



The Joy of God's Restoration

Psalm 30

English Services

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

Prelude
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Baptism (*Morning services*)
Worship through Fellowship
Testimony
Community 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
Patotoo
Panalangin ng Komunidad
Tanging Bilang
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Pastor Dags Miguel
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
Tugon na Awit
Bendisyon



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Today's Message (9/10 November 2019) / *Psalm 30*

THE JOY
OF GOD'S
RESTORATION
IS ALWAYS
GREATER
THAN THE
STING OF HIS
DISCIPLINE.

Believers go through hard times from one of three reasons — **trials** from God to make us grow, **temptations** from God's enemy (Satan) to make us fall, and **training** from God (discipline) to make us righteous (*Hebrews 12:9-11*). David refers to a time in his life that severe sickness nearly ended his life and he realized it was because of God's discipline. Nevertheless, the whole psalm is a psalm of joy and thanksgiving! This is because God is merciful and restorative to all His children who call upon Him, and for this deserves our praise:

1. THE C_____ OF A C_____ TO WORSHIP (vv. 1-5)

David asks all believers to sing praises to the LORD and give thanks to His holy Name because of:

- a. God's actions: He healed David and thus kept his enemies from celebrating his downfall.
 - Do we live with an attitude of gratitude, or is your life a continuous tale of asking God, "What have you done for me lately?"
- b. God's character: Because of God's favor that lasts forever, every believer will find this true: Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
 - Lamentations 3:19-26 reminds us, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness!"

2. THE C_____ OF A C_____ BELIEVER (vv. 6-10)

- a. The r_____ for God's discipline: David grew self-sufficient (vv. 6-7)

Traditional Service

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

Prelude

Call To Worship

Worship Through Praise

Worship Through Fellowship

Worship Through Giving

Testimony

Community Prayer

Preparatory Hymn

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

Pastor Larry Pabiona

Response Hymn

Benediction

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- Few things can destroy the believer—saved by faith alone—than to start congratulating him/herself for the good things in life and begin to forget God (*Psalm 50:22-23*).

Self-sufficiency is a form of idolatry where we place a picture of ourselves on a throne and bow down to it and worship. And the problem with this kind of idolatry is that it is often unnoticed by us. Or worse, justified by us.

Beware of this attitude: “I said in my prosperity, ‘I shall never be moved’”. It invites God to send tremors into your life.

b. The r_____ of God's discipline (*vv. 8-10*)

- David requested mercy and help from God (*vv. 8, 10*)
- David reasoned with God (*v. 9*). Deliver me because:
 - I plead to be your worshiper.
 - I plead to be your witness.

3. THE C_____ OF A C_____ LIFE (*vv. 11-12*)

- a. God replaced mourning with dancing and sackcloth with gladness! Why? Because God wants us to worship and witness. When a request for deliverance is because of a sincere desire to worship and witness, God honors it!
- b. David's fitting response, and ours—“O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!” If you mean this, you will indeed do this forever (*Revelation 22:3-5*). And that, is the essence of worship, and heaven.

FINAL THOUGHTS

In a time of prosperity, David had become overconfident (*v. 6*). When illness came, he was overwhelmed (*vv. 1-5, 7-10*). Then came the healing, and his mourning turned to joy. The joy of God's restoration is always greater than the sting of His discipline.

Hebrews 12:11-14 says, “For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees... Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord” ■

The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Larry Pabiona

IT'S ORPHAN SUNDAY TODAY

Orphan Sunday started in a small, rural church in Kalingalinga, Zambia. In 2002, a visitor witnessed the pastor's passionate call to care for orphans, in a community ravaged by AIDS and poverty. The church members had very little. But the pastor believed that all Christians are called to express God's love for the fatherless in action. During that first-ever "Orphan Sunday," one after another the people stepped forward giving out of their deep poverty, offering their own food, and some even taking off their own shoes and placing them in the offering basket for orphans.

That visitor, Gary Schneider, was so impacted by what he witnessed that he began to help Zambian leaders coordinate Orphan Sunday efforts across Zambia and shared the vision in the U.S. as well. And thus Orphan Sunday was born. Orphan Sunday is observed each year on the second Sunday in November. Today, churches and organizations in more than 80 nations observe Orphan Sunday annually. Through Orphan Sunday, we join in the promise of "One Day, One Voice, One Purpose." We pray the church all over the world may be as faithful as our Zambian brethren to reflect God's heart for the orphan, both near and far.

God is vested, deeply and personally, in the plight of the orphan (*Deuteronomy 10:18*). He calls His people to share this passion and bring to each child the love of Jesus Christ in both word and

deed (*Isaiah 1:17; James 1:27; Matthew 25:40*). On Orphan Sunday, the church is reminded of this and invited to act upon it. Today we celebrate foremost God's deep love for the fatherless, and for each of us as well. From that wellspring, we must inspire and equip for action—from adoption, foster care and mentoring, to global orphan care.

