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Message Guide
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INTRODUCTION

Isaiah sees a vision of God in the temple and is commissioned as a prophet. Isaiah 6:1-7 is undoubtedly one of the most famous passages in the prophet's book. Apart from Isaiah 9:6, the proclamation of the Messiah, or Isaiah 53, The Suffering Servant, among others.

Isaiah, having laid out the problem of Judah's uncleanness in chapters 1-5, Isaiah now provides the solution as he concludes the introduction to his work.

They needed to return to trusting in the Lord and not false gods or foreign powers, and to acknowledge their transgression. Judah could fulfill its original calling to be the light of the world (Isaiah 42:6) only through such cleansing, much as Isaiah was commissioned to serve God *"in the year that King Uzziah died"* (6:1) — 740 BC.

A. Isaiah Revered God's Glory (v. 1-4)

- 1. Isaiah dates his vision:** Even if King Uzziah had died and left his throne, Yahweh was still on His throne.
- 2. Isaiah's vision captures the glory of Yahweh:** for the prophet could describe only the train of His robe, not His face (v. 1).
- 3. Do we have a high and exalted view of our God?** In the work of making disciples, this is the MAIN THING! If our view of God is only an "insurance peddler" and we are the agent selling fire insurance away from Hell and damnation – then we missed the whole point of evangelism.
- 4. The MISSION begins with the glory of God:** It so astounds you that the only thing you want to do is to talk about it and invite people, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to know this Wonderful Almighty God and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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B. Isaiah Received God's Forgiveness (v. 5-7)

- 1. Isaiah's Position:** in the presence of God's glory and holiness – sin becomes evident
 - And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" (Isaiah 6:5)
- 2. Isaiah realizes 3 things:**
 1. His Distress
 2. His Desolation
 3. His Defilement
- 3. Isaiah's Forgiveness:** Purging Isaiah's "unclean lips" – a symbol of his sinful self – with a coal from the altar is a form of sacrifice.
- 4. Isaiah Receives Grace – God Makes the First Move:**
 1. *And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."* (Isaiah 6:7)
 2. John 3:16-17

C. Isaiah Responded to God's Call (v. 8-9)

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." And he said, "Go, and say to this people:

- 1. Isaiah's Response:** "*Here am I*" (Hebrew *hinni* or *hinnenî*), is the response throughout the Old Testament of those addressed by God, from:
 - Abraham (Genesis 22:1) to
 - Jacob (Genesis 31:11), to
 - Moses (Exodus 3:4), to
 - Samuel (1 Samuel 3:4)

– Isaiah's Response should be our Response.

2. Isaiah's Requirements:

- A. Isaiah's Requirements to GO and TELL
- B. Isaiah's Requirements to GO and TELL are the same requirements for us today

3. Isaiah's Responsibility:

- A. Isaiah was to deliver one of the most terrible messages in the Bible.
- B. A message He had to deliver just the same... but not without HOPE
- C. Paul declared it: 1 Corinthians 9:16-18
- D. The apostles declared it: Acts 4:18-20
- F. We are called to declare it :
 - Our message today seems as difficult as that of Isaiah because our message today is still be about turning away from sin and turning toward God, which is always a hard message, but not without HOPE
- E. Isaiah's Responsibility is our Responsibility

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CONCLUSION

Although Isaiah could not explain the fullness of what he saw in the year King Uzziah died, we know who the prophet Isaiah was speaking to when he was called to ministry. In John 12:36b-43, the apostle comments that Jesus' ministry fulfills Isaiah 6:9-10.

The prophet Isaiah had actually seen the pre-incarnate Christ in his vision. Isaiah met the second person of the Trinity, the Son of God Himself.

The God who called Isaiah is the same God – Jesus Christ, who calls us today saying:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:18b-20)

Discussion Questions

1. In response to God's call, like Isaiah, what are the sins that hinder you from serving God wholeheartedly? Confess and repent this to God in prayer.
2. How seriously are you considering the Call of God in your life? Whether in a ministry standpoint or in your day to day life in your family, workplace, or in the area God has placed you.
3. Like Isaiah's obedience to God's command, what specific steps can you and your families and personal communities take in order to proclaim God's message to others?

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The Shepherd's Voice

Living Missionally: Listening to God's Voice GCF Missions Month

BY PASTOR MIKEE SOSMEÑA

A blessed day, GCF!

When we think about missions, perhaps it can be natural for some to visualize a missionary in a far-off country with a Bible in hand proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in the language of the native people. However, as we have been learning this whole Missions Month, participating in God's work is not exclusively for the ordained, nor is it limited to a transcontinental journey. Even now, from our very homes, can the people of God, young and old, come together in a joint effort in proclaiming the Gospel.

