

Aligning Our Will with His

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Faatū'ati i tō tātou hina'aro 'e tōna

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Following the Lord's will in our life will enable us to find the most precious pearl in the world—the kingdom of heaven.

On a certain occasion, the Savior spoke of a merchant man who was searching for “goodly pearls.” During the merchant man’s search, he found one “of great price.” However, in order to acquire the magnificent pearl, this man had to sell all his possessions, which he promptly and joyfully did.

Through this short and thoughtful parable, the Savior beautifully taught that the kingdom of heaven is likened unto a priceless pearl, truly the most precious treasure that should be desired over all else. The fact that the merchant instantly sold all his possessions to obtain that valuable pearl clearly indicates that we should align our mind and desires with the will of the Lord and willingly do everything we can during our mortal journey to attain the eternal blessings of God’s kingdom.

To be worthy of this great reward, we certainly need, among other things, to give our best effort to set aside all self-centered pursuits and abandon any entanglement that holds us back from full commitment to the Lord and His higher and holier ways. The Apostle Paul refers to these sanctifying pursuits as “hav[ing] the mind of Christ.” As exemplified by Jesus Christ, this means “[doing] always those things that please [the Lord]” in our lives, or as some people say nowadays, this is “doing what works for the Lord.”

Nā te pèra'a i te hina'aro o te Fatu i roto i tō tātou orara'a e fa'ati'a ia tātou 'ia 'ite i te poe faufa'a roa a'e i te ao nei—te bāsileia o te ra'i.

I te hōē taime; 'ua parau Iesu nō ni'a i te hōē ta'ata ho'o tao'a e 'imi ra i « te mau poe nehenehe roa ». I roto i te mā'imira'a a te ta'ata ho'o tao'a, 'ua 'itehia mai iāna hōē « poe tao'a rahi ». Terā rā, nō te fāri'i i te reira poe nehenehe rahi, tītauhia i teie ta'ata 'ia ho'o i tāna mau tao'a ato'a, tāna 'ia i rave 'oi'oi 'e ma te 'oa'oa.

Nā roto i teie parabole poto 'e te feruri-maita'i-hia, 'ua ha'api'i te Fa'aora ma te nehenehe ē, 'ua fa'aauphia te bāsileia o te ra'i i te hōē poe faito 'ore, o te tao'a faufa'a roa a'e 'ia e ti'a 'ia hina'arohia i ni'a i te tahi atu mau mea ato'a. Te mea ē, 'ua ho'o 'oi'oi te ta'ata ho'o i tāna mau tao'a ato'a nō te no'a mai taua poe faufa'a ra, te fa'a'ite maita'i ra 'ia ē, e ti'a ia tātou 'ia fa'atano i tō tātou ferurira'a 'e tō tātou mau hina'aro i te hina'aro o te Fatu'e ma te hina'aro mau e rave i te mau mea ato'a e ti'a ia tātou 'ia rave i roto i tō tātou tere tahutinō te fāri'i i te mau ha'amaita'ira'a mure 'ore o te bāsileia 'o te Atua.

Nō te fāri'i i teie hōro'ara'a rahi, ta'aē noa atu te tahi atu mau mea, e ti'a ia tātou ia hōro'a i tā tātou tauto'ora'a maita'i roa nō te tu'u i te hiti i te mau 'imira'a nō tātou iho, 'e 'ia fa'aru'e i te mau fifi ato'a o tē tāpe'a ia tātou 'ia hōro'a i te fafaura'a hope i te Fatu 'e i Tōna mau haere'a teitei a'e 'e te mo'a a'e. Te fa'aauphia ra te 'āpōsetolo Paulo i teie mau 'ohipa ha'amo'ara'a i te « fāri'ira'a i te ferurira'a o te Mesia ». Mai tei fa'a'itehia e Iesu Mesia, te aura'a ra 'oia ho'i, « [te ravera'a] i te mau mea e mauruuru ai [te Fatu] » i roto i tō tātou orara'a, 'e 'aore ra mai tā te tahi mau ta'ata e parau ra i teie mahana, o « te ravera'a 'ia i te mea e au i te Fatu ».

