



Love God's Word. Love God's World.

(National Bible Sunday Message)

Psalms 119:153-160

English Services

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

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Worship through Fellowship

Community Prayer

Preparatory Song

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

Pastor Lloyd Estrada

Worship through Giving

Response Song

Benediction

Filipino Service

(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda

Tawag sa Pagsamba

Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan

Pagkilala sa mga Bisita

Panalangin ng Komunidad

Awit ng Paghahanda

Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos

Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos

Pastor Gelo Tuanqui

Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay

Tugon na Awit

Bendisyon

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



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Philippians 4:4-9

GOD'S WORLD NEEDS GOD'S WORD.

“Look on my affliction and deliver me” (v. 153) is how this section of Psalm 119 starts. The psalmist was experiencing affliction—one that was caused by people that he identified as “my persecutors and my adversaries.” Apparently, these people do not share the psalmist’s high regard for God’s Word. Today we stand on the same path. We have our fair share of afflictions. We face increasing opposition to our faith. The psalmist’s experience gives us insight on what to do: love God’s Word and love God’s world.

A. LOVE GOD'S WORD

“Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love” (v. 159).

Loving God’s Word requires the following:

1. Firm conviction: submit to the authority of God’s Word

The logic is simple: Since God has absolute authority over all and that the Bible is God’s Word, I submit to the authority of the Bible over my life.

However, there are those who do not submit to the authority of the Bible because they insist that:

- a. The Bible is not reliable. It is full of contradictions.
- b. The Bible is not relevant. It is outdated.

Read the Bible and read it well. Make a sincere effort to understand its contents. Examine how it has influenced and transformed individuals and communities. Failing to do so results in misunderstanding and misrepresenting Scriptures.

2. Habitual devotion: immerse yourself in God’s Word

If the Bible is my standard and authority of thinking and doing, then I will spend time in it.

Traditional Service

January 25 (Sat.), 6 p.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Worship through Fellowship

Worship through Giving

Preparatory Hymn

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Psalms 1:1-2, Ezra 7:10 and Colossians 3:16 are just a few verses that encourage total and habitual engagement with the Bible: read it, meditate on it, study it, live it, remember it, and share it.

3. **Constant declaration: talk about the transforming work of God's Word in your life**

God's Word redeems and revives (*v. 154*) and gives life (*vv. 156, 159*). Consume it. Make the Word of God a part of the very fiber of your being so that it is reflected in the way we think, speak and behave. God gets the glory this way.

B. LOVE GOD'S WORD

"I grieve when I see how the faithless ones live, for they just walk away from your promises" (*v. 158 TPT*).

1. The psalmist describes those who reject God's Word as wicked and faithless. As a result, salvation is far from them (*v. 155*).
2. It should grieve us when a friend or loved one walks away from God. We should not judge them; instead we should continue to patiently show them God's love and truth.

CONCLUSION

This passage ends with the declaration, "The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever" (*v. 160*). We love God's Word because it is true. May we be sensitive to the many opportunities that the Spirit of God would create this week so that we could share God's World with people we would meet. God's world needs God's Word ■

2020 VISION

“Where there is no vision, the people perish” (*Proverbs 29:18 KJV*). At the start of this new year, we introduce our three-fold goal that we envision to achieve in the Disciple-Making Group (DMG) ministry. We corporately aim for 2,500 new *oikos*, 25 new small groups and 25 new small group leaders. If our highest attendance in our combined worship services is 2,500, just imagine what each one of us is capable of doing, if only we individually reach out to even at least one from our loved ones and friends and then teach that one to obey Jesus for the entire year. The Lord will add 2,500 new *oikos* to our number, those who are being saved (*Acts 2:47*)!

Last year, if we targeted only 12 new small groups and 12 small group leaders, this 2020, we double our vision to 25 new small groups (such as Growth Groups, Youth Groups, and Outreach Bible Study Groups) and 25 new small group leaders from within or outside our church building (the “scattered church”). So this year, each one of us is not expected to have a heart that is too small to hold a God-sized vision.

Making this personal commitment can certainly make a difference: “Individually, I envision to grow continually as a Christian with at least one disciple by advancing my mission through one small group (GG, Y-Group, or OBS) in one strategic

area (at home or in the workplace) in Ortigas community and beyond.”

To fulfill this huge vision, the church leaders will play a very important role. In fulfilling their shepherding role to the flock, both pastors and elders, with the support of our ministry assistants, deacons and deaconesses, will work together in looking after the spiritual welfare of each of the Disciple-Making Groups through feeding (teaching God’s Word), leading (life-on-life mentoring), and caring (visiting and praying) for them.

