



KA PULE 'EHĀ O KA HIKINA

THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

"E ho'oha'aha'a i ka hele 'ana me ke Akua." Walk humbly with God.

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Heluhelu Baibala / Scripture Reading

Isaia 9:6

No ka mea, ua hānau 'ia mai, he keiki no kākou, no kākou i hā'awi 'ia mai ai, he keiki kāne, ma luna o kona po'ohiwi ke aupuni; A e kapa 'ia kona inoa, 'o Kupaianaha, 'o Kākā'ōlelo, 'o Keakuamana, 'o Kamakuamauloa, 'o Keali'iokamalu.

Isaiah 9:6

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Hō'ike 'Ana 19:16

A ma kona 'a'ahu a ma kona 'ūhā ua palapala 'ia ka inoa, "KE ALI'I O NĀ ALI'I, A ME KA HAKU O NĀ HAKU."

Revelation 19:16

And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Mana'o / Thoughts

Growing up in Kona my father would take me to go holoholo. He would carry his 'upena (throw net) and I carried the bucket and we would walk along the shoreline

from Kikaua Point north to Kaupūlehu or on some days we would go south to Manini'owale.

He was masterful as a kanaka lawai'a (fisherman) and would always bring in a bountiful catch of manini, kūpīpī, mamo, nenua and even 'ama'ama and uouoa. However, the catch wasn't always just for our family. Dad never forgot his friends so once we were done cleaning the fish we would load up bags with i'a and place them in our cooler. Then we would jump into the truck and go to my father's close friends who were church leaders in the small Hawaiian churches that my father served.

We would travel south to Kealia and give fish to Ka 'Ohana Iona. Uncle Fred and Aunt Nancieta owned their own farm and were incredibly gracious to my dad they always spoke with easygoing voices and would give us fruits from their mala.

Then we would travel north to Holualoa to see another retired paniolo Uncle Mahone Kā'eo from Helani Church. He had the largest hands that I had ever seen, they were rough and calloused, but he spoke with such softness in his voice that he always made me feel safe.

Every time my father and I would do this it was the same thing, we talk story, drop off fish and drive off to the next family. Besides being church leaders in their community, all these kind people had one very important thing in common. They were all very humble and the most ha'aha'a servant leaders I knew. God loves the humble!

The Prophet Isaiah shared this revelation for us in order to help unravel the mystery behind the coming of the Christ child, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."

Just think of the incredible magnitude of the kuleana that our Lord Jesus as a child was given. These titles are all about having direct rule over all creation, infinite wisdom, absolute power, unfettered compassion and love. How was a child supposed to fill these lofty positions, and not just how, but why a child?

Jesus could have come charging into our world riding on a golden chariot with millions of angels descending with him proclaiming his Lordship. I can hear the multitude of angels singing Handel's Messiah, "Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, halleeeeeluujaaaaah."

In fact, why not roll in with all the bling and swag that heaven can offer, and yet God sent a baby? What kind of triumphant message was God intending for us to receive? Humility and leadership, two seemingly conflicting character traits, but I believe that God also sent Jesus as one of us, as a baby as a strong reminder of what righteous leadership looks like.

The secret of God's message lays deep within this one fundamental core value that we attribute to all great leaders, humbleness. Jesus the Christ carried the authority of a King and the meekness of a child all rolled into one. Our Lord and Savior chose to give up his Kingly atmosphere and instead became lowly to be a part of us.

Why? Because Jesus' infancy reminds us that every child's gentle nature should be highly valued to the point of parents making specific sacrifices in order to cherish and honor God's gift of life to them. Jesus the Christ child demonstrates that the power of meekness is its teaching that all life is significant and worthy of care.

Even before Jesus became an adult, he already had a reputation of being humble, kind, pono loa and mighty because these character traits had already been given to him before his earthly birth. By the time he was ready to fulfill his purpose here with us on earth he would be identified as God's humble servant and son who healed the sick, mended broken hearts, spoke to the stormy seas to be still, and raised the dead. All-powerful, all-knowing and ubiquitously present, Jesus, who heaven honored as its greatest majesty, ruler and king humbled himself and sacrificed his life for ours.