As Christians respond to God's call to care for orphans, lives are transformed. Certainly, orphans and foster youth are changed forever. But it doesn't stop there. Individual Christians are drawn beyond a self-focused religion to a vibrant, sacrificial discipleship. Churches grow too, as the community sees God's heart and mirrors it. And, a watching world is changed as it sees the Gospel made visible in Christian adoption, foster care, and global orphan care.

Here's the clincher—adopted children should have a heart for orphans. And guess what? You and I are adopted children. Romans 8:15 says, "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" And if, as a Christian you don't want your life to count for nothing, here is God's definition of true religion, James 1:27: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world" ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS

Open to all GCFers and Growth Groups
 November 10 (Today), 12 nn., Fellowship Hall
 To register, text SGI Nov2019<space>Your Name to 0917 532 7740. Pre-registration is required. Lunch and materials will be provided.



THE GARDEN OF GOD'S GRACE

GCF Women's Ministry | Speakers: Darlene Sala, Luisa Collopy, Bonnie Sala
 Nov. 20 (Wed), 8:30 a.m.-12 nn, Auditorium A
 Registration to this event is free. For more details contact 0917 532 1921.



SI HESUS, STAR NG PASKO KO

Naomi Women celebrates Paskong Pinoy
 November 30 (Sat), 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
 Speaker: Vivian Lakanilao
 For more details contact 0917 532 1921.



BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

2019 Christmas Musicales
 December 7 (Saturday), 5:00 p.m.
 December 8 (Sunday), 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
(two services only on Sunday)
 Don't forget to invite everyone in your *oikos!*



JOB OPPORTUNITY AT GCF

We are looking for **one (1) building engineer** to join our full-time staff here at Greenhills Christian Fellowship. For other application information and complete job description, please email gcfhr@gcf.org.ph.

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

Sunflowers Growth Group

Group for women
 Sundays, 9:30-11:00:30 a.m.
 Rm. B506

Burning Hearts Chronicles GG

Group for couples
 Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 Rm. B123

Jars of Clay GG

Group for women
 Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
 Rm. B512

Best Together in Christ

Group for couples
 Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
 Rm. B508

Sowers 2

Mixed group
 Sundays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 nn.
 Rm. B514

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 779 1549.

CHURCH LEADERS ELECTION 2019

Let us continue to pray for wisdom as we choose our next church leaders.

Pre-qualification Period: **November 2-16**

Publication of List of Candidates:

November 30-December 8

Election Day: **December 14-15**

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by Mr. & Mrs. Martin and the Messiah College. The flowers are also given as thanksgiving for the birthday of Bingle Bravo Gutierrez. Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / November 2019

NOVEMBER	Projected	Rcvd., Nov. 1-7	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Nov 7
General Funds	8,317,351	1,532,481	General Funds	87,151,159	82,128,187
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	241,833	Mission Support Fund	18,236,347	12,665,401
Others (Designated, etc.)	89,623	215,485	Others (Designated, etc.)	9,867,213	12,702,995
TOTAL	9,724,672	1,989,798	TOTAL	115,254,719	107,496,583

The many blessings of foster care

BY SAMANTHA ZIPP

I came to the Philippines in 2005 to teach at a school for missionary kids, but it didn't take me long to start volunteering at a local orphanage, which led to respite care, and eventually foster care.



My first foster baby was a little girl named Aya (*in the picture*). She was originally given to me at six weeks of age for respite care. I had her for four weeks to help her grow before placing her back in the orphanage. After several months, with lots of tests and doctors, she was given the label 'failure to thrive'. The orphanage placed her back in my care and she started to grow. It was the difference between institutional care and a family.

My dream is to see all children find a family. Institutional care fills a need but for many

children it is not enough. For children like Aya, they need more, they needed the stability that comes from being in a family.

Many eventually become adoptable and get a family but for many others, the dream of a family never comes true. This is often true for children brought into care later in life or rescued from human/sex trafficking. As long as there is an active court case, a child is not adoptable. In many cases, these are the kids that need it most.

Foster care is the answer. Foster care is temporary care of a child in need, it is not adoption. It is stepping in and being a family for a child that may never legally be yours.

But we can't do it alone. These children can have so many medical and emotional needs. I have felt overwhelmed and exhausted at times trying to help.

Foster care is all of us working together. Families that feel called to open their home to a child but also families willing to offer care, support and love to that family. And if children like Aya could have a foster family that understood parenting doesn't end at a child's 18th birthday and willing chose to continue to invest in that person, it could have a huge ripple effect not only in that child's life but in generations after that.

Being a foster parent is hard but also full of blessings. If you would like to know more or have questions about foster care, please contact me through (contact number) ■

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: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.—Psalm 30:5b (photo by Aaron Burden, unsplash.com).



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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 for the first time 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.
- I am an adoptive/foster parent.**
- I am interested in respite care for orphans/abandoned children.**

Name: _____

Age: ____ Landline no.: _____

Mobile no.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: **9/10 November 2019**

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

Consent to use your information:

By affixing your signature below, you give permission to Greenhills Christian Fellowship and its staff and ministries to store and use the information you provided above for the sole purpose of contacting you and updating you about any inquiry you have made.

Your signature

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.