

This Week in Kailua-Kona: Risk



We stood next to a stranger, watching a sunset. We turned to leave. He called to us, “Hey! You can’t leave yet. The best is yet to be!” This scene repeated yesterday. As we left the grey, uninteresting sunset, we turned and walked home. At the top of the hill we saw two people looking west.

We turned to see this sky. Unspeakable grandeur had slipped into the sky while we walked away from it, unsuspecting.

Turning the leaf of a decade, I’ve researched “seventy” in The Book. Seven is a favorite of God’s. I’ve bundled a lot into 70 years—success and failure, relationships that were searing and soothing, being included and living excluded. Death, sadness and joy, fear of failure and then failing, tearful good-byes, shy hellos, trying to be good enough, and sometimes simply not caring anymore.

Know what stands out? Showing up! Risking the next step when hiding seemed a much safer option.

“The blessing really is outside of your comfort zone.

Comfort is the place dreams go to die.”

We look over the shoulder of our decades. We now realize many lived days have been run with sheer, blind endurance. We continue, only because of the One Who has gone before us as a role model for risk.

[Let Us Run by Marty Goetz on Chavah Messianic Radio](https://messianicradio.com/?song=songs/761)

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Many years back, I entered my office one day. I heard a voice inside telling me these words:

You have everything you need, right now, to accomplish the work of this day.

Today, I heard again:

I’m to focus on my Source, not my situation—the Provider, not the problems.

I’m to act now with what I have now—not wait for guarantees.

I’m to applaud when others succeed, without being envious.

The Message says it like this “You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.” Matthew 5:5

Today we’re also thankful to share some good news with you.

Both Vance and Bethyl are now licensed as psychologists in the State of Hawaii.

“The best is yet to be!”