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Recalled to Mission: A Second Chance to Serve

John 21:15-25

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
Worship in Music
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Pastor Larry Pabiona
Celebration of the
Lord's Supper
Benediction (with song)

Filipino Service
(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda
Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Pastor Emer Manaloto
Pagdiriwang ng
Banal na Hapunan
Pangwakas na Panalangin
at Basbas

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THIS SON—THE
GOOD SHEPHERD,
THE GREAT
SHEPHERD,
AND THE CHIEF
SHEPHERD—NOW
CALLS EACH OF US
TO SHEPHERD ON
HIS BEHALF ALL
THOSE HE LOVES.
LET'S FOLLOW HIS
CALL.

With the inspiration of Missions Month still in our hearts, as we close this Communion Series in the Gospel of John, we are presented with this scene where Jesus, Peter, and John figure prominently. This incident reveals so much about the hearts of the three characters here. And it also reveals a lot about our own.

There are believers who think they have fallen by the wayside, and that God is done with them. Nothing can be further from the truth. See this in the reinstatement of Peter:

1. THE MOST IMPORTANT EXPECTATION OF JESUS FROM EVERY BELIEVER: TO LOVE HIM.

- Jesus questioned Peter three times about his love to remind him that he denied Jesus three times. There is no real restoration without the realization of how we went wrong. Otherwise, we risk going back the same path again and again.
- Jesus doesn't settle for quick, superficial answers. He has a way of getting to the heart of the matter. How would you respond if Jesus asked you, "Do you love me? Do you really love me? Are you even my friend?"

2. THE MOST IMPORTANT PROOF OF OUR LOVE FOR JESUS: OUR LOVE FOR OTHERS.

- Every single time Peter responded, Jesus said the same thing: love those that I love. Love them by feeding them like a shepherd. Love them by taking care of them—both those new in the faith, and old in the faith.
- Every genuine Christian who knows he or she

Traditional Service

(Saturday, 6 p.m.)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Worship through Fellowship

Worship through Giving

Worship in Music

Doxology

Scripture Reading

Preparatory Hymn

Worship in the Word

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is saved by grace alone desires to reciprocate with love for God. As far as Jesus is concerned, He feels loved in our care for others. It reveals much about God that the very last scene in this powerful Gospel about Christ would highlight the Shepherd heart of God, essentially telling those He has saved, "Shepherd those that I love, for Me."

3. THE MOST IMPORTANT FOCUS IN OUR SERVING JESUS: TO FOLLOW HIM EVEN IF IT COSTS US EVERYTHING.

- Jesus revealed to Peter his future martyrdom to tell him that Peter would be faithful until death. Instead of dismaying Peter, whose heart was sincere, this would inspire him for the next thirty years of his life until his eventual martyrdom.
- We may be uncertain and fearful about our future. But if we know God is in control, we can confidently follow Christ no matter what the future holds.

4. THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN OUR FOLLOWING JESUS: TO KEEP OUR EYES ON HIM.

- In the midst of Jesus' reinstatement, Peter makes yet another mistake—his curiosity about his dear friend, John, makes him lose focus again.
- We must never let our curiosity about God's call or God's work in other's lives distract us from our own calling. This may make us deprecate them or ourselves, or make us stoop to hero-worship. Some of the early churches were almost torn apart by the idol-worship of the immature in the flock (*1 Corinthians 1-4*). We cannot let the same mistakes happen in our midst. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, and on no one else (*Hebrews 12:2*).

FINAL THOUGHTS

John identified himself (v. 24), but would not focus on himself or his authenticity as the author. Instead, he closed by saying his own work is only a tiny part of all the honors due the Son. The Jesus to whom John bore witness is not only the obedient Son and the risen Lord; He is the incarnate Word, the One through whom the universe was created (*John 1:1-14*). If all His deeds were described, the world would be a very small and inadequate library indeed (v. 25)!

This Son—the Good Shepherd (*John 10:11*), the Great Shepherd (*Hebrews 13:20-21*), and the Chief Shepherd (*1 Peter 5:4*)—now calls each of us to shepherd on His behalf all those He loves. Let's follow His call ■

CONTINUATION OF MISSIONS EMPHASIS UNTIL NEXT SUNDAY

We know that our Missions Month ended last Sunday but perhaps God wants us to go on thinking missions, *for life*. The closing passage in our Communion Series just happens to be about Jesus recalling Peter to go back to the mission for Him again. And if you will return next weekend, we do have a special surprise awaiting you—we will all learn something new together, no one exempted. Just wait for it, but be sure not to miss it.

COMMUNION SERMONS SCHEDULE

In relation to what I said above, we will begin a new Communion Series starting the first Sunday of September: "Portraits of Christ in the Tabernacle." I remember reading as a younger man a book by the late Theodore Epp that is titled exactly like this, and how I wish I could find it again. Nonetheless, my initial studies on this series are so rewarding and fascinating. The Old Testament tabernacle was all about Jesus. Please make sure to invite your family and friends (and enemies) to this series.

HOW CAN I MAKE THE MOST OF THE PREACHING I HEAR EVERY WEEK? (From 9Marks Facebook Page)

1. Throughout the week, meditate on the passage that will be preached on Sunday. Pray for your pastor as he prepares his sermon. Take notes on the text. Ask questions of the text. Pray through the text.
2. Prepare for Sunday morning. On Saturday night or Sunday morning, pray for your upcoming opportunity to hear God's Word preached. Pray that your heart would be soft and humble before it.
3. Talk and pray about the sermon with friends after church. Start conversations at lunch by asking, "How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?" Encourage others by sharing what you learned about God and his Word during the sermon. Talk to others about how you can specifically apply what you learned in the week ahead.
4. Meditate and act on the sermon you heard throughout the week. Don't let the Sunday sermon become a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Review your sermon notes with friends or family. Choose one or two applications from the Scripture and prayerfully put them into practice over the coming week.

