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Keeping Step With the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:13-26

English Services

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

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Anthem

Worship through Fellowship

Worship through Giving

Testimony

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

Dr. Harold Sala

Pastor Dags Miguel ^(5:30 p.m.)

Benediction

Filipino Service

(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda

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 Dags Miguel

Pangwakas na Panalangin
at Basbas

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



Keeping Step With the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:13-26 / Message by Dr. Harold Sala (26/27 May 2018, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.)

“SINCE WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT.”

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT WHAT LIVING AND WALKING IN THE SPIRIT IS NOT ABOUT

1. You cannot live and walk in the Spirit without _____ with the Spirit.
 - Ephesians 5:18—a command: “Be continually being filled with the Spirit.”
 - The incontrovertible evidence is love, fruit of the Spirit.
2. You cannot live and walk in the Spirit while you _____ or wrongdoing.
 - “If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes” (2 *Corinthians* 2:10-11).
3. Living and walking in the Spirit does not mean that you have become _____ or completely sanctified.
 - Note: Two natures are at war and both cannot win.
 - “So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want” (*Galatians* 5:16-17).

4. Does not mean that you will not face _____ or trials.
5. Does not mean that you cannot _____ to the assault of Satan. You are fully human.

THEN WHAT IS WALKING IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD?

1. Living and walking in the Spirit means you _____ the Grace of God for the needs of your life, your marriage, your business, and your relationships with people around you.
 - This means that you live in complete and absolute

Traditional Service

(Saturday, 6 p.m.)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Worship through Giving

Testimony

Doxology

Worship through Fellowship

Scripture Reading

Preparatory Hymn

Worship in the Word

Dr. Harold Sala

Response Hymn

Benediction



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dependence upon the Lord, realizing the power of your own sinful nature, asking Him **daily** to fill you with Himself, giving Him all there is of you. It demands daily time in the Word, prayer, worship, or accountability.

2. Living and walking in the Spirit means you _____ your spiritual nature and _____ your carnal, fleshly one.
 - You are Spirit-filled to the degree that you give yourself wholly and completely to the Lord. Remember the analogy of wine and the Spirit filled life in Ephesians 5:18. Here are two people. Both receive the same gift—a bottle of wine. One imbibes and drinks the whole thing, the other sips. Who is most affected by what he or she imbibes?
 - No one can serve two masters. Jesus said, "Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money" (*Matthew 6:24*).
3. Living and walking in the Spirit requires immediate _____ of sin or wrongdoing. Christians are not perfect; just forgiven. Force of 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is just to forgive us..."
4. Living and walking in the Spirit means you learn to recognize the _____ of God's Spirit and sense the feel of His hand guiding you.
5. Living and walking in the Spirit means you maintain a _____ that means you live a "Spirit-filled high" without living on an emotional roller-coaster walk, whereby you have great blessing and then dip into dark valleys.
6. Living and walking in the Spirit means you are prepared for _____ warfare. Never forget that Ephesians 6 immediately follows chapter 5:18—Scripture is clear that those who live godly will suffer persecution.
 - Jesus: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you" (*John 15:18*).
 - "Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you" (*1 John 3:13*).
7. Living and walking in the Spirit also means you develop a _____ with the Lord, trusting Him for what you cannot understand, resting in Him confident that he will take you through your trial.
 - "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him" (*Hebrews 11:6*).
 - "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (*Philippians 1:6*).
8. Living and walking in the Spirit means that the _____ makes Christ look good in your life. Others see Him. **"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."** ■

THE HEART OF A GG

What defines the heart of a Growth Group (GG)? Is it having a common interest, similar background, the same age range, education, or status? What compels a group of people to meet together week after week in a common time at a certain place?

I joined Burning Hearts Growth Group* (BHGG) on May 9, 2002. I was also a new member of GCF Ortigas at that time. The group had then met for fellowship and study of the Word for close to two years after it was launched on August 17, 2000. Elder Larry Pabiona (a medical doctor whom we fondly called Doc Larry, now Senior Pastor of GCF Ortigas) facilitated the group. People were warm and they sincerely liked each other—not sparing in laughter.

In May 2004, BHGG decided to birth a new GG, with four of our leaders spearheading this move. So BHGG launched a couples' edition in June 2004. Doc Larry left the original group to lead the new GG. Other BHGG editions were formed through the years. Today, there are seven editions, including the original group.