Therefore, the lesson for all of us here at Kamehameha Schools is to be aware that the power of a prideful leader is quickly subdued, but the power of humble

leadership is everlasting because of its supreme influence to promote love over hate, selfless acts over selfish behaviors, and the blessing of building up relationships over cursing others.

God sent Jesus to demonstrate what true servant leadership really looks like and this Christmas season, like all Christmases before, we honor Jesus' act of humility by walking with him in a gentle, pliant and trusting manner.

During this Advent season let us rejoice in the majestic message of Christ's humility and reflect on the power of being a humble servant leader. God's word says this about those who walk this path of meekness with God and before others, that they will be elevated by the Most High, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

His chosen mother Mary called him, "Jesus," but let us call him Lord!

Questions to Ponder

- Do you remember when you first heard about baby Jesus? How old were you and what did you think about Jesus and Christmas?
- In all of the hustle and bustle of this holiday season of shopping it is easy to get distracted from the real meaning of Christmas. How do you and your family choose to remember and honor Christmas?
- When you hear the word "humility," what is the first thought that pops into your head?
- When you hear the word "majesty," what is the first thought that pops into your head?
- The Bible says that Jesus came as a baby in order to be more accessible to us and to help us to understand that his real purpose is to save us. How does the title "Humble King" make you feel about Christ Jesus?

Pule / Prayer

E Ke Akua Manaloa e. Ke ho'omaika'i nei mākou iā 'oe. Aloha mākou iā 'oe e Iesū Kristo. Blessings and honor to your our Almighty God who we love and cherish as Jesus the Christ. Help us to walk humbly with you as you teach us your ways, talk to us through your word and bless us as we learn to be like Jesus. Watch over us and protect us from evil as we share the good news of eternal life through Christ alone.

Ma ka inoa kau Keiki Hiwahiwa, 'Amene

Keiki Activity

Make a Christmas Ornament Honoring the Titles of Jesus

This activity for children will be a bit messy, but is all about having fun together! So, here is what you will need: a large piece of construction paper (your child's preference of color), a pen, glue, an assortment of different colors of glitter, a ruler, some string and scissors!

Directions:

- 1) Draw a circle on the construction paper about 3-4 inches in diameter, and cut it out.
- 2) Write the name JESUS in the middle of the circle so that is about 3 inches long. Turn the circle over and draw a big star!
- 3) Choose two other names from Isaiah 9:6 and/or Revelation 19:16 like: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Write your two choices so that one goes above the larger name of JESUS and the other goes below the larger name of JESUS.
- 4) Squirt glue on each word and choose the glitter that you want to sprinkle on each name. It is better to do both the gluing and glittering one name at a time.
- 5) After all the names with glitter have dried, turn your attention to the star on the other side of the circle, squirt glue on the star and fill it with glitter.

- 6) When the glittered star has dried, punch a hole at the top, tie a string through the hole or if you have an extra ornament wire you can use that, and simply hang it on your Christmas tree.
- 7) Now, repeat the process all over and choose different titles to use above and below JESUS. Also, replace the star with other Christmas images. Perhaps an angel wing, a manger, a shepherd's staff (candy cane shape). Be creative and have fun!

Hīmeni / Hymn

"I Call Him Lord" by Dottie Rambo

Master, Redeemer, Savior of the world.
Wonderful, Counselor, Bright Morning Star.
Lily of the valley, Provider, and Friend,
He was yesterday, He'll be tomorrow, Beginning and End.
'O ia i nehinei, 'O ia 'āpōpō, 'O ia ho'i a mau loa

CHORUS:

The angels called Him Jesus, born of The Virgin.
Mary called Him Jesus, Oh but I call Him Lord.

Jehovah, Messiah, Mighty God and King.
He is the Bread of Life, the lasting words of love that I sing.
The Light and darkness, Door to heaven, my home in the sky,
The Fountain of Living Water that never shall run dry.

Pua'i 'O ia la, me ka wai ola, e malo'o 'ole kēnā wai

CHORUS