

ALOHA KE AKUA

“GOD IS LOVE” -- Awaken
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In this month of Thanksgiving, I have much to be thankful for. I am thankful for life, for love, for relationships, for the Lord's provisions, and most of all, for opportunities to continually be stretched and used by Him. I am thankful for each of you and the specific role that you play in my life. It is not just a month of thankfulness but a lifetime of thankfulness.

This January, I have been given an amazing opportunity to direct our annual West Coast Epic Conference in San Francisco. I wanted to share my heart for this conference as well as ask that you would pray with me specifically for this conference.

I have attended 7 of the past 9 conferences and God has used this conference to shape who I am today as well as challenge me to where I am today. He has used this conference to show me His love and His heart for me,

but on a much larger scale, His love and heart for the world.

If I was asked 9 years ago if I would've ever imagined to be directing this conference, I would have laughed. To be asked to direct this conference is a huge blessing and privilege and I know that without guidance and direction from the Holy Spirit, this conference is nothing. I have an amazing design team of four others who I am working closely with as we have been planning. We are excited and anticipating what will happen during this weekend as we have already seen the Lord work!

During the weekend, a few hundred students from all over will come together for worship, teachings, seminars, community building, and a Day of Faith where we go into the heart of the city to engage in spiritual conversations.

Our theme this year is Awaken: stirring a distracted generation into an uprising of love. Our hearts are to help students awaken to who God has created them to be, to their faith, to be awakened to the spiritual battle we are in, and yet, the redemptive power of the gospel. We want to awaken the hearts of students to go and awaken the souls of the lost in the power of the Holy Spirit so that they may have hope and life.

This isn't possible without your prayers so would you please join us as we pray for the Lord to work in mighty ways even now as we continue to plan! On top of that we have about 20 students just from Hawai'i coming which I am STOKED about!!! God is moving! If you are able and are in the area the weekend of January 13-16, I would love for you to come and check out what exactly I am blessed to be a part of! God is good and I have much to be thankful for!



I often dream of a people that have removed their masks and have nothing extraordinary about their appearance. Instead, they have decided to let Him paint their faces with His glory so that Jesus might be the only One that others see. They are foolish in the eyes of many because they have given up clothing, safety, and reputation. Yet, they are led by the Spirit and know Him as Comforter. They are seen as pitiful because they have laid their hopes, aspirations, and futures at His beautiful feet. They have even laid themselves at His feet, begging Him to step on them in order that He might be elevated higher and higher. They hope that more might see Him and more might come to do the same. They suffer greatly and will likely be forgotten, but they have found that a legacy of Jesus is of greater eternal worth than anything else.

I dream because reality cries out to my heart as friends, family, and peers are dying apart from Jesus. It is here at Awaken: Epic Movement West Coast Conference 2012 that He is longing to awaken our souls. Come, Spirit, and meet with us because we are so hungry for change.

Let it start with our hearts.

-Matt Toyama

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