In a gospel sense, “[doing] always those things that please [the Lord]” relates to submitting our will to His will. The Savior thoughtfully taught the importance of this principle while instructing His disciples:

“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

“And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

“And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”

The Savior achieved a perfect and divine level of submission to the Father by allowing His will to be swallowed up in the Father’s will. He once said, “And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.” In teaching the Prophet Joseph Smith about the anguish and agonies of the Atonement, the Savior said:

“For behold, I, God, have suffered these things for all, that they might not suffer if they would repent; ...

“Which suffering caused myself, even God, the greatest of all, to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to suffer both body and spirit—and would that I might not drink the bitter cup, and shrink—

“Nevertheless, glory be to the Father, and I partook and finished my preparations unto the children of men.”

During our sojourn in mortality, we often wrestle with what we think we know, what we think is best, and what we assume works for us, as opposed to comprehending what Heavenly Father actually knows, what is eternally best, and what absolutely works for children within His plan. This great wrestle can become very complex, especially considering the prophecies contained in the scriptures for our day: “This know also, that in the last days ... men shall be lovers of their own selves, ... lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.”

I roto i te hōē aura’a o te ‘evanelia, « te [rave-ra’a] i te mau mea e māuruuru ai [te Fatu] e tu’ati ia i te tu’ura’a i tō tātou hina’aro i Tōna ra hina’aro. ’Ua ha’api’i ma’ite te Fa’aora i te faufa’a o teie parau tumu a ha’api’i ai ’oia i Tāna mau pipi :

« I pou mai nei ho’i au mai te ra’i mai, e ha’apa’o i tō tei tonono mai iā’u nei hina’aro, eiaha tō’u iho hina’aro.

« Teie ho’i tō te Metua tei tonono mai iā’u nei hina’aro, ’ia ’ore roa vau ’ia ’ere i te hōē i tāna i hōro’a mai ra, ’ia fa’ati’a-pā’ato’a-hia e au ’ia tae i te mahana hope’a ra.

« ’O teie ho’i tō tei tonono mai iā’u nei hina’aro, ’o te ’ite i te Tamaiti ’e te fa’aro’o iāna ra, ’ei ora mure ’ore tōna ’e ’ia fa’ati’a fa’ahou vau iāna i nī’a ’ia tae i te mahana hope’a ra ».

’Ua rave te Fa’aora i te hōē faito maita’i roa ’e te hanahana nō te aurarora’a i te Metua nā roto i te fa’ati’ara’a i Tōna hina’aro ’ia horomi’ihia i roto i te hina’aro o te Metua. Ua parau oia, « ’O tei tonono mai iā’u nei ra, tei piha’i ato’a iho ia iā’u : ’aore te Metua i fa’arue noa iā’u ’o vau ana e ra, e aore ho’i au i fa’aea i te rave i te mea e māuruuru ai oia ra ».’A ha’api’i ai ’oia i te peropheta Iosepha Semita nō nī’a i te ahoaho ’e te māuiui o te tāra’ehara, ’ua parau te Fa’aora :

« Nō te mea inaha, ’ua fa’aoroma’i au, ’o te Atua, i teie nei mau mea nō te tāata ato’a, ’ia ’ore rātou ’ia ro’ohia i te mamae mai te mea ē, e tātarahapa rātou ;

« Nā te reira mamae rahi i fa’atupu i roto iā’u, ’oia ’o te Atua, ’o tei hau a’e i te mau mea ato’a ra, i te rurutaina nō te māuiui, ’e ’ua tahe mai ra te toto nā te mau poa ato’a, ’e ’ua māuiui i te tino ’e te vārua ato’a ho’i—’e ’ua hina’aro ho’i ’ia ’ore au ’ia inu i te ’āu’a maramara ’e ’ōriorio atu—

« ’Are’a rā, ’ei hanahana tō te Metua, ’e ’ua inu vau ’e ’ua fa’aoti ho’i i tā’u mau fa’aineinera’a i te tamari’i a te tāata nei ».

