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The Triumphant Entry of Jacob

Genesis 46-47

English Services

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

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

Filipino Service

(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda
Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita
Panalanging Pastoral
Tanging Bilang
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
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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The third and last journey of Jacob's family to Egypt would become the most important, because it brought Jacob himself to Egypt. This was Jacob's triumphal entry. After years of painfully reaping what he was sowing, God would not only indicate His favor upon Jacob, but also vindicate His choice of this quite imperfect follower of God.

God remains faithful to His covenant to bless, prosper, and protect His people, no matter what they go through. You will see that in this penultimate part of Jacob's story:

1. GOD LOVINGLY GUIDES HIS PEOPLE WHEN THEY ARE UNSURE OF THEIR JOURNEYS, AND BLESSES THEM FOR OBEDIENCE (CHAPTER 46).

a. God assured Jacob that He would go with him to Egypt (46:1-27).

- God communicates at the right time and in the best way to His people.
- God honors His promise to bless His people. Despite the seeming ungodliness of Joseph's brothers, the promise to raise a nation from Jacob was becoming true (vv. 8-27).

b. The reunion of Jacob and Joseph (46:28-34)

- Jacob and Joseph reunite because of Jacob's obedience and Joseph's steadfast faith in God.
- God's people become blessings to others, in His perfect time, as they submit to His will.

Traditional Service

(April 13, Sat., 6:00 p.m.)

Prelude

Call To Worship

Worship Through Praise

Worship Through Fellowship

Worship Through Giving

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Preparatory Hymn

Worship in the Word

Pastor Larry Pabiona

Response Hymn

Benediction



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2. GOD FAITHFULLY BLESSES PEOPLE ACCORDING TO HIS COVENANT (CHAPTERS 47).

- a. **God blesses Jacob's family: Jacob's family is presented to Pharaoh, and settles in Goshen (47:1-12).**
 - What can you say about a man who sums up his existence as “Few and evil have been the...years of my life”? You don't have to say that about your life. By God's grace, you can give yourself a better ending, starting now.
 - Jacob's family is granted much favor by Pharaoh. God faithfully blesses as He promised.
- b. **God blesses the nations: God preserved the Egyptians and prospered the Israelites through famine (47:13-27; Genesis 12:1-3).**
 - When God purposes to bless, He will do so even in the midst of what people consider calamities or tragedies.
 - Jacob fulfilled the mandate of blessing other nations because He obeyed God in going to Egypt.
- c. **God blesses Jacob himself: The final request of Jacob (47:28-31).**
 - Despite the pain of God's loving discipline, even the most disobedient of God's people can end well. Philippians 1:6 says, “He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

FINAL THOUGHTS

God remains faithful to bless, prosper, and protect His people, no matter what they go through. Even when He doesn't always spare them the consequences of their sins.

Who among us doesn't want to end well? Jacob made many wrong choices, and he never got away clean—but the end of his life was infinitely better than the start of his life. This is Jacob's triumphal entry.

God is faithful in the midst of much unnecessary brokenness that some of us go through from mistakes of our choosing. Praise God for His faithfulness in our unworthiness! ■

A blessed weekend, GCF family!

April is almost over, and just like that, we are almost approaching the middle of the second quarter of 2019—a year when we hope to continue to grow personally and reach outwardly. I hope and pray that we consider the following, as a spiritual community that continues to journey together:

THAT WE KEEP GATHERING

This Holy Week, we will have a Good Friday Service on April 19 at 3:00 p.m. Short sermons on the Seven Last Words will be delivered. The Traditional Service will still be held even on Black Saturday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. We then shift to our schedule of special worship services for the Easter Sunday Celebration on April 21, at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. We encourage you to come with your *oikos* as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection!

THAT WE KEEP LEARNING

The Apologetics Class resumes on April 28, the final Sunday of this month. This will still be led by Pastor BJ Sebastian from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Auditorium A. Those who normally attend the 3:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. services will have the opportunity to also learn through the replay screening of the morning class, at 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the same venue. Let us learn to defend our faith for the sake of the Gospel!

THAT WE KEEP DISCIPLING

We thank the Lord for this year's team of counselors who will minister to the high school and college campers on May 30 to June 2 (High School Camp) and June 5 to 8 (College Camp). God bless you, kuya's and ate's!