FAMILY CONFERENCE

Next Sunday, August 12, the Pastoral Staff will present the midyear update to all voting members of GCF, on behalf of the Board of Elders. This is a great time to be updated on what God has done for the first half of the year and to praise the Lord together. It is also the right time for us to look at what lies ahead, to pray together for it and for the continuing challenges to be hurdled. It's family time! ■



GCF FAMILY CONFERENCE

August 12, Sunday, after the 10:30 a.m. service at Auditorium B
All regular members in the church roster are invited to attend.

Ablaze Devotional

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. — Mark 1:32-33 (NSRV)

Seeing how Mark lays out Jesus as Messiah and the Son of God, titles that have religious and political connotation, we begin to see what it truly means to follow Jesus. Jesus' life posed a challenge, a threat even, to the status quo of both political and religious parties.

Being the Son of God, as shown by Jesus, means moving from the center of power to the margins of society. The kingdom Jesus preached did not look anything like the ruling authorities of His time. As shown by Jesus, it is about showing the true heart of God and His holiness and power manifested through compassion, justice, and service.

As we have heard countless stories and testimonies about the Mission of God, we continue to ask the Lord to lead us into His heart. To be missional means moving from the center of power into the margins of society.

Opening our hearts to the Spirit's leading, may we be open to opportunities and possibilities of sharing with the poor, showing compassion and bringing healing. May our hearts know the justice and mercy of God as we confront and cast out the oppressive evils, even within our midst. May our own healings be transformed into service, like Simon's mother-in-law, who has been healed and began serving.

Let us be a community where the city begins to gather around, as we bring people and gather around the person and work of Jesus ■

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



#PARENTS'TALK

Speak, Understand, Connect, Relate with your kids
August 10, 17, 24 & 31 (Fri) at 6:30-9:30 p.m.
at the 4/F Assembly Area | Dinner will be served.
Please contact 0917 532 7768 to reserve a slot.



SUPAMOM: THE BALANCING ACT

Unlocking the Balance for the Different Roles Women Play with Richelle Joson-Ligot
August 18 (Sat), 8 a.m.-12 nn at the Fellowship Hall
For more information, please contact Michelle at 0927 239 8527, or Ana at 0919 564 9004.



BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE 2

Seminar for dating, engaged, or married couples
August 11, 18 & 25 (Sat) at the Fellowship Hall
Last day of registration: August 5. Registration is at the G/F ministry info booth. For more details, contact Dana at 0917 532 7725.



SABBATH RETREAT 2018

Young Adults' Ministry retreat
August 25-27, Sinagtala Farm Resort, Bataan
Fee: Php 3,000, registration is until Aug. 12 (Sun)
Limited slots only. Visit the YA booth at the lobby for more information.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 2018

	July Budget	Received, July 1-31
General	9,140,955	7,385,872
Missions	927,000	226,375
Missions Contingency		3,401,518

	Jan. to July Budget	Received, Jan.-July
General	55,094,599	45,210,609
Missions	5,562,000	5,903,416

Flower Ministry

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to our God for His faithfulness by the Messiah College and by an anonymous donor.
Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.



The Big C in me is Christ, not cancer

by Tess Roseus

Life in Technicolor is a support group ministry of GCF for those affected by cancer, whether as a patient, family member, care giver, or survivor. We meet once a month, and it is a joyful time where we could share our experiences, sometimes sad, sometimes funny, and sometimes nerve breaking! We also get to support and encourage each other in various ways.

This group has been my companion in my journey to wellness and healing. I appreciated the materials that we have gone through, specifically the series of lessons by Dr. Ken Curtis, who is a cancer survivor himself. We have gone through his lessons on Psalm 23 and the Beatitudes which teach us that we don't have to be afraid anymore. We don't have to feel alone anymore. We don't have to be angry anymore.

I especially liked our lesson on the beatitudes where it said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." I learned that it is important to converse and talk about how you feel and to be able to unleash your emotions. It is also important to accept and value the support of others, just as I give that same love and support to others also.

I also learned that fellowships, like what we have in Life in Technicolor, is important. It is like a classroom for those who live with cancer. And it is also important for me to cooperate with my doctor, surgeon, and oncologist and to follow their advice. God has placed them in my life for a reason.

Truly, with Life in Technicolor, I can conclude that the Big C in me is Christ, not cancer. There is hope beyond cancer. Thank God! ■

ON THE COVER: *Christ's Charge to Peter* (1515) by the Italian High Renaissance artist Raphael (Wikimedia, public domain).

Join a

DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

New Growth Group (Mixed Group)

To be led by Pastor Emer Manaloto

Topic: Knowing God's Will

Starting Aug. 12 (Sun), 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Rm. B124 (Growth Group Center)

Sports GGs (Three Groups)

for Boys aged 11 to 18

Saturdays, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

at GCF Multi-purpose Gym (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 at the Ministry Information booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0917 532 7740.

GG LEADERS' TRAINING 2

Topic: Managing Conflict in Small Groups with Dr. Yoyit Roldan

August 5 & 12 (Sun), 12-3 p.m., Youth Center



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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 **4/5 August 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.

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

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.