I roto i tō tātou orara’a i roto i te tāhuti nei, e aro pinepine tātou i te mea tā tātou e mana’o ra ē, ’ua ’ite tātou, te mea tā tātou e mana’o ra e mea maita’i a’e, ’e te mea tā tātou e mana’o ra e tano nō tātou, i te ta’a-’ore-ra’a i te mea ta te Metua i te Aor ra i ’ite, e aha te mea maita’i a’e e a muri noa atu, ’e e aha te mea maita’i roa nō te mau tamari’i i roto i tāna fa’anahora’a. E nehenehe teie ’arora’a rahi e riro ’ei mea fifi roa, ’ia hi’ohia iho ā rā te mau tohura’a i roto i te mau papa’ira’a mo’a nō tō tātou nei ’anotau : « E tupu te ’ati rahi i taua tau hope’a nei, ia ’ite mai ’oe e riro te tāata nei ’ei mi’imi’i, te hina’aro i te mau mea e navenave ai ra

One sign that indicates fulfillment of this prophecy is the current growing trend in the world, adopted by so many, of people becoming consumed with themselves and constantly proclaiming, “No matter what, I live my own truth or I do what works for me.” As Paul the Apostle said, they “seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s.” This way of thinking is often justified as being “authentic” by those who indulge in self-centered pursuits, focus on personal preferences, or want to justify certain types of behavior that frequently don’t match God’s loving plan and His will for them. If we let our heart and mind embrace this way of thinking, we can create significant stumbling blocks for ourselves in acquiring the most priceless pearl that God has lovingly prepared for His children—eternal life.

While it is true that each of us travels an individualized discipleship journey on the covenant path, striving to keep our hearts and minds centered on Christ Jesus, we need to be careful and constantly vigilant to not be tempted to adopt this type of worldly philosophy in our life. Elder Quentin L. Cook said that “being sincerely Christlike is an even more important goal than being authentic.”

My dear friends, when we choose to let God be the most powerful influence in our life over our self-serving pursuits, we can make progress in our discipleship and increase our capacity to unite our mind and heart with the Savior. On the other hand, when we don’t allow God’s way to prevail in our life, we are left to ourselves, and without the Lord’s inspiring guidance, we can justify almost anything we do or don’t do. We can also make excuses for ourselves by doing things our own way, saying in effect, “I am just doing things my way.”

On one occasion, while the Savior was declaring His doctrine, some people, particularly self-righteous Pharisees, rejected His message and boldly declared that they were children of Abraham, implying that their lineage would

‘aore i hina’aro i te Atua ».

Te hōē tāpa’o o tē fa’ā’ite ra i te tupura’a o teie parau tohu, o te huru tupura’a ia i te rahi o te ao nei, tei fari’ihia e te mau tāata e rave rahi, o te ha’ape’ape’ara’a te tāata ia rātou iho ‘e te parau-tāmau-ra’a ē, « Noa atu e aha, te ora nei au i tāu iho parau mau e ‘aore rā, te rave nei au i te mea e au iā’u ». Mai tā Paulo i parau ra, tē « ‘imi nei ho’i te tāata i tā rātou iho ra, ‘aore i tā Iesu Mesia ra ». Pinepine teie huru ferurira’a i te fa’ariorhia ‘ei mea « mau » nā te feiā e rave nei i te mau ‘ohipa nō ni’a ia rātou iho, ‘o tē rōtahi nei i ni’a ihoa i tō rātou iho mau hina’aro, ‘e ‘aore rā ‘o tē hina’aro nei e fa’ati’a i te tahi mau huru haere’a ‘o tē ‘ore e tū’ati i te ‘opuara’a here a te Atua e Tōna hina’aro nō rātou. Mai te mea ē, e vaiiho tātou i tō tātou māfatu ‘e tō tātou ferurira’a ‘ia fāri’i i teie huru ferurira’a, e nehenehe tātou e fa’atupu i te mau fifi rahi nō tātou iho i roto i te fāri’ira’a i te poe faufa’a roa a’e tā te Atua i fa’aineine ma te here nō Tāna mau tamari’i—te ora mure ‘ore.

