



**FUTURE CHURCH**  
GCF Missions Month 2020

# Simplicity

**Mark 10:17-22**

**July 12, 2020 | Message Guide**





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**TODAY'S MESSAGE | 12 JULY 2020 | MARK 10:17-22**

Do you want to follow the Lord?

Are you free to leave now?

*"Many desire to follow Christ, few pack for the journey, fewer still leave their comforts."* Christian Simplicity is living our lives in such a way that we'd be free to say yes to God anytime, anywhere, and at any cost.

## 1. Dis-ease

Think about these four words:

1. Rich: The man was both materially and morally rich.
2. Young: The man had the blessing of time and energy.
3. Male: His gender afforded him opportunities inaccessible to women.
4. Ruler: He was a man of great influence and reputation.

*<sup>17</sup>And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (MARK 10:17)*

Despite of all that he had, there was a profound *dis-ease* in his heart. For a man like him to run up to Jesus and kneel before him, his concern must've been of great urgency and desperation.

**The young man lacked the one thing that would make his life worth something—without that one thing, everything means nothing.**

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## 2. Decision

In order to receive the one thing he lacks, the young man had to do one thing, but that one thing would cost him everything.

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”

**(MARK 10:18-20)**

- The Rich Young Man was not living an (overtly) sinful life, his problem was that he was living a very encumbered life. “Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.” **(MARK 10:22)**
- A lot of times, we say “no” to God for fear that His call for simplicity would lead us to a life of misery. What we don’t understand is that, it is precisely our refusal to obey Him that is causing sorrow to enter our lives.

## Do not walk away disheartened.

(Four questions to ask ourselves)

1. Is God good?
2. Does Jesus love you?
3. Are you good to go?
4. Will you walk away?
5. Is Jesus Lord? ■

# The Shepherd's Voice

*Pastor Dags Miguel*

## **FUTURE CHURCH: Mobilizing GCF to impact the world today and tomorrow**

As COVID-19 continues to affect the lives of many today, the local and global church must continue to rely on Christ and serve him as Lord by proclaiming the gospel of His Kingdom, responding to the needs of the lost, needy, vulnerable and marginalized and sharing God's offer of forgiveness, hope, peace and a new way of life found only in Jesus. In the same way, as the church navigates the future, it must actively pray for laborers, as the scattered church of Christ, by raising up a God-fearing younger generation—as fathers, mothers, kuyas and ates take to heart teaching and modelling God's Word to children and young men and women who will live out and drive forward the mission of the church into the future (**DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7, EPHESIANS 6:1-4**).

The scattered church then must continue pursuing the unchanged mission of God by participating in his work of reconciling and bringing peace to all men in the building up of his earthly and heavenly Kingdom (**MATTHEW 6:9-13, ACTS 1:8, 1 PETER 2:9-10, COLOSSIANS 1:20**) where people from every nation, tongue and tribe are freed from pain, injustice and oppression, and are forgiven and cleansed of sin through the power and reign of our King, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (**PHILIPPIANS 2:11, REVELATION 21:4**).

## **Missions Month Programs**

This is why we hope to be inspired by the Word of God toward mission through our online worship services, as we learn from Pastor Rollyvic Tira of GCF Makati (English services) and BJ Sebastian (Filipino service) how families, small groups and our homes can join

God in his mission this Sunday July 12. We also hope to address social issues today as a scattered church as we learn from guest speaker Jonathan Nambu of Samaritan Transformation Ministries (English services) and Elder Noel Pabiona of Compassion (Filipino service) on July 19. We will also be reflecting together what we can look forward concerning the church's mission as we hear from Lausanne Movement's Dr. Michel Oh (English service) and our very own Pastor Larry Pabiona (Filipino service) on July 26.

We also organized midweek Webinars where we discussed Digital Disciple-making with Elder Aris Lumague last July 1, as well as how families can do missions together with Pastor Mark Del Rosario and Elder Marlon Roldan last July 8. For the upcoming Wednesdays of July, we will be having Chismissions with invited partner organizations to talk about relevant social issues today concerning human trafficking (with friends from SheWorks – Made in Hope on July 15), ministering to urban poor youth (with guest Onesimo foundation, July 22) and caring for women survivors of sex trafficking (with guests Samaritana Transformation Ministries, July 29).

Lastly, let us continue to pray for the Lord of the harvest for our society and for the nations, for God's laborers, our supported missionaries and partner organizations via GCF's daily Missions Month Prayer points distributed on Facebook, Instagram and Viber community.

So then church, for this whole month of July, join us in celebrating and learning this great task laid before us, which God will accomplish by His own Holy Spirit working through us! ■

# THE CHURCH ONLINE

## CARING FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

July 15 (Wed), 6:30 p.m., Chismissions/Webinar on GCF Facebook Page

## REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS

Mondays and Fridays, 7:00 p.m., GCF Facebook Page

## LIVestream (GCF Youth LIVE Worship)

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m. on youtube.com/user/gcfyouthlive

## KIDS' L.I.F.E. ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Uploaded every Sunday, 1:00 p.m. on youtube.com/user/gcfmain

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### COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS

You may also designate your giving to our church's efforts to help frontliners and the vulnerable. Just indicate "For COVID-19 fund" when you email your transaction document ■



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