

GENESIS

Grace from the Beginning

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Joseph and Potiphar

Genesis 39:1-20

English Services

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

Prelude
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Anthem
Baptism
Worship through Fellowship
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Pastor BJ Sebastian
Worship through Giving
Response Song
Benediction

Filipino Service

(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda
Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
Panalanging Pastoral
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Pastor BJ Sebastian
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
Tugon na Awit
Bendisyon

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



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EXPOSITION

1. BOUGHT YET BLESSED (vv. 1-6a).
 - a. Bought into slavery to have subsistence (vv. 1-2)
 - b. Blessed in his stewardship to have success (vv. 3-6)
2. TEMPTED YET TRIUMPHANT (vv. 6b-10).
 - a. Tempted to sin because of his position (vv. 6b-7)
 - b. Triumphant against sin because of his conviction (vv. 8-10)

Traditional Service

(March 9, Sat., 6:00 p.m.)

Prelude
Call To Worship
Worship Through Praise
Worship Through Fellowship
Worship Through Giving
Scripture Reading
Preparatory Hymn
Pastoral Prayer
Worship in the Word
Pastor BJ Sebastian
Response Hymn
Benediction



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3. FRAMED YET FAITHFUL (vv. 11-20).
 - a. Framed for a crime he ran away from (vv. 11-18)
 - b. Faithful to a calling he was sent away for (vv. 19-20)

APPLICATION

The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Migs Orleans

*Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Hear, o hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Hear, o hear us when we pray.*

These familiar words are part of the well-known hymn we sang together last Wednesday at our Staff Worship Service. This is a weekly gathering of the staff, which we fondly call the “3FF” (short for “3rd Floor Family”), where we spend intentional time in the Word, in prayer, and in song. While these are the specific portions of our chapel time, singing this particular refrain led me to a specific reflection: *even in our singing, we ought to pray.*

It is probably a given that the church staff ought to be more prayerful. We are, after all, called to serve the Lord fulltime through this local body. However, we are just a family within the bigger GCF family—and each of us has direct access to the One true God, our Savior, and Good Shepherd, Who knows and leads us.

The Wednesday mornings in the third floor are obviously intended for the staff, but we hope you can join us for prayer on any of the following days of the week:

TUESDAYS, 6:00-7:00 A.M.

This is led by our Senior Pastor, but is temporarily led by our other pastors while he is on his trip abroad. After singing a few hymns, Pastor Larry shares a brief meditation from Scripture and opens a time

of individual prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and confession. The remaining half hour or so is spent praying for our respective families, the church, the country, and ourselves.

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00-8:30 P.M.

What used to be a worship service in the middle of the week is now a Midweek Prayer Service. While we spend an hour in the preaching of the Word and congregational singing, about 30 minutes of the time is allotted for corporate prayer. Most, if not all in this congregation are now used to gathering in smaller groups to pray with and for one another—and the pastors present join a few of these groups as well.

WEEKNIGHTS (Except Wednesdays), 7:00-8:00 P.M.

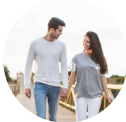
As part of our thrust to be a more prayerful church, we are initiating a more regular time outside of our weekend services where you can come and pray or be prayed for. We understand that weeknights might be a stretch to go to Ortigas, but if you or your Growth Group are around, we invite you to join. Whether there will be many, or few, or even just one who comes—a pastor will be there to pray with and for you.

All these prayer times are held in the Chapel. Please join us on any of these days, GCF family. Our Blessed Jesus certainly hears us when we pray ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



YA TALK 5: HE SAID, SHE SAID
Understanding How Men and Women Handle Relationships Differently
March 16 (Sat), 2:00-4:00 p.m., Youth Center
Open to youth and all adults.
Please register by contacting **0917 625 0244**.



BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE 1
For dating, engaged, and married couples
March 30, April 6 & 13 (Saturdays)
Registration is until March 24 (Sun) only
Fee: PHP 150/person, incl. of food and materials
Please register by contacting **0917 532 7713**.



APOLOGETICS CLASS
with Pastor BJ Sebastian
Every Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. at Auditorium A



GGEX EXTREME
featuring Discovering What the Future Holds by Precept Ministries
All adults without GG are invited.
March 31 (Sun), 9:30-10:30 a.m.
at the Fellowship Hall
Free snack and material will be provided.
Registration is **free** but **limited to first 200**.
Register at the booth at the lobby.



PRAY4CDO
Join us today March 10 (9:30 to 10:30 a.m.), at the Sunken Lobby as we seek God as we start a church in CDO. It will be now a weekly prayer meeting. Please text YES <space> PRAY4CDO <space> your complete name, and send it to **0917 532 7672** if you want to join.

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by Mr. & Mrs. Martin, the Basilad family, and the Messiah College. The flowers are also given by Teresita Roseus for healing and provision. Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.

Join a

DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

Growth Group Express
Mixed group led by Ptr. Emer Manaloto
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Rm. B124

God's Grace GG (G4)
Group for couples
Fridays, 7:30-10:00 p.m.
Rm. B124

Chesed 3
Group for ladies ages 21-35
Sundays, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Rm. BM02

Best Together in Christ
Group for couples
Thursdays, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

*If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form of this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag, or submit it at the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at **0917 532 1921**.*

DMG Leaders' Assembly
Precept Facilitators' Training on "Discovering What the Future Holds" material with Elder Ave Gaspar | March 23 (Sat), 1:00-6:00 p.m. at BM07-08

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / March 2019

MARCH	Projected	Rcvd., Mar. 1-6	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of March 6
General Funds	8,049,598	2,979,555	General Funds	24,993,272	19,689,826
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	222,125	Mission Support Fund	3,953,093	2,439,016
Others (Designated, etc.)	954,915	69,948	Others (Designated, etc.)	2,513,309	1,532,441
TOTAL	10,322,211	3,271,627	TOTAL	31,459,674	23,661,283

ABLAZE

"Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

— Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (HCSB)

It is worth noting that the Greatest Commandment is preceded by a call to listen. In Jewish thought, to listen fully means to obey fully so as that which has been heard is translated into action. You cannot listen and not obey. To heed the greatest commandment, then, means to heed the call that preceded it. Listening and obedience is a way for God's people to acknowledge God's sovereignty over them.

Since the start of the year, we have been committing ourselves in being faithful in prayer and in praying together. Now, a new way is being opened to us to come together as one body to pray through **our weeknight prayer gatherings**. Through this, may we continue in that attitude that listens to God, and prays accordingly. As we do, may we also learn more on how to listen to one another, and from

our immediate community. This is one way we love God and love others, even in our prayers.

As an example for practice, let us consider these things that we can pray for as a church and as individual Christians. Our senior pastor, Pastor Larry, is attending a pastors' conference in the US. Let us pray that whatever he learns he may be able to apply when he returns for the edification of our local body.

We also just welcomed yesterday our newest members here at GCF. Let us pray that the warmth and hospitality will not end in the welcome, but that they will be led by seasoned believers into further growth in the faith, in the Word, and in the Christian life. Let us also ask God for them to be placed in appropriate Growth Groups where they will be able to learn what Christian fellowship is truly like.

Finally, our national midterm elections are just around the corner. Let us pray first, for personal temperance, so that Christ will shine whenever we speak and defend our principles and convictions. Second, let us pray for wisdom, that we may be able to choose leaders who will stand up for righteousness and justice in the midst of evil and corruption. Lastly, let us pray for peace, so that our country will be quick to move on from the politics and toward nation-building after the elections ■

PRAYER
at the Chapel

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

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

Weeknight Prayer Gatherings
Except Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.

ON THE COVER: Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph. — Gen. 38:6-7. Joseph and Potiphar's Wife (1630) by the Italian Baroque painter Guido Reni (public domain, Wikimedia).



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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 9/10 March 2019, 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.