THAT WE KEEP TEACHING

Our Wednesday night Midweek Prayer Services in May will go through a talk series on parenting entitled "Passing the Baton of Faith." Join us at 7:00 p.m. at the Chapel on May 8, 15, 22, and 29. Meanwhile, the regular prayer service continues on April 17, 24, and May 1.

THAT WE KEEP PRAYING

May our time of corporate prayer led by our Senior Pastor (and other Saturday/Sunday preachers) encourage us all the more to see the importance of praying together, with and for each other—whether silently or with a leader. Do join us as well every Tuesday morning, 6:00-7:00 a.m. at the Chapel. Also, a pastor will still be available to pray for you every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday night from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the same venue.

Let us keep loving, church! ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



HOLY WEEK 2019 AT GCF

Good Friday Service: April 19, 3:00 p.m.
Traditional Service: April 20 (Sat), 6:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Celebration: April 21, *two services only*, at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
 Please be guided accordingly.



GGEX EXTREME

All adults without GG are invited to this six-week, ongoing inductive Bible study
 Every Sunday at 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 at the Fellowship Hall



2019 YOUTH LIVE CAMPS

ROOTED: HIGH SCHOOL CAMP
For Grade 7 to incoming Grade 12 students
 Venue: Batangas Country Club, May 30-June 2 (Thu-Sun) | Early bird fee PhP 2,000 'til Apr. 29

BEYOND: COLLEGE CAMP
For incoming college to fresh college graduates
 Venue: Rizal Recreation Center, June 2-5 (Wed-Sat) | Early bird fee PhP 2,000 'til Apr. 29
 For more information, please visit their booth.



PASSING THE BATON OF FAITH

Parenting Series organized by Couples' Ministry
 Wednesdays of May (8, 15, 22 and 29)
 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Chapel
 Check standees at the lobby for topic selection.



ADOPT-A-CADET PROGRAM

Would like you like to spiritually mentor newly-graduated cadets of PNPA? We are opening up this program where you can have an opportunity to do just that. If you are interested, orientation will be on April 16 (Tues), 6:00 p.m. here at GCF.
 For more info, contact **0932 371 3457**.

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by the Basilad family and the Messiah College. 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
 Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
 Rm. B508

*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**.*

Growth Group Leaders' Training 1

May 5, 12, 19, 26 (Sundays),
 12:00-3:00 p.m., Rm. A303

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / April 2019

MARCH	Projected	Rcvd., Apr. 1-10	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of April 10
General Funds	8,614,850	1,917,214	General Funds	33,608,121	28,246,065
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	311,759	Mission Support Fund	5,270,790	3,830,221
Others (Designated, etc.)	2,589,276	137,953	Others (Designated, etc.)	5,102,584	2,870,569
TOTAL	12,521,823	2,366,926	TOTAL	43,981,496	34,946,855

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

— Luke 24:15-16 (NRSV)

The disciples saw Jesus as the Messiah. They hoped that He was the one to save Israel from their enemy—the Romans. But Jesus was not the Messiah they were all anticipating. They anticipated a king who would stand against the Romans, but they received a servant—healing and serving the poor and the outcasts of society. They wanted someone who will organize a revolt, but Jesus came with a message that included loving one’s enemies. Jesus was clearly not the Messiah they were all waiting for. They were looking forward to another Exodus story where God will trample the enemy that oppressed and enslaved His people.

The Exodus story was indeed reenacted. But not with Jesus being a Moses figure confronting Pharaoh, but with Jesus being the Passover lamb, the sacrifice for God’s enemies

to be reconciled with Him. He died loving His enemies. That seemed a defeat from His disciples’ perspective. But Jesus rose again, and His resurrection represents the reality that He has triumphed over our one great enemy—our sinful selves.

Like the first disciples of Jesus, we might be looking forward to a Savior that will confront those whom we consider as enemy. We might have assumptions that God is for us and against our enemy. But in Jesus, we learn that we are to love our enemies, even to the point of dying for them. Before our redemption in Jesus, we, too, are enemies of God. Christ died for us so that we might

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live, as His followers who would live as He had lived. Jesus rose again that we might have hope that our living like Him gives us the reality of living again ■

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: “So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.”—Gen. 46:1. Caravan tourists on camels, journeying through the pyramids of Giza (pixabay.com). The pyramids in Egypt were testaments to how the ancient Pharaohs glorified themselves as descendants of their gods.



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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 **13/14 April 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.