

## Why God – Kahu Billy Mitchell, September 22, 2024

'Cuz: Life is just better with God . . . Personal . . . The John Deere commercial . . . The Bible tells us so . . . 'Cuz, Sin . . . 'Cuz, Look around you . . . Waianae . . . Places on This Island . . . In you Family . . . at your Job . . . School . . . at your Job . . . in our Town . . . 'Cuz Look Inside you, 'Hang ups, Hurts, Habits . . . Misinformed . . . Not Informed . . . Lacking Knowledge . . . Oblivious = Lolo = I No Kea! 'Cuz She, He, They No Kea!

**'Cuz of Who He is!** Isaiah 40:28-31 NIV <sup>28</sup>Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup>He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup>Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup>but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**Jesus said,** "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10 NIV

<sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup>Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup>You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13 NIV

**'Cuz of Who We are!** Romans 7:19-25a NIV <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup>So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup>For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup>but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup>What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! . . .

**'Cuz We need Help!** . . . If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31b NIV

**'CUZ God has given us Insider Knowledge (Information)**

**1. Church    2. The Word    3. Prayer**

**4. Serving the King** Romans 12:11-13 NIV <sup>11</sup>Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. **Aloha kekahi i kekahi!**

**5. 'Cuz I see it Happening in this church!** Psalms 23:5c-6 KJV <sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.