



# CONCH SHELL

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## REDEMPTIVE DISCIPLINE FOR GROWING LEADERS

Understanding how God deals with sin and a sinner from the experience of King David can help Parents, teachers, church leaders and administrator guide, groom, and correct potential leaders and leaders within and outside the church organization.

I have used David's example in the Bible to draw some points, from my view, to help remind administrators, teachers, chaplains, parents and church leaders. These points may assist us to guide, train and discipline promising young leaders in our institutions today. Let us reflect on how God disciplined and trained young David till his adult hood. God's redemptive discipline and training for David as a promising young leader made him become what he was in his days.

- As a son in his father's home he was given responsibility to care for the flock of sheep. He did his work willingly and faithfully. 1 Sam 16:11, 17:19
- A young man who took delight in God's word. Ps 119:11, 105.
- Once anointed as king of Israel to replace King Saul, God prepared him by allowing him to serve King Saul in the palace and learned first hand experience. 1 Sam 16:21-23
- God disciplined and trained him to be a commander of Saul's army by allowing him to lead 1000 soldiers(1 Sam 18:13-16) to battle, regardless of Saul's evil intention, and later lead his 600 men in the wilderness so he could depend entirely on God for protection and taking risk for his soldiers.
- In addition God took him away from the comfort zone of his family, friends and even the Throne room to humble him before he sits on the throne.
- God taught him to be patient and respect his leader, the anointed one. In God's timing He will give him the throne.(1 Sam 24: 5 -7 )
- God gave him responsibility to train and shape him to care for his soldiers and his people just as he had cared for the sheep.
- When he became the King of Israel and fell from the ideal expectation, God confronted him through Prophet Nathan. David acknowledge his great mistake, he was remorseful, and was prepared to face the consequences. God withheld his privilege from raising his son born from the unacceptable union. This was something which he desired most. However God blessed David's second son, through Bathsheba, to become his successor after him. (2 Sam 12: 1-25)

Therefore Adventist teacher's are God's agent on earth to accomplish this Mission in the Adventist Education system. Part and puzzle of the process of fulfilling that mission is through the redemptive discipline. This would mean to correct, educate and train students so as to bring them to a saving relationship with Christ. From this relationship Christ can empower, influence, instruct someone to fulfil his/her purpose for living in this world and the world to come.

**"Lord, by such things men live; and my spirit finds life in them too. You restored me to health and let me live." Isaiah 38:17**

Kind regards

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## THE POWER OF FASTING & PRAYING

Malekula Adventist Junior Secondary School formerly known as Malua Bay School in the North-Western part of the Island of Malekula in Vanuatu. The school has been experiencing financial difficulties ever since 2009. In 2019 the new administration team realised that they will take it seriously to address the issue to God through prayer and fasting. Apart from the normal school prayer and fasting every Wednesday, the administration and staff agreed to go on fasting and prayer for a whole Semester. According to the former Principal Ivan Joel, the Lord answered our prayers in the second semester the same year. We started receiving the flow of blessings such as building materials donated, chartering of coastal vessel to transport the building materials, which has never happened to our school before.



Beverly Hills SDA youth group travelled over at their own cost to re-roof the classroom and painted the classroom wall for the first time, a free solar system was installed to power the classrooms. In 2020 the students have been motivated by Nehemiah's building Jerusalem and under the leadership of the year 10 students built and completed the new local school dining hall within three weeks. Early this year 2021 the school was granted approval by the MoET its registration to fully operate as Junior Secondary School in the country. To God be the Glory.

## MATHS IS SUPER AWESOME

As Mathematics is not really a popular subject to most students in general, Beulah Adventist College in Tonga with Dr 'Elisapeti Mason facilitated some creative activities during the school's Mathematics Emphasis Week on 15th -19th February with the theme, "Maths is Supper Awesome" and assisted by the Maths teachers.

There were daily quiz with prizes, Maths project competitions and the prizes were awarded on Friday together with some Maths fun games to conclude the week's emphasis.

Monetary sponsorships were donated by Ex-students and school supporters to help out with the prizes. Students and teachers had really enjoyed the initiative and praise God for a job well done especially with the attempt to at least encourage students to love the teaching and learning of Mathematics subject.