Since I joined in May 2002 to the present, I have been involved in Bible study, leisure breaks, sports sessions, milestones and celebrations, outings, retreats and evangelistic outreaches. I have experienced laughter, tears, and everything else in-between, and have attended sessions during high and low points in my life. I have been accepted and loved at each interval. In this group, we are joyful to have ushers, police personnel, singers, pastors, doctors, mothers, families, teachers, media practitioners, senior citizens, students, business professionals, and even a former professional basketball player.

So what defines the heart of BHGG, and what keeps us coming back to the weekly meetings? In my experience, it is Jesus

Christ and an emphasis on His Word. Christ commands us to treasure family and love each other in this level of relationship. BHGG is a spiritual hospital for the broken, and everyone who is in need of Christ is welcome. We provide a safe haven, and purposely choose to be redemptive rather than judgmental in our actions. How is it a safe haven? Confidential information remains at that level, interests are protected, and prayer items are lifted to God in intercession. Christ is the center and everyone is encouraged to grow in faith and be like Jesus. BHGG is a venue for accountability and spiritual growth, and has kept members upheld and grounded throughout the seasons of life.

By God's grace, Burning Hearts GG (original) will turn 18 in August. Our never-ending prayer is that our hearts will always burn bright and with overflowing excitement for God, as we encounter Him in His Word daily, and through His people.

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" - Luke 24:32.

*BHGG (original) meets at BM08, 7:30-10 pm every Friday. Contact Carol Dee (0917 536 4321) for more details ■

Edition	Schedule
BH Genesis	Wed., 7-10 p.m.
BH Habakkuk	Tues. 6:30-9 p.m.
BH Monday	Mon., 7-10 p.m.
BH Philippians	Thurs., 7-10 p.m.
BH Psalms	Sat., 1-4 p.m.
BH Galatians	Sun., 10-1:30 p.m.

For more information on other BHGG editions listed above, please contact 0917 532 7740.

Ablaze Devotional

As soon as [Jesus] came up out of the water, He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending to Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are My beloved Son; I take delight in You!" — Mark 1:10-11 (HCSB)

John's baptism can be compared to a splash of cold water that woke the people up from their slumber to face the day that was about to come. Surely, it did wake the people up, as it pointed to and ushered in the reign of God. He was the messenger who was to prepare the way of the Lord. His message exuded excitement, as for the people back in His time were under Roman rule and they were waiting for God to rescue them. The people were anticipating the God of the Exodus to show up.

John proclaimed that He who is to come with the kingdom is "mightier" than he, a stronger one who will baptize the people with fire and with the Holy Spirit. One who will immerse the people with refining and purifying fire. One who will fill the people with God's Spirit bringing the beginning of new life.

When Jesus came to John to be baptized, we find in the other gospel accounts that His baptism commenced His ministry announcing the coming reign of God. After Jesus' baptism, He saw heaven open—a subtle yet bold declaration of the nearness of God's presence. The Spirit that descended on Him like a dove represented the life and power that He brings. This is all-in-all confirmed by a voice echoing the words of the Messianic King of Psalm 2 and the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53.

Mark began his gospel narrative by disclosing that it was about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. His gospel account invites us to wake up and face the reality of who the Son of God is. The anticipated Exodus will happen again; God is coming as King, but in a manner different from what we expect. May the Person and life of Jesus Christ reveal to us how God's reign looks like ■

GCF PRAYER GATHERINGS AT THE CHAPEL

The GCF Hour of Prayer
Tuesdays, 6:00 to 7:00 a.m.

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

Ministry Opportunities + Other Announcements



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Post-Mother's Day Fellowship by Naomi Women's Ministry, featuring Ms. Li Pantoja

June 2 (Sat), 10 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall
Contact 0917 532 7725 to register/for more info



JOSHUA AND CALEB MINISTRY

Vision casting of ministry for uniformed personnel

Men and women in uniform are invited to join
June 3 (Sun), 12 noon at the Fellowship Hall
Registration is at the ministry information booth



YA TALK 3

Perspectives on Career and the Christian Life

June 30 (Sat), at the 6/F Youth Center
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; **Everyone** is invited
Contact 0917 532 7741 to register/for more info



CAMP LIVE: VERIFIED

Youth camps for high school and college students at the Batangas Country Club

College: July 19-22 (now accepting registrants)
For more details/to register, please visit the Youth L.I.V.E. Camp booth at the lobby.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 2018

	May Budget	Received, May 1-20
General	9,024,881	4,517,352
Missions	927,000	1,443,397

	Jan. to May Budget	Received, Jan.-May
General	45,953,644	36,624,677
Missions	4,635,000	5,477,041

Flower Ministry

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to our God for His grace and mercy by LC, the Basilad family, the Messiah College and by an anonymous donor. The flowers are also given in memory of the 5th death anniversary of Pilar S. SyQuimsiam.

