief Financial Officer*

Fortunately for all of us, God has made it clear that He wants us to draw near to Him. Think about it for a minute. The Creator of all things and the most powerful force in the universe has invited us to ASK things of Him, SEEK Him and His wisdom and KNOCK on His door! Therefore, we never have to question if God is listening to us because He has invited us to come to Him.

In my personal faith journey, I have developed a strong belief that the key to drawing closer to God is plainly revealed in Matthew 7:7-8. We are all invited to reach out to Him in order to build a relationship, and He assures us that if we pursue Him we will find Him and He will respond to our call. In essence, we have a roadmap.

Because we are humans, following this simple roadmap (ASK, SEEK, KNOCK) isn’t as easy as it might seem. For any number of reasons we sometimes become “lost sheep” as we fail to follow directions and suddenly we find ourselves wandering aimlessly through life.

From my own personal experience, these periods are sometimes long and unpleasant—but they often end with a valuable lesson that is directly from God. While His grace seems limitless, I believe He sometimes deals with us more firmly by helping us see the truth. I am thankful that God applies both grace and truth to conform us to His likeness, and I expect that He rejoices when we return to the flock.
Teen Take
By Keiki Kahu Elisha Fronda KSK’16

In this modern age, the simplest of things such as “knocking on a door” are an afterthought and considered outdated; motion censored doors, electronic passcodes, and electronic buttons are the norm. To reconnect with God, it will require us to reevaluate our obsession with modern technology and revamp our lifestyles.

I often see many of my peers, and sometimes catch myself, constantly staring into the depths of my phone. A recent study gave the alarming statistic that an average American spends 4.7 hours on their phone daily. Rather than locking your gaze on the technology in your hands, I challenge you to raise your line of sight to the sky. This may require a newly concentrated effort, but the mental and spiritual benefits are life changing.

From personal experience, I took a trip to Kalaupapa where there was no cell phone service, which required me to let go of my obsession with modern technology. This opportunity opened my mind back up to what was true and pure, and allowed me to establish more genuine relationships with new people.

Even though it may seem old school, try to put down your phone and fix your eyes up above. In Mathew 7:7-8, it says that God is ready with open arms; all you have to do is ask, seek, and knock. “For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds.” Mathew speaks with the positive hope that everyone has the ability to tap into the love of God, and that it is very doable with the simple roadmap he lays out (ask, seek, knock).

I may not know exactly what you are going through, but try not to get lost (as it says in Luke 15:1-7) in the things of this world. God has shared a roadmap to establishing a deeper relationship with Him. So although it may not be as easy as opening a motion-censored door, try knocking on God’s door today and see what He has to offer.

Questions to Consider

- How do you approach a friend, family member or coworker who steps out of line?
- Do you usually tend to approach the issue by giving grace? Or, do you tend to address the situation more directly and be truthful?
- Is either approach right for any situation? How do you discern?
Pule / Prayer
Aloha e ke Akua – mahalo nui loa for the gift of life through the sacrifice of your only Son, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Mahalo for my mākua and kūpuna who encouraged and shaped my faith from an early age. Let my paths be straight and strengthen me so that I can serve you to the best of my ability. ‘Āmene.

Keiki Activity
When you need something from an adult, there seems to be a fantastic process to get your answer. Let’s draw out the process to getting connected to God and to others around you. The Bible tells us in Matthew 7, “ASK and it will be given to you; SEEK and you will find; KNOCK and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Follow these steps:

- Get a big piece of paper and draw a huge door on it.
- Write the three underlined words above on that door. Leave some space below each word.
- Write this after each one: ASK – You will receive it. SEEK – You will find it. KNOCK – The door will open.
- Now place that beautiful picture on your bedroom door or on your parents’ bedroom door or on the refrigerator door. And be blessed this week of Lent.

Hīmeni / Hymn
“He's Alive”

He...e...e, He is alive (clap 10 times in rhythm)
He...e...e, He is alive (clap 10 times in rhythm)

Verse 1
I can see above the clouds and
I can hear Him call my name out loud. (clap 10 times in rhythm)

Verse 2
He has come that I might have life
And more life than I have had before. (clap 10 times in rhythm)

View the video below this story to sing the hymn along with KS Kapālama deputation team members keiki kahu Elisha Fronda, Christian Danielson, Kiana Camara, Tavehi Tafiti and keiki kahu Makamae Nottage.