## 1ST ADVENTIST ECE CENTER IN THE KINGDOM

Hilliard Memorial School and Beulah Primary School had reached a very important milestone in the history of the two schools for the official grand opening of their new ECE learning centers respectively. There were thirty four students for Hilliard School ECE with two teachers and about twenty two students with one teacher for Beulah Primary School ECE.



The Chief Executive Officer for the Tonga Ministry of Education and Training, Dr Tangikina Moimoi Steen was the Guest of Honor for Hilliard Memorial School and the Honorable Minister for Tonga Ministry of Education and Training, Honorable Hu'akavameiliku was the Guest of Honor for Beulah Primary School's ECE opening program. The President of the Tonga Mission, Pr Faneli Mataele led out in the devotion and also conducted the dedicatory prayer of the facilities used for the ECE centers.

All stakeholders of the two schools were excited and overwhelmed by the program and also the initiative as Tonga now in its current legislation has made it mandatory that all children are to enter school at the age of four through Early Childhood Education(ECE). Praise be to God for making this long awaited dream come true in a timely manner.



## I WILL GO YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER

Betikama Adventist College in the Solomon Islands concluded 2021 Youth Week of Prayer with a baptism of 34 students on the 27th of March. Prior to taking their stand for Jesus, the students had undergone Bible studies organised by Betikama Church . The messages presented during the Week of Prayer were done by the College chaplain, Pr. Arnold Walter. He encouraged the student to strengthen their desires to become new followers of Jesus . More students are currently enrolled in the Bible study class. We are looking forward to more souls for Jesus who will get baptised this year.

Tenakoga Adventist High School also in the Solomon islands also ended the Youth Week of Prayer on a high note as 23 students gave their lives to Jesus and were baptised on the 27th of March. Also 22 students stood up to go through Bible studies as well. Heaven sure was rejoicing to see these young people taking a stand for Jesus.

Then later on during AY the school went out to visit people in the nearby villages and along the road, sharing with them the little that we could share teaching student one of the important aspects of Adventist Education serving others.





# ADVENTIST EDUCATION IN PERILOUS TIMES

Betikama Adventist College organized a staff retreat program on March 26th to 28th 2021. It was a week-end program that involved both teaching and non-teaching staff. We had a wonderful time together by participating in various spiritual and physical activities. All our students left for their special week-end outing that allowed time for the staff to have the retreat program. The week-end theme was "Adventist Christian Education in Perilous Times". The Special guests were the newly appointment TPU Associate Director, Mr. Joseph Pitakia; newly appointed SIM Education Director, Mr. Plimmer Viva; Former Education Director, Mr. Billy Leta; newly appointed Associate Director and Liaising officer, Mrs. Jenelle Erick. Mr. Pitakia took the Friday night vesper and on Sabbath Divine Service Mr. Viva did present a powerful presentation on 'Adventist Education vs Secular Education'. The retreat concluded on Sunday morning with a health assessment for all BAC staff members.



# SAC COMMUNITY SERVICE

Samoa Adventist School kicked off its community service outreach program for the year on the 26th of February.

A not-for-profit organization, Goshen Trust was selected as the focus of the community service outreach program with the staff and students contributing in cash and in-kind. This organization was established in 2009 with the primary objective of supporting people living with mental health issues.

The program was led out by the school's spiritual committee, headed by the school chaplain Evander Tuaifaiva together with the help of the senior class (year 13) who represented the school. The students and teachers performed songs and interacted briefly with the residents housed at the charitable facility.

The handover ceremony for the donations took place at the end of the program with the school donating a cheque of \$1,500 SAT with a few other food baskets.

The Chief Executive Officer of Goshen Trust, Naomi Eshraghi, who was on hand to receive the donations, responded with thanks and gratitude for the act of kindness shown by the school.



# FINALLY

*"The life of Christ was a life of a humble simplicity, yet how infinitely exalted was his mission. Christ is our example in all things."*

*Ellen G. White*

**We would love to hear from you, your stories and challenges could be a means of blessings and encouragement to others. So, please share!**

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