

## MĀLAMA PONO Kahu Billy Mitchell February 12, 2023

Mālama pono = Be Careful, Watch out

Mālama = take care of, preserve, maintain. Pono = goodness, proper, righteous, true condition or nature, in perfect order as, balanced

### The Balance or Pono of the Christ

Matthew 22:37-40 NIV <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

### The Pono Over the Law

John 8:5, 7-11 NIV <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” <sup>11</sup> “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you” Jesus declared. **“Go now and leave your life of sin.”**

### Aloha is the Balance

1 Corinthians 13:1-5, 8 NIV <sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship **(that I may boast)**, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

### How to Keep, Maintain the Pono

**1. Matthew 6:33 NIV** <sup>33</sup> . . . seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**2. Remember -** 2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

**3. Develop the Church Habit** Hebrews 10:25 NIV not giving up meeting together, **as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

**4. The Word** Proverbs 22:18 NASB for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips.

**5. True Mālama Pono** Galatians 5:22-23 NASB <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

**6. Take the Pono to the Community** We can be a part of God's healing of the land! Aloha kekahi i kekahi We have to give the pono away! Ralph Rodriguez Pastor Allen Jackson

**2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV** if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

**MĀLAMA PONO! AMENE**