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



The blessing of belonging

by Apple Lim

I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and savior initially when I was 9. I say 'initially' because at that time, although I already believed in Jesus Christ, I didn't fully understand the meaning of salvation, and why I need it.

After this, I remember that as a young girl, I used to attend Sunday services and I was always very excited to do so. But this habit of mine fell as I entered my teenage years and I reverted back to my old ways. Many years later, when a friend invited me to attend a Christian service, I thought about the negative things that people do in the name of religion, and this planted doubt in my heart. But God is faithful, and through this invitation I remembered how He saved me back when I was a child. I know that when you are truly His, no one can stand against you and your faith. It may take years but eventually you will go back.

Time came when I had to go from Davao City to Manila. The first thing I thought I needed to do was to find a local church. After attending three different churches, I set foot at GCF and for four years now I haven't left.

One of the things GCF taught me is the value of meeting together with other believers. I've been a Christian for so many years but I didn't have a small group, and for the past four years I have been here, I would always not be able to muster enough courage to join a Growth Group when invitations come. But during last year's cantata, I expressed my intention to join a GG by filling out and giving the tear-off form. And since January, I have been attending the GGEX.

I have been personally blessed to grow alongside fellow believers and belong in a family. I encourage those who want to be blessed the same way to take a little effort—fill out the tear-off form in this bulletin, express your interest to join a GG, and give it to one of our ushers. You will not regret such decision ■

ON THE COVER: A dove in flight (pixabay.com). The dove is one of the most prominent imageries of the Holy Spirit, but it is not the only one; other imageries include fire (Acts 2) and wind (Acts 2, Genesis 1).

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

Sports GGs (Three Groups)

for Boys aged 11 to 18

Saturdays, 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

at the GCF Multipurpose Gym (6/F)

Pass by the GGEX

(Growth Group Express)!

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Room B124

Get a feel of what a Growth Group is like before you participate in one. Come and join us!

High School and College Y-Groups

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

and 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the

GCF Youth Center (6/F)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

8 a.m.: Ages 1-3, B415; Ages 4-5, B410; Age 6, B414; Age 7, B403; Age 8, B413, Ages 9-10, B411; Ages 11-12, B409; Transition Age 13, B406

10:30 a.m.: Ages 1-2, B412; Age 3, B415; Age 4, B408; Age 5, B410; Age 6A, B402; Age 6B, B403; Age 7, B401; Age 8, B413; Age 9, B411; Age 10, B414; Age 11, B409; Age 12, B405; Transition Age 13, B406

3 p.m.: Ages 1-5, B415; Ages 6-9, B402; Ages 10-12, B403

5:30 p.m.: Ages 1-5, B415; Age 6, B402; Ages 7-9, B401; Ages 10-12, B403; Transition Age 13, B404

Nursery: 2nd flr. for nursing moms and babies aged one week to 11 months old

Yayas: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., B404

Sunday School Parents' Class:

9:30 a.m., B406

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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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 **26/27 May 2018**, 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.

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.

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



The Death and Burial of Sarah

Message by Pastor Dags Miguel

Genesis 23 / (27 May 2018, 3:00 p.m.
and 5:30 p.m.)

Sermon Idea: *Believing the promises of a faithful God enables you to decide with discernment in the midst of difficult times.*

1. THE DEATH OF SARAH AND MOURNING OF ABRAHAM (VV. 1-2)
 - Even believers are not exempt from the inevitable pains and tragedies of life.
2. THE NEGOTIATION AND PURCHASE OF THE BURIAL SITE (VV. 3-16)
 - Abraham models the blessing and necessity of a having a good testimony among the unsaved.
 - Believers should exercise discernment when dealing with the offers of the world.
3. THE FORMAL TRANSFER OF LAND OWNERSHIP AND BURIAL OF SARAH (VV. 17-20)
 - Believing God's promise enables God's people to be decisive.
 - Believing God's promise and making the right decisions will positively impact even the future generations ■

NOTES: