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There's no scarcity of fear-mongers today. Some delight in raising alarms because they get excited when others are agitated. Our passage reminds us of some of these fears as they hog the headlines—eclipses, planet and star alignments, increasing earthquakes, super typhoons and so on.

But many fail to realize that rather than fear such events it is far wiser to reserve that fear for the One who deserves it most. If you belong to God, you have nothing to fear. But if you don't, He should be your worst fear. Look at how mankind and Noah fared before the reality of God.

1. THE F_____ OF MAN AND THE F_____ OF ANGELS (vv. 1-4)

- By the time Noah was born, there were only eight righteous persons on earth. This was compounded by the entry of demonic beings, who either possessed humans or directly impregnated women, creating a demonic lineage.
- Throughout history, there has been a spiritual war that the evil one has sustained against God. Though Satan never wins, and will ultimately lose, it is naïve to forget that we are right in the midst of it. So, "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings" (1 Peter 5:8-9).

2. THE F_____ OF MAN AND THE F_____ OF GOD (vv. 5-7, 11-13)

- The words used to describe mankind then are the exact same words that describe mankind today: "every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time...all the people on earth had corrupted their ways".
- We can either wring our hands in despair or shield our hearts with apathy. But neither response is

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
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- Response Hymn
- Benediction



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right. Notice God's response: "The LORD was grieved...his heart was filled with pain." Is your heart broken by what breaks God's heart?

- Yet the same heart that is pained by our sin is the same heart that exercises righteous judgment: "I will wipe mankind...from the face of the earth...I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them."
- These words remind us of the penitent thief addressing the defiant one besides Jesus in Luke 23:40 "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same sentence?"

3. THE F_____ UPON NOAH AND THE F_____ OF GOD (vv. 8-10)

- The sovereign grace of God is always revealed in the preservation of a small remnant. The Bible always shows God's people to be the minority, never the majority. But a minority with God is the real majority.
- Noah's great-grandfather showed the way: "By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death...[for] he was commended as one who pleased God" (*Hebrews 11:5*). His grandfather Methuselah, and father Lamech also showed evidence of faith.
- They say "it takes a village to raise a child." In our passage, it takes a lineage to raise a godly child. Like the good impact of Eunice and Lois on Timothy, every parent (and grandparent) has tremendous impact on future generations.
- When your heart is wearied by the struggle of walking with God in the midst of a crooked and adulterous generation, don't forget these two things:
 1. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe (*Philippians 2:14-15; cf. Matthew 5:14-16*).
 2. "If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His Father's glory with the holy angels" (*Mark 8:38*).

FINAL THOUGHTS

If you don't belong to God, He should be your greatest fear—because the reality of His wrath hangs over your head every second. But let that fear drive you to Him, not away. Jesus is God's only way for forgiveness (*1 Timothy 2:5*).

If you have a personal relationship with Christ, life on earth will bombard you with fear. But "if He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah...then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the Day of Judgment" (*2 Peter 2:5, 9*) ■

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 26/27, 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.

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

The Shepherd's Voice

Pastor Ian de Ocampo

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN MISSIONS?

As a church, we together are to be witnesses to our community. We are to go out and be scattered to the world living and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. As Jesus' followers, all of us are called to be part of His Mission. The question, however, for many people is, where do I start? If you're not sure, here are some opportunities where you can be involved.

Ortigas Prayer Walk: Joining God in His Mission always starts with prayer. Through prayer, we are able to be attentive to His leading and see what He is doing in our community. We have a Prayer Walk Guide that we can provide for people who want to go out and see where God is moving in Ortigas Center. We encourage you and your Growth Group to go out there and encounter the Lord while you pray for our community.

Missionary Care: One of our focuses as a church is that we want to see our

missionaries who are sent to the field cared for. Thus we have formed the Missionary Care Team to help out those who want to be involved in intentional partnership with our missionaries. If you or your Growth Group would like to partner with our missionaries through prayer, please let us know through emtortigas@gcf.org.ph or 0932 371 3457.