Within Youth LIVE, the youth ministry of GCF, we have been regularly meeting together virtually for several months now every Monday evening at 8:30 PM for our weekly Family Prayer Time. As a community, we take the time to pray for matters pertaining to our country and even other countries around the world. Recently, we've also been committed to lifting up to the Lord different unreached people groups. Prayer is a truly powerful way that children of God can join in their Father's Kingdom-building agenda, so we as a church should seize every opportunity we can in bringing our hearts together to seek the Lord's help. If you're a high school or college student, or are even a parent of one, then this is for you! I invite all our youth in GCF to join our Discord server so that you too can join our weekly prayer gatherings! Go to bit.ly/YLDiscord to join the server!

More than that, for our college students in particular, there is actually another avenue for participating in God's mission in the digital space that's available to you. We have our campus ministry called Frontline where students from different universities gather with their peers to study the Bible, rest in each other's company, and even find ways to minister to their co-students in their schools. If you are a college student or are an incoming one, I invite you to join a Frontline group and remain connected with the community even throughout the school week. If you would like to join any of our gatherings and small groups, visit bit.ly/joinyouthlive.



The Shepherd's Voice

So GCF, and particularly the younger generation of our church, let's stay connected. Let's not let age disqualify us from participating in God's mission through our presence and our prayers. My desire for us is that where God has placed us, there too shall be the church — that as one day every tongue and tribe will confess the Name of Jesus, so too shall every student and every school.

Grace and peace be with you, church family!



Cross Cultural Discovery: India

Personal / Group
Activity

Whether you're alone or with a group, here's a fun activity you can do to learn more about Indian culture!



SIGHT

- **Zoom Backgrounds:** bit.ly/ZoomBackgroundIndia
- **Video:** bit.ly/SeeIndia



TASTE & SMELL

Try out the Dal makhani recipe: bit.ly/RecipeIndia

Delivery Options:

1. Swagat Indian Cuisine (<https://swagatph.com/>)
2. Waah Organic Philippines (<https://www.facebook.com/waahorganicph/>)
3. Little India - Diliman
4. Royal Indian Curry House

Worship Through Giving

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

If you are led to give, you may do so through the following means:

Account Name: Greenhills Christian Fellowship, Inc.

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Ortigas ADB
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Please visit **gcf.org.ph/give**

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Send a copy of your transaction document to **finance@gcf.org.ph** so your giving can be properly recorded and an official receipt can be sent to you.

GCF BAYANIHAN FOOD STALLS

The GCF Mercy Ministry continues to accept donations, here's how:

For In-Kind Donations: drop off at the GCF Lobby from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For Cash Donations: give via the GCF bank accounts (gcf.org.ph/give).

Email your deposit slip to finance@gcf.org.ph with the subject "*For Bayanihan Food Stall*".

For questions, contact the Mercy Ministry at 0917 532 7672 or mercy@gcf.org.ph

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS

You may also give to support the church family's COVID relief efforts.

Just indicate "**For COVID-19 Fund**" when you email your transaction document.

Church Updates

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH US ON-SITE (10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE)!

Pre-register and learn about the guidelines at bit.ly/GCFOnSite

REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS DEVOTIONALS

Mondays and Fridays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF Facebook and YouTube

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesdays | 8:00 p.m. | via Zoom

LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship)

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

KidsLIFE ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 1:00 p.m. | on Facebook at [@GCFKidsLIFE](https://www.facebook.com/GCFKidsLIFE)

THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays | 8:00 p.m. | via Zoom

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Let us plant churches with a high view of God and a high view of God's word!
Visit bit.ly/GCFChurchPlanting to find out more!

TELECONSULTATION SERVICE

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CHISMISSIONS (KAPIHAN AT KWENTUHAN WITH MISSIONARIES)

July 24 | Missionaries from GCF Young Adults | YA Ministry

Saturdays 1:30 p.m. via zoom | bit.ly/GCFChisMissions | Passcode: gospel

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your prayer requests at:

Facebook: Greenhills Christian Fellowship | E-mail: pray@gcf.org.ph

GROW IN A GROWTH GROUP

REMNANTS GROWTH GROUP | MIXED (AGE 45 TO 72)

Saturdays | 8:00 p.m. | via Zoom | GG Leaders: Art & Grace Tuason

Teacher/Facilitator: Arnold Perona

ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER

Are you joining us for the first time? We would love to get to know you more!

Visit bit.ly/GCFwelcome



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