Noa atu ē, e parau mau, tē rave nei tātou tā-tā’itahi i te hōē tere ‘ei pipi i ni’a i te ‘ēa o te fafau-ra’a, ma te tāmata i te fa’atumu i tō tātou māfatu ‘e tō tātou ferurira’a i ni’a ia Iesu Mesia, e ti’a ia tātou ‘ia ha’apa’o maita’i ‘e ‘ia ara tamau ‘ia ‘ore tātou ‘ia fa’ahemahia ‘ia fāri’i i teie huru ferurira’a o te ao nei i roto i tō tātou orara’a. ‘Ua parau ‘o Elder Quentin L. Cook ē, « te rirora’a mai te Mesia mau te huru o te reira ia te fā faufa’a rahi roa a’e ‘eiaha rā te riro-noa-ra’a mai te huru tāata noa ».

E tō’u mau hoa here, ‘ia maiti ana’e tātou i te vaiiho i te Atua ‘ia riro ‘ei mana pūai roa a’e i roto i tō tātou orara’a i ni’a i tā tātou mau ‘ohipa tāvinira’a ia tātou iho, e nehenehe tātou e haere i mua i roto i tō tātou ti’ara’a pipi ‘e e fa’arahi i tō tātou ‘aravihi nō te tāhōē i tō tātou ferurira’a ‘e tō tātou māfatu i te Fa’aora. I te tahi a’e pae, mai te mea ē, ‘aita tātou e vaiiho i te haere’a ‘o te Atua ‘ia upōoti’a i roto i tō tātou orara’a, e vaiihohia tātou tātou ana’e, ‘e mai te mea ē, ‘aita e arata’ira’a fa’auru a te Fatu, e nehenehe tātou e fa’ati’a i te mau mea ato’a tā tātou e rave ‘e ‘aore rā, ‘aita e rave. E nehenehe ato’a tātou e fa’ati’ati’a ia tatou iho nā roto i te ravera’a i te mau mea mai tā tātou e hina’aro, ma te parau ē, « Tē rave noa nei au mai tā’u e hina’aro ».

I te hoē taime, ‘ua pāto’i te tahi mau tāata, te mau Pharisea fa’ahua parau-ti’a ihoa rā, ‘ua pāto’i i Tāna parau poro’i ‘e ‘ua parau ma te mata’u ‘ore ē, e mau tamari’i rātou nā Aberahama, ma te feruri ē, e hōro’a tō rātou rēni tupuna ia rātou i te

grant them special privileges in the sight of God. That mentality led them to lean unto their own understanding and to disbelieve what the Savior was teaching. The Pharisees' reaction to Jesus was clear evidence that their presumptuous attitude left no place in their hearts for the Savior's words and God's way. In response, Jesus wisely and courageously declared that if they were true covenant children of Abraham, they would do the works of Abraham, especially considering that the God of Abraham was standing before them and teaching them the truth at that very moment.

Brothers and sisters, as you can see, acting on these mental gymnastics of “what works for me” versus doing “what always pleases the Lord” is not a new trend that is unique to our day. It is an age-old mentality that has crossed the centuries and often blinds the wise-in-their-own-eyes and confuses and exhausts many of God's children. This mentality is, in fact, an old trick of the adversary; it is a deceptive path that carefully leads God's children away from the true and faithful covenant path. While personal circumstances such as genetics, geography, and physical and mental challenges do influence our journey, in things that truly matter, there is an inner space where we are free to choose whether or not we will decide to follow the pattern the Lord has prepared for our life. Truly, “He marked the path and led the way, and ev'ry point [defined].”

As Christ's disciples, we desire to walk the path He marked for us during His mortal ministry. We not only desire to do His will and all that will please Him but also seek to emulate Him. As we strive to be true to every covenant we have entered into and live “by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,” we will be protected against falling victim to the sins and errors of the world—errors of philosophy and doctrine that would lead us away from those most precious pearls.

I have been personally inspired by how such spiritual submissiveness to God has impacted the lives of faithful disciples of Christ as they chose to

mau ha'amaita'ira'a ta'ae i mua i te 'aro o te Atua. 'Ua arata'i taua ferurira'a ra ia ratou 'ia ti'aturi i ni'a i to ratou iho 'ite e 'ia ore e ti'aturi i te mau mea ta te Fa'aora e ha'api'i ra. 'Ua riro te pahonora'a a te mau Pharisea ia Iesu 'ei ha'apapura'a mararama e, 'aita to ratou mana'o teote'o i vaiiho i te mau parau a te Fa'aora e te haere'a o te Atua i roto i to ratou mafatu. 'Ei pahonora'a, 'ua parau Iesu ma te pa'ari e te itoitoe e, mai te mea e, e mau tamari'i no te fafaua'a mau ratou na Aberahama, e rave ia ratou i te mau ohipa a Aberahama, i te mea ho'i e, te ti'a ra te Atua o Aberahama i mua ia ratou e te ha'api'i ra ia ratou i te parau mau i taua taime mau ra.

E te mau taeae e te mau tuahine, mai ta 'outou e 'ite ra, te fa'ahipara'a i teie mau huru ferurira'a no ni'a i te « mea e tano no'u » e te « mea e mauruuruhia e te Fatu i te mau taime ato'a » e ere ia i te mau mea 'api no to tatou nei 'anotau. 'Ua riro te reira 'ei ferurira'a tahito o tei tere na roto i te mau senekele, e o te ha'amatapo pinepine i te feia mana'o pa'ari i roto i to ratou iho matae o te ha'afifi e o te fa'ataupupu i te mau tamari'i e rave rahi a te Atua. Te parau mau, o teie huru ferurira'a te ho'e ha'avare tahito a te 'enemi ; o te ho'e ia e'a ha'avare o te arata'i maite i te mau tamari'i a te Atua i te ate'a e roa i te e'a parau mau e te ha'apa'o maita'i o te fafaua'a. Noa'tu e, te fa'auru nei te mau huru o te orara'a o te ta'ata iho, mai te mau tupuna, te huru o te fenua, e te mau fifi i te pae tino e i te pae ferurira'a, i to tatou tere, tera ra, i roto i te mau mea faufa'a mau, te vai ra te ho'e vahi i roto ia tatou e ti'amara'a to tatou 'ia ma'itie pe'e anei tatou 'aore ra 'aita, i te hi'ora'a ta te Fatu i fa'aineine no to tatou orara'a. Parau mau, « 'Ua tapa'o oia i te e'a e 'ua arata'i oia i te e'a, e te mau vahi ato'a [ua fa'ata'ahia] ».

'Ei pipi na te Mesia, te hina'aro nei tatou e haere na ni'a i te e'a Tana i tapa'o no tatou i roto i Tana tavinira'a i te tahiti nei. 'Eiaha noa tatou e hina'aro e rave i to na hina'aro e te mau mea ato'a o te fa'aoaoa Iana, e 'imi ato'a ra tatou i te pe'e Iana. Mai te mea e tamata tatou i te ha'apa'o i te mau fafaua'a ato'a ta tatou i rave e 'ia ora 'ia au i te parau ato'a no roto mai i te vaha o te Atua, e paruruhia ia tatou 'ia ore 'ia riro i te mau hara e te mau hape o te ao nei—te mau hape o te philosophia e te ha'api'ira'a tumu o te arata'i ia tatou i te ate'a e roa i taua mau poe faufa'a rahi ra.

'Ua fa'auruhia vau e mea nahea teie huru au-raro i te pae varua i te Atua i te ohipara'a i ni'a i te orara'a o te mau pipi ha'apa'o maita'i a te Mesia, a

do those things that work for and are pleasing in the sight of the Lord. I know a young man who was unsettled about going on a mission but felt inspired to go and serve the Lord when he listened to a senior leader of the Church sharing his own personal testimony and sacred experience of serving as a missionary.