Evangelism Training on September 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: For those who want to learn how to share the gospel, we invite you to join our evangelism training in partnership with the Megacities, a short-term missionary team from various countries. They have been involved in our church through the Shed, Missions Month, and in other venues. You can join them every Sunday as they go out to Emerald Avenue to share the gospel in between the services (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) ■

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 40th, 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 man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

- Luke 10:29 (NLT)

The expert in the Jewish law asked Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. Though, as it was revealed in the passage, he was not looking for an answer, but a validation of his biases, as the Jews' concept of neighbor is limited only to their fellow Jews. Outsiders, unless converted, were not considered as neighbors, hence they are not to be loved.

Jesus confronted this bias by giving a parable. A man robbed and left to die was shown mercy, not by anyone who was expected to be righteous, but by someone who was an outcast of the Jewish community—a Samaritan. It seemed that religious piety did not translate into showing compassion to another.

One of the great hindrances to our spiritual growth is our self-determination and self-sufficiency. We define our own rules and rely on our own strength and capabilities. We think that faith is our own making and ours for the taking. Often times we approach faith as a pursuit. Although that is not completely wrong, we, too, oftentimes make a mistake of seeing this pursuit only at the individual's level. We come to neglect and forget our social responsibility to "act justly, love mercy" as we "walk humbly before the Lord".

As we come to know that God is love, full of compassion and hospitality, may our devotion and faith translate to showing the same love. Let us pray to be a people who are in solidarity with victims of injustice. May we receive a faith that is the same as Jesus, who, being God, chose to become poor and called the poor blessed ■

PONDER: *How are you becoming a living example of God's compassion and hospitality to your neighbor? To those who are unlike you?*

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



LIFE 200: 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
Call or text **0917 532 7713** to register (*til Aug. 27)



3Rs FOR WOMEN

Refresh. Renew. Revive.
An Annual Retreat of GCF Women's Ministry
September 22-24 at Mt. Makiling Rec. Center
Reg.: PhP 3,000; PhP 2,000 early bird (*til Sept. 3)
Contact **0917 532 1921** to register (*til Sept. 10)



RIGHTLY HANDLING THE WORD

Workshop on 2 Timothy for Preachers and Bible Teachers
November 16-18 at GCF
Reg.: PhP 1,000; PhP 500 early bird (*til Sept. 30)
Tickets are available at the lobby every Sunday
Contact **0917 532 1921** for more info

Weekly Stewardship REPORT

- Week of August 20, 2017 -

General Fund	4,260,093.30
Missions Fund	233,935.00
Designated	322,025.10
Total	4,816,053.40

Flower Ministry

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God for His love, mercy, grace, and faithfulness by Ms. Valerie Joy Aganon, the Basilad family, the Bordador family and the Dienzo family. The flowers are also given in loving memory of Elder Bob del Rosario's birthday.

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

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.



Love God, love others. THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, and to love kindness and mercy, and to humble yourself and walk humbly with your God?” – Micah 6:8

When Bless Guerra started to pray if God was leading her to take up law, the Lord made it clear that being a lawyer would not be for her own gain. Rather, it would be a means to serve Him and His people. She’s been a lawyer for more than four years, and He has been gracious to have given her various opportunities to serve Him through her profession.



The Lord has shown Bless that serving others need not be limited to being engaged as counsel or giving legal advice. It may also mean being with people, understanding their needs beyond the legal query and serving them in whatever capacity. There is no such thing as small or big service because whatever the Lord gives is an opportunity to love Him and others. Justice need not be done just inside a court room or in an enormous manner, but may actually be done in simple, everyday life ■

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.

This week’s bulletin cover features the foreboding presence of storm clouds approaching a calm field of poppy in Hungary. The picture is a CC0 public domain photo available for download at pixabay.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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