



COMMUNION SERIES ON HEBREWS:
THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST
AND CHRISTIANITY

A True Faith for Our Turbulent Times

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Message Guide | August 1, 2021

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TODAY'S MESSAGE | AUGUST 1, 2021

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As we must close on-site Worship for the nth time again today, we can relate with the struggles the congregation in Hebrews faced. The effects of persecution on their situation, and the effects by this lockdown on ours have startling similarities.

The author of Hebrews was confronted with defection from the church (Hebrews 10:25) and people tempted to walk away from God completely (Hebrews 10:36). So, with a pastoral heart he stressed the utter reliability of God, our object of faith.

What is the nature of faith and why do we need it at all?

1. THE NATURE OF FAITH (v. 1)

a) Faith deals with what we hope for (things in the future).

- Faith is a firm trust in God built on the confidence that He will be faithful to His Word.
- Faith enables us to courageously face an unseen future, upheld only by the Word of God.

b) Faith deals with things unseen (what we do not see).

- Faith is trust in the unseen, not the unknown. Contrary to what critics say, faith is against ignorance, not against intellect *per se*.
- Faith enables us to see what others can't (Heb. 11:7, 13, 27) and thus enables us to do what others won't.

2. OUR NEED OF FAITH (vv. 2–3, 6)

a) Through faith, ordinary people were approved