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## Samoa Leadership Bible College Graduation

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Honorable Lemanu P. S. Mauga attended the Assembly of God (AOG) Samoa Leadership Bible College (SLBC) Graduation on the evening of Sunday, May 28, 2023, at the Rex H. Lee Auditorium in Utulei.

In his special remarks, Governor Lemanu began with a quote from the biblical story of Esther, “Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone will escape. For if you remain silent at this time... you and your father’s family will perish,” an excerpt of Mordecai’s plea to Esther on behalf of the Jews. He analogized this to the graduating class, “On a day such as this

for yourselves, you are like Queen Esther in this story who replied ‘If I perish, I perish,’ giving her life for God’s children,” remarked Governor Lemanu. He continued, “Graduates, your journey is now one of complete faith and trust in God alone. You have committed the rest of your lives to leading His flock for it has been entrusted to you.”

Governor Lemanu continued to encourage the graduates further in his remarks, “In Proverbs 30:26, we are shown the wise creature called the hyrax or rock badgers. They are small and feeble, but they build strong homes in the rocks for protection; Such are your lives as reverends and pastors, and preachers of His Word. The world is filled with many obstacles that may hinder your purpose, it may even discourage and weaken you. But I hearten you to build your strong foundations and persevere. Make a fruitful journey, that the kingdom of God may continue through your works. May God bless you all.”

Following the special remarks was the commencement address by Reverend Aifa Tanuvasa, Superintendent of AOG SLBC. Invocation was conducted by the Dean of Students, Reverend Tatupu Fili, and the Closing Remarks and Benediction were delivered by Reverend Tuli Faiilagi, Presbyter AOG American Samoa.

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