

**This Week in Kailua-Kona: Silence**

**Silence.**

**God broke four hundred years of silence.  
The old man, Zechariah, dropped to his knees  
when he heard the words,  
“Your wife will bear a son.”**

**In the days that followed, this man of faith met  
his noisy,” monkey-chatter” self—  
What if I misheard?  
What if I misinterpreted?  
Why so many years of infertility?  
Why now?**

**Would you have reacted any differently?  
How many angelic encounters have we ignored,  
merely glanced at, and walked on?  
How many pregnant gifts from God have I  
aborted through unbelief?**

**His aging wife was pregnant with a boy;  
the aging husband, with silence.  
One challenge of aging is to become better  
friends with silence.  
Zechariah did not choose nine months of  
silence. This severe, silent kindness chose him.**

**What do you wait for in 2019?  
What waits for you?  
Can you sit in silence while hope crawls toward  
you over broken glass?**



**Captain Cook sailed up to this New  
Zealand fiord in 1770.**

**He hesitated, waffled. The wind luffed.  
He said to his quartermaster, “I doubt we  
can navigate those waters under sail.”  
He set sail the next day for other bays.**

**Ever since that day, this 25 mile long,  
1380 foot deep fiord,  
a place of exquisite beauty,  
has been called Doubtful Sound.  
It’s one of the most silent places on  
earth.**

**What does doubt sound like within you?**

**Perhaps in 2019 God wants you to  
explore the waterways of doubt and turn  
them into trafficked channels.**

**At 2018’s ending, maybe God asks you  
to trust him in your doubtful silences.**

**Perhaps God wishes for you to patiently  
wait in silence for the gifts that are just  
around the corner.**