The ultimate goal of this partnership among church leaders is to produce maturing and multiplying disciple makers in each of the DMGs, that begins with the pastoral care of new small group attenders, which results in the raising of their commitment levels through membership assimilation, ministry placement, leadership development, and small group reproduction, so they might repeat the entire process in another new group also. In other words, the vision of a *Disciple-Making Group* is simply to be a *Disciple-Multiplying Group*!

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to appreciate all those who contributed to our Taal eruption victims relief effort. As of the moment, we are working with our trusted partners for the distribution of much-needed goods to the evacuees in affected areas ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



SUNDAY SCHOOL AT THE CHAPEL

Current topic: Ministering to Roman Catholics
 Teacher: Pastor BJ Sebastian
 Every Sunday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Chapel,
 with video replays at 4:30-5:30 p.m. (same
 venue)



ACTIVE FAMILY DISCIPLING

*February seminar of #ParentsTalk,
 a year-long midweek series on parenting*
 Speaker: Pastor Lloyd Estrada
 February 5 (Wed), 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the
 Fellowship Hall. Open to everyone.



GCF 42nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please take note of service schedules:
 February 8 (Sat), 5:00 p.m.
 February 9 (Sun), 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
(two services only on Sunday)



BLOOMING FOR GOD IN THE GARDEN OF WIDOWHOOD

Naomi Women 5th Anniversary
 February 22 (Sat), 9 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall
 Speaker: Pastor Larry Pabiona
 Testimony: Mrs. Vilma Joson
 For those who will attend, please dress in a
 way that will make you "bloom".



WEDDING NINONGS & NINANGS FELLOWSHIP

*Inviting all wedding godparents explore how
 you can serve in this unique oikos relationship*
 Feb 23 (Sun), 12-3 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall
 Please register at the ministry information
 booth. For details, contact 0917 532 7713.

*The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving
 to God by the Messiah College. Please call 8632 1354 to 56
 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.*

YOUTH **LiVE** SERVICE

*Every Saturday, for high school and
 college students*
 5:00 p.m. at Auditorium A
Y-groups meet after the service

YOUTH **LiVE** PRAYER HUDDLE

Every Friday
 7:00 p.m. at the Youth Center

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

Growth Group Express (GGEx)

Mixed group
 Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Rm. B124 (GG Center)

Sunflowers Growth Group

Group for women
 Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Rm. B506

Burning Hearts Chronicles Growth Group

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

Jars of Clay Growth Group

Group for women
 Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Rm. B512

*For those interested in joining any of the
 groups above, please text or call us at
 0917 779 1549.*

DMG Leaders' Assembly

Topic: Missions Education
 February 29 (Sat), 4-6 p.m. at the
 Fellowship Hall

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / January 2020

JANUARY	Projected	Rcvd., Jan. 1-23	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Jan. 23
General Funds	9,073,774	6,266,650	General Funds	9,073,774	6,266,650
Mission Support Fund	1,121,081	593,081	Mission Support Fund	1,121,081	593,081
Others (Designated, etc.)	841,254	1,461,484	Others (Designated, etc.)	841,254	1,461,484
TOTAL	11,036,109	8,321,215	TOTAL	11,036,109	8,321,215

“And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.”

—Deuteronomy 8:2 *ESV*

The people of Israel, a wandering tribe becoming slaves in Egypt are liberated from bondage only to be wanderers again. It seemed illogical for God to lead His people in such a situation. But it seems that the wilderness plays a great role in revealing both the character of God and His people all throughout the biblical story. As we look into this narrative, we will begin to understand the reason behind it.

Deuteronomy basically means the ‘retelling of the story to remind’. It is a narrative recalling the journey of Israel with God as they wandered in the desert, showing them How God has prepared and is preparing them to become a nation. A nation representing His blessing to the nations, just as He has promised their forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Although not yet addressed as Father in the first books of the Bible, God

has already revealed Himself as such. After their exodus from Egypt, the people of Israel are accompanied by God in the form of a cloud by day, as shade from the heat, and of a fire by night as shield from the cold. Just as He caused wonders in Egypt to astound Pharaoh, the wonders of God are for the redemption and protection of His people. We see how God is ushering His people not merely into another land but into His very presence. To transform them as a people set apart for His purpose was His reason for the journey in the wilderness. They are a people called to be humble and faithful to His commands to be a blessing to others.

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The call is the same for us. As we, too, are led to wander in the wilderness of life. As followers of Jesus, let us remember how He has accompanied us through. As He revealed Himself to us, let us take heed and reflect: Has this wilderness experience transformed me into being more like Jesus to those around me? ■

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: *The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.*—Psalm 119:160 (photo by Rod Long, 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.

Name: _____

Age: ____ Landline no.: _____

Mobile no.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: **25/26 January 2020**

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 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

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.