

The Stone

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” – Romans 15:13



The first authentic record of the 2 1/2-ton Naha Stone deals with its voyage from the far away island of Kauai. It was said that it had rested hard by the Wailua River, but was placed upon a double canoe by the high chief Makali’inuikualawalea, and by him brought to Hilo on Hawai’i Island, then, placed in front of the ancient temple Pinao, of which but one single stone now remains. It is believed that the Naha Stone had the peculiar property of being able to determine the legitimacy of all who claimed to be of the royal blood of the Naha rank. As soon as a boy of Naha stock was born, he was brought to the Naha Stone and was laid down, while the priests (*kahuna*) prayed to the gods and chanted. We can only imagine how anxiously the parents would watch the unconscious babe, for one faint cry from those infant lips would bring upon him shame which would endure through all his lifetime, and he would be outcasted to take his place among the common people and to make his way through life as best he could. But, should the infant have been endowed with the virtue of silence, then indeed a career was open to him, for he would be declared by the high *kahuna* to be of true Naha descent, a royal prince by right and destined to become a brave and fearless soldier and a leader of his fellow men.

The Naha Stone had an ancient prophecy that only the chiefs of the Naha blood could violate its sanctity by moving it, and that he who moved it would become a king of the Island of Hawai’i. To him should be given the power to conquer all the islands and bring them under one sovereignty. This stone was used as a test of royal strength. As a 14-year-old boy, King Kamehameha the Great moved the stone -- and later fulfilled his destiny.

IN THE SAME WAY, DO YOU HAVE A HUGE STONE IN YOUR LIFE THAT NEEDS TO BE MOVED? If so, then, this devotional is for you. I want to encourage somebody today, that regardless of how large or massive your problem may be, you can move anything because there is strength in God. If you are going to make it; if you are going to move forward; if you are going to reach your divine destiny, then, you’ve got to start moving the “stone” that’s in front of you. Before we get started, I want to remind someone reading this message today that your victory has already been affirmed through Jesus Christ. All you have to do is to get “plugged” into the Source (BY THE WAY, IT’S NOT YOU)! If that “giant stone” is still in your life and not moving, it’s because you still believe that

you can do it all by YOURSELF! You'll never be able to do it on your own, even if you try! Why? Because it's not a "physical" issue, but, a "spiritual" issue. So, what do you need to do? Here's the answer: Rely on the Source, which is God, Himself. Just sincerely say,..... *"Lord, unless, YOU help me,....I'm going to continue having "power failures"....."I'm going to continue to fall short of your plan and will for my life"....."I'm going to continue to fail on the things you've called me to do"*.

IT'S TIME TO MOVE YOUR STONE!

You see, if you're going to make it through the rest of this year; if you want to see God do wonderful things in your life; if you want strength to move your "giant stone", you've got to receive power from the Holy Spirit. Before His ascension to heaven, Jesus promised His followers that He would send a "Helper" who would be with the believers forever. The Holy Spirit's job is to empower us Christians to progress in our spiritual lives. If your life seems powerless, then, you may have a connection problem between you and the Holy Spirit. But, when you have the Holy Spirit, you have all the power you need to live the Christian life. When the Holy Spirit fills me and releases His power into my life, I will experience joy, peace, love, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

By the way, I don't want you to believe that the goal in life is to live a "stone-free" or "trouble-free" life. If you've tried it, you know that it doesn't work. You're going to have difficulties staring you in the face. You're going to have a "giant stone" in the "living room" of your life sometimes. There will be imposing mountains to climb. There will be battles to conquer, but, the Bible says, you are "more than conquerors, through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:37). Let me tell you something! The power to move your "giant stone" is not found in yourself. It's not found in your resources. It's not found in your diplomas, certificates or resume'. The power you need to live victoriously is found.....ABOVE! GOD IS YOUR "POWER PACK"!

DON'T WAIT FOR GOD TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF! REFUSE TO QUIT! RELY ON GOD, YOUR SOURCE! RECEIVE HOLY GHOST POWER, THEN, START MOVING THAT "STONE"! BECAUSE WHEN YOU DO, THEN, YOU CAN GO PLACES BECAUSE GOD HAS THE WONDERFUL ABILITY TO TAKE YOU FROM WHERE YOU ARE TO WHERE HE WANTS YOU TO BE.

GET "PLUGGED" IN AND GET MOVING!