



THE BETHKE'S

MISSION
& VISION



WE EXIST PRIMARILY TO FULFILL
JESUS' WORDS BY LIVING OUT 'YOUR
KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE,
ON MAUI AS IT IS IN HEAVEN' IN OUR
FAMILY, OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, OUR
RELATIONSHIPS, OUR VOCATION, AND
ALL THAT WE DO.

WE SEE OURSELVES FULFILLING THIS
CALL PRIMARILY BY LIVING OUT OUR
PILLARS BELOW.



APPREN- TICESHIP TO JESUS



We want our family to be all about Jesus, in everything we do. He is not a piece or section of our life, but rather He is the very center that everything else is orbiting around and being informed by. And a relationship with Him is defined as following Him. We learn from Him. Talk to Him. Study Him. Look to put into practice His words and life. We are apprentices and disciples, and Jesus is our mentor and our rabbi. We are resurrection people, because He defeated death. We are new creation people, because He ushered in new creation. We are heaven and earth people, because He Himself is the place where heaven and earth collide.



FAMILY AS A TEAM



God brought us together as a family team, to enact his garden mandate (create and cultivate, bring order out of chaos, , be fruitful and multiply, and reign or rule) in a way that no other family team can perfectly replicate. We are unique as a team, and as individuals we are unique. We all have a role to play, and every person in the family (parent or child) God brought into our team as a way to communicate to us that we were lacking something. We had a weak spot. We needed that person to make us a better team. And as a family submitted to the Lordship of Jesus we are one of the primary ways God will bring his blessing and goodness into the world.



THE TABLE

We believe that all of life happens around the table (you laugh, you cry, you share stories, you nourish yourselves and others). That family dinners are more important than most people think, and meals and conversation and hospitality are primarily vehicles to bring little pockets of heaven down on earth. When Jesus wanted to describe what the kingdom was like he almost always used language of a feast, a party, a reception. There is no better way to shape a family identity than to eat together and live life around the table. As a central value this means we will resist culture's push towards fast food, eating in front of entertainment instead of other people, jobs and schedules that don't let us eat together. Food is a gift and reminder of our need, and the great equalizer that brings us together as one entity to thank Jesus.



GENER- OSITY

We want to be generous with the three T's--our time, talents, and treasures. We are generous and cultivate a giving spirit primarily because Jesus first gave to us, the ultimate gift--Himself. We give and love and serve because, He has for us first. We want to give our time not only to ourselves, but to others. We want to give our talents for the good of others and our city and our neighborhood, just ourselves. And we want to give our money for the building of God's kingdom. Money is not inherently good or bad (it's the love of money that is evil, Jesus says). Money is a tool. It can be wielded and used for all kinds of purposes. Money is a great tool to leverage for the betterment of relationships. All money is Jesus' and He counts us as caretakers of it. It is not ours.



CREATE



We want to create and cultivate as a family and as individuals. We actually reflect God when we create. He is the ultimate Creator and we reflect His image when we create for beauty, and goodness, and nourishing of others. All domains of life are God's (medicine, food, politics, art, music, etc) and we worship by living within those domains and cultivating a craft and discipline that we use to love God and love neighbor.



RHYTH- HMS

One of the best ways we can follow Jesus and show Him to our city and neighbors is by living in rhythm. Nothing has been more forgotten in our current culture than the power and beauty and goodness of rhythms. We push back against our culture of linear, non restful, fragmented and non life giving time. We believe God created order and rhythm going all the way back to the creation account (day and night, the week, the principle of healthy work/rest). So as a family we will hold high weekly, monthly, and yearly rhythms. Rhythms are a central vehicle to shaping identity as a family. Without them you float and lose purpose. Repeating disciplines, repeating traditions, repeating rhythms are the lifeblood of the family. When we feel out of sync, most likely our rhythms have been assaulted or broken down in some aspects. This is why we sabbath, get away for family summits, and more.



MULTI- GENERA- TIONAL



Living with future generations in mind is a key part of our family. We have a long vision as a family, and we want to set up our kid's kids and their kids for blessing and a long legacy of Jesus following. This goes against our cultural mindset in a huge way, so we will at times be misunderstood or others will be confused. We won't live in a way where we try to maximize our fruit and blessing for the last 10 to 20 years of our life (working hard and then living off your hard work once you're 80) but rather we will try and live with our resources and assets that maximizes them 200 years from now and far after we all die. There is a reason jewish families are only 2 percent of the US population but control around 40% of the wealth in our country. They live within a long vision in regards to financial legacy. We want to live in a similar way but primarily focused on spiritual legacy.



HEALTH



We recognize that Jesus gave us bodies, and Jesus Himself is forever in a resurrected body. He is material forever. Bodies are sacred. Because of that, we want to honor God in our bodies. Health and proper balance is critical to all domains of life--food, work, rest, etc. To be healthy means to live rightly with God, neighbor, and yourself. This means we care about what we eat and how we eat, we care about what we feed our minds and souls, and we care about this world we live in.