



## Adam's Family: Death, Devotion, and the Hope of Deliverance

*Genesis 5*

### **English Services**

*(8 & 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.)*

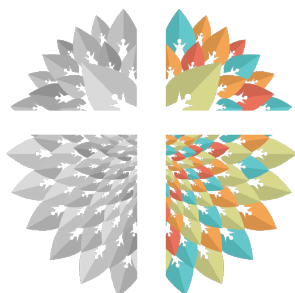
Prelude  
Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Worship through Praise  
Worship through Fellowship  
Worship through Giving  
Testimony  
Scripture Reading  
Worship in the Word  
*Pastor Larry Pabiona*  
Benediction

### **Filipino Service**

*(3 n.h.)*

Paghahanda  
Mga Patalastas  
Tawag sa Pagsamba  
Pagsamba sa Pag-awit  
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita  
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay  
Patotoo  
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos  
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos  
*Pastor Gelo Tuanqui*  
Pangwakas na Panalangin  
at Basbas

*See inset inside for the **Traditional Service (Sat., 6 p.m.)** program.*



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AS YOU WALK  
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What are genealogies for? They probably qualify as one of the least interesting parts of the Bible to read. Yet there are precious insights that all believers can mine from them.

In the first of the many genealogies in Scripture, our passage outlines how well mankind started as “He made him in the likeness of God” and how badly mankind ended with “the labor and painful toil of our hands ... the ground the LORD has cursed.” Yet the chapter ends with a note of hope concerning Noah—“He will comfort us.” While the history of mankind here reads like an obituary and affects us in the same way, it also shines light on how grace upholds those who walk with God, and hope in God:

1. THE P \_\_\_\_\_  
OF D \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-20)

- Eight times in one chapter, this sobering phrase recurs: “and then he died.”
- On earth, no one lives forever. No matter how long you live, you die. You can live to be 969 years old like Methuselah, but still you die. You can be as great as the founder of the human race, Adam, and still you will die. Those who live as if God does not exist should keep this in mind.

2. THE P \_\_\_\_\_  
OF D \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 21-24)

- There will be exceptions to death like Enoch,

## **Traditional Service** (Saturday, 6 p.m.)

Prelude  
Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Worship through Praise  
Worship through Giving  
Worship in Music  
Doxology  
Worship through Fellowship  
Scripture Reading  
Preparatory Hymn  
Worship in the Word  
*Pastor Larry Pabiona*  
Response Hymn  
Benediction



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- who was the first of mankind to be raptured, and now one of three persons in heaven with a glorified body.
- The rapture is every Christian's blessed hope, this is what Paul looked forward to every day, and what John hoped to happen in his lifetime. Let it also be yours.
- Sometimes, being a disciple of Christ feels like a long, arduous journey. Sometimes we are tempted to take a break from faithfully following after God; some even to give up. Enoch walked with God for 300 years, and did it so well that "God took him away"! As you walk faithfully with God, you are nearer home with every step you take.

### 3. THE P\_\_\_\_\_ OF D\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 25-32)

- Lamech, who was nine generations after Adam, clung to the promise of a future hope, that his son, appropriately named "comfort" (Noah) would give rest from the curse on nature that mankind had caused.
- In Old Testament typology, Noah prefigures Jesus Christ as a savior. If Lamech had hoped that the promised Messiah would be his son, it would have been an understandable longing. Then and now, those who walk with God know that the only hope of peace in this life is through God Himself.

### FINAL THOUGHTS

The reality of mortality stares each of us in the face. It speaks loudly to us at every funeral, and it demands our attention as we read the front pages about the deaths of the rich and famous. Yet the mortality rate throughout history has never changed: 100%. Every person born dies.

Given this, we can say "let's eat, drink and be merry; for tomorrow we die." Or we can be like Enoch: whether you live three more days or 300 more years, you will walk so closely with God that He might even ask you to ride First Class, the route that bypasses death. Who knows? ■

How may we  
**SERVE YOU BETTER?**

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth. Please check all that is applicable:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord today.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- I want to join a Growth Group.**  
(Specify age group: \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Specify group composition: \_\_\_\_\_)
- I want to start a Growth Group.
- I want to host a Growth Group.