In his own words, this young man, now a returned missionary, said: “As I listened to the testimony of an Apostle of the Savior Jesus Christ, I was able to feel of God’s love for me, and I desired to share that love with others. At that moment I knew that I should serve a mission despite my fears, doubts, and concerns. I felt totally confident in the blessings and promises of God for His children. Today, I am a new person; I have a testimony that this gospel is true and that the Church of Jesus Christ has been restored on earth.” This young man chose the Lord’s way and became an example of a true disciple in every aspect.

A faithful young woman decided not to compromise her standards when she was asked to dress immodestly to fit into the business division of the fashion company where she worked. Understanding that her body is a sacred gift from our Heavenly Father and a place where the Spirit can dwell, she was moved to live by a standard higher than the world’s. She not only gained the confidence of those who saw her living by the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ but also preserved her job, which for a moment was in jeopardy. Her willingness to do what was pleasing in the sight of the Lord, rather than what worked for the world, gave her covenant confidence amidst difficult choices.

Brothers and sisters, we are constantly confronted by similar decisions in our daily journey. It takes a courageous and a willing heart to pause and pursue an honest and meek introspection to acknowledge the presence of weaknesses of the flesh in our life that may impede our ability to submit ourselves to God, and ultimately decide to adopt His way rather than our own. The ultimate test of our discipleship is found in our willingness to give up and lose our old self and submit our heart and our whole soul to God so that His will becomes ours.

mā’iti ai rātou i te rave i te mau mea o tē ha’amaita’i ‘e o tē au i mua i te mata ‘o tē Fatu. ‘Ua ‘ite au i te hōē taure’are’a ‘o tei ‘ore i pāpū no nī’a i te haerera’a e tāvini i te hōē misioni ‘e ‘o tei tūrā’ihia ‘ia haere e tāvini i te Fatu i tōna fa’aro’ora’a i te hōē ti’a fa’atere rahi o te ‘Ēkālesia i te fa’a’itera’a i tōna iho ‘itera’a pāpū ‘e tōna iho ‘itera’a mo’a nō te tāvinirāa ‘ei misionare.

‘Ua parau teie taure’are’a, i teie nei ‘ei misionare tei ho’i mai : « ‘Ua ‘ite au i te here o te Atua iā’u a fa’aro’o ai au i te ‘itera’a pāpū ‘o te hōē ‘āpōsetolo a te Fa’aora o Iesu Mesia, ‘e ‘ua hina’aro vau e fa’a’ite i taua here ra i te tahi atu mau tāata. I taua taime ra, ‘ite āera vau ē, tītauhia iā’u ‘ia tāvini i te hōē misiōni noa’tu tō’u mata’u, te pāpū ‘ore ‘e te pe’ape’a. ‘Ua ti’aturi hope au i te mau ha’amaita’ira’a ‘e te mau pārau fafau a te Atua nō tāna mau tamari’i. I teie mahana, e tāata ‘āpi au, e ‘itera’a pāpū tō’u ē, e parau mau teie ‘evanelia ‘e ‘ua fa’aho’i-fa’ahou-hia mai te ‘Ēkālesia a Iesu Mesia i nī’a i te fenua nei ». ‘Ua mā’iti teie taure’are’a i te haere’a o te Fatu ‘e ‘ua riro mai ‘ei hi’ora’a nō te hōē pipi mau i roto i te mau mea ato’a.

‘Ua fa’aoti te hōē tamāhine ha’apa’o maita’i ‘eiaha e ‘ōfati i tāna mau ture arata’i i te taime a anihia ai ‘oia ‘ia ‘ahu i te ahu tano ‘ore nō te ‘amui atu i roto i te tuha’a ‘ohipa a te taiete ‘ahu tāna i rave i te ‘ohipa. Nō tōna ‘itera’a ē, ‘ua riro tōna tino ‘ei ô mo’a nō roto mai i tō tātou Metua i te Ao ra ‘e ‘ei vahi i reira te Vārua e nehenehe ai e pārahi, ‘ua tūrā’ihia ‘oia ‘ia ora i nī’a i te hōē faito teitei a’e i tō te ao nei. ‘Aita ‘oia i fari’i noa i te ti’aturira’a o te feiā tei ‘ite iāna i te orara’a i te parau mau o te ‘evanelia a Iesu Mesia, ‘ua pāruuru ato’a rā ‘oia i tāna ‘ohipa, ‘o tei ha’afihia i te hōē taime. Tōna hina’aro ‘ia rave i te mea e au i mua i te Fatu, ‘eiaha rā i te mea e ‘ohipa nō te ao nei, ‘ua hōro’a te reira i te ti’aturira’a i roto i te fafaura’a i rotopu i te mau ma’itira’a fifi.

E te mau taeae ‘e te mau tuahine, tē fārerei tāmau nei tātou i te reira mau huru mā’itira’a i roto i tō tātou tere i te mahana tāta’itahi. E mea tītauhia te ‘āau itoitō ‘e te hina’aro mau ‘ia fa’aea ‘e ‘ia rave i te hōē hi’opo’ara’a parau-ti’a ‘e te marū no te fa’ari’i ē, tē vai nei te mau paruparu o te tino i roto i tō tātou orara’a o tē ha’afifi i tō tātou hina’aro ‘ia auraro i te Atua, ‘e i te pae hope’a, ‘ia pe’e i tōna ‘ēa ‘eiaha rā i tō tātou iho. Te tāmatara’a hope’a o tō tātou ti’ara’a pipi, o tō tātou ia hina’aro ‘ia fa’aru’e ‘e ‘ia ha’amo’e i tō tātou huru tahito, ‘e ‘ia hōro’a i tō tātou ‘āau ‘e tō tātou vārua tā’ato’a i te Atua ‘ia riro Tōna hina’aro ei hina’aro nō tātou.

One of the most glorious moments of mortality occurs when we discover the joy that comes when doing always those things that “work for and please the Lord” and “what works for us” become one and the same! To decisively and unquestioningly make the Lord’s will our own requires majestic and heroic discipleship! At that sublime moment, we become consecrated to the Lord, and we totally yield our wills to Him. Such spiritual submissiveness, so to speak, is beautiful, powerful, and transformational.

I testify to you that following the Lord’s will in our life will enable us to find the most precious pearl in the world—the kingdom of heaven. I pray that each of us, in our time and turn, will be able to declare, with covenant confidence, to our Heavenly Father and Savior Jesus Christ that “what works for Thee works for me.” I say these things in the sacred name of the Savior Jesus Christ, amen.

Te hōē o te mau taime hanahana roa aē o te orara’a nei, e tupu ia te reira ’ia ’ite anaē tātou i te ’oāoa e tupu mai ’ia rave tāmāu anaē tātou i te mau mea ’o tē « tano ’ē ’o tē fa’āoāoa i te Fatu » ’ē « te mea e tano nō tātou », hōē ā ia ! Te fa’arirora’a i te hina’aro o te Fatu ’ei hina’aro nō tātou, e tītau te reira i te ti’ara’a pipi hanahana ’ē te itoito ! I taua taime fa’ahiahia ra, e ha’amo’ahia tātou i te Fatu ’ē e hōro’a hope roa tātou i tō tātou mau hina’aro lāna. Teie huru hōro’ara’a pae vārua, e mea nehenehe ia, e mea pūai ’ē e fa’ataui te reira.

Te fa’a’ite pāpū nei au ia ’outou ē, nā te pe’era’a i te hina’aro o te Fatu i roto i tō tātou orara’a e fa’ati’a ia tātou ’ia ’ite i te poe faufa’a roa aē i te ao nei—te bāsileia o te ra’i. Tē pure nei au ’ia ti’a ia tātou tāta’itahi, i tō tātou tau ’ē tō tātou taime, ’ia parau, ma te ti’aturi, i tō tātou Metua i te ao ra ’ē i tō tātou Fa’aora ’o Iesu Mesia ē, « Te mea e au ia ’oe, e au ato’a iā’u ». Tē parau nei au i teie nei mau mea nā roto i te i’oa o te Fa’aora, ’o Iesu Mesia, ’āmene.