Please share with us some information about yourself:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_ Landline no.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile no.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of membership: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Growth Group (if you already have one): \_\_\_\_\_

Today is **August 19/20, 2017**, and I attended the 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. (Sat) (encircle the time).

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

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For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.

# The Shepherd's Voice

Pastor Erik Dizon

Last Thursday, August 17, Dr. Charles Ringma of the Asian Theological seminary graced the quarterly gathering of pastors from GCF churches as speaker. He discussed the subject "Integration of Reflection and Action." He said Reflection may correspond to prayer, while Action may mean ministry or service.

He referred to the model of Christ Jesus who ensured that his activism or ministry was grounded in contemplative life. Jesus lingered in God the Father's presence amidst his passionate activism. In the Gospel accounts we see Jesus always in communion with the Father as he pursued his mission and ministry on earth.

In our own discipleship context today in GCF, we seek to follow the Lord's

leading. As Christ-followers, we ought to be in continual prayer as we do ministry. We need to always be in a posture of attentiveness to His presence in our lives. We ought to listen to and hear for what God is telling us through his Spirit, the Bible, people, and situations. Such a contemplative posture in life ought to bear fruit in action or ministry to others.

According to Dr. Ringma, prayer is friendship with God, too. When we see prayer this way, we find delight and joy in lingering in his presence. Our service for God will then reflect his glory and benefit those we interact with, relate to, or shepherd. My prayer for you and I is for us to always find integration of our reflection and action ■

## WHY AFFIRM YOUR MEMBERSHIP

*by Lloyd P. Estrada, GCF Corporate Secretary*

GCF is a 39-year-old church and God has been faithful to it all these years. By God's grace GCF has birthed daughter churches resulting in membership transfers and relocations.

As we approach our 40<sup>th</sup>, we want to know who the GCF Ortigas flock is through proper documentation. Thus for one year now, we have been asking GCF members to be physically present to affirm their membership. We praise God that more than 1,000 of you have already done so.

To affirm means three things: (1) to update your profile information, (2) to

adhere to the church covenant, and (3) to encourage the church of your support as an active member.

The one-year period set for GCF members to affirm their church membership is about to end. For those who have not yet affirmed their membership, please do so on or before August 31 so that (a) you will be included in the official Membership Roll that we will submit to the SEC, and (b) for you to continue enjoying the rights and privileges of a GCF member. Kindly visit the Ministry Information Booth every Saturday, 5-8 p.m., or Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. to affirm your membership ■

# Ablaze Devotional

**The Voice took on flesh and became human and chose to live alongside us. We have seen Him, enveloped in undeniable splendor—the one true Son of the Father—evidenced in the perfect balance of grace and truth.**

- John 1:14 (The Voice)

The God who spoke all creation into being, who spoke light out of chaos and darkness is the same God whose voice echoed in the garden, asking “Where are you?”. He is the One who was and is beyond existence, who entered mankind’s space even from the beginning. Even from what they thought was their end.

From the first pages of Scripture, and from every story of what seem a hopeless state, we find that God’s voice speaks, and His voice seeks. Although we think we are left on our own, God became a man, and chose to live alongside His creation—alongside us.

He took on flesh so that He can restore the image He has created us to be. By living alongside us, He has not just given us hope for a future redemption, but hope that we could live with Him, here, now.

God’s redemption of His people is also an invitation to reflect and participate in His mission. It is an invitation to live alongside the broken and the powerless, to listen to the voiceless, and to care for the fatherless ■

**PONDER:** *As you continue to grow in your intimacy with God, how has He lived alongside you? To whom is He leading you to live alongside with?*

# God’s Way to Heaven

## THE GOSPEL

“Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”  
*(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).*

## THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

**God is holy and righteous:** “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory” *(Isaiah 6:3)*. **He requires holiness of us as well:** “Be holy, for I am holy” *(1 Peter 1:16)*.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

**Man is sinful:** “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” *(Romans 3:23)*. **Sin demands a penalty:** “For the wages of sin is death” *(Romans 6:23)*.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

**Christ is the expression of God’s love for us:** “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” *(Romans 5:8)*. **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God” *(1 Peter 3:18)*. **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them” *(2 Corinthians 5:18)*.

## WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

**Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior:** “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” *(Romans 10:9)*.

**PRAYER:** *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

## Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.

## GCF PRAYER GATHERINGS AT THE CHAPEL:

**The GCF Hour of Prayer**  
*Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.*

**Midweek Prayer Service**  
*Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.*

## Ministry Opportunities + Other Announcements



### #PARENTS'TALK

*Speak. Connect. Understand. Relate.*

August 4, 11, 18 & 25, 7-9:30 p.m.

at GCF, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Assembly Area

Call or text **0917 532 7768** to reserve a slot



### S.H.E.

*Sisters Helping & Encouraging launch featuring Joy Tan-Chi Mendoza*

August 26, 2017, 9 a.m. at GCF, BM07-08

For single professional women aged 20 & above

Call or text **0917 532 1921** for more details



### EVANGELISM TRAINING

*For Youth and YAs, in partnership with Megacities*

September 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at GCF

Call or text **0932 371 3457** for more details



### BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE 2

*Learn about In-Laws, Money, Sex, Romance, Communication, and Loyalty*

September 2, 9 & 16 at GCF, BM07-08

For dating, engaged, or married couples

Call or text **0917 532 7713** to register (‘til Aug. 27)

## Weekly Stewardship REPORT

- Week of August 13, 2017 -

General Fund	2,910,814.05
Missions Fund	149,700.00
Designated	209,850.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,270,364.15</b>

### Flower Ministry

*The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God for His love, mercy and grace by an anonymous donor, the Basilad family, the Bordador family, and the Messiah College.*

Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.



*Love God, love others.*  
THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

The decision to become a member of GCF was just a next step in Jefferson Tan's Christian journey. It was simple decision to formally belong to the community where he first learned to love God, and first had the desire to learn about Him. It was when Jeff spent time, and grew in the church, that he realized his decision of joining GCF is really a spring of blessing for the rest of his life.



God orchestrated everything for Jeff to be comfortable in GCF. This is where the foundation of his faith was built, where he met friends that he loves and loves him back, and where he is happily accountable for who he is. Now God is using GCF to continuously mold Jeff, through discipleship relationships, various classes, activities like Wetfoot and One Gospel, and by just being a place where God's light shines. It is now Jeff's prayer to be able to also have the desires of his church in growing in God's Word and reaching the lost ■

*You may also bless others by sharing your own shepherding or discipleship journey in loving God and in loving others. You may e-mail your story to [lifejourney@gcf.org.ph](mailto:lifejourney@gcf.org.ph).*

This week's bulletin cover features the sun rising over the Pacific Ocean. The picture was taken by user nikitabuida uploaded at freepik.com.

Join a  
**GROWTH GROUP**

**OVERCOMERS SUPPORT GROUP**

*For those recovering from any form of addiction*  
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at GCF (Room B122)

**HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE Y-GROUP**

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., and 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
At GCF (Youth Center, 6th flr.)

**ICU (Intimacy Care Unit) GG**

*for Couples aged 30 up*  
Saturdays, 4-6 p.m. at GCF (Rm. A109)

**CHESED 3 GG**

*for Single Men and Women aged 20-35*  
Sundays, 8-10 a.m. at GCF (Rm. BM04)

**HEBRON GG**

*for Single Men and Women aged 30 up*  
Saturdays, 3-5 p.m. at GCF (Rm. BM03)

**B KEEPERS GG**

*for Single Men aged 20-35*  
Saturdays, 5-8 a.m. at UP Technohub, Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City

**Pass by the GGEX (Growth Group Express)!**

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Room B123  
Get a feel of what a Growth Group is like before you participate in one. Come and join us!

*If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form inside this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag or submit it to the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0917 532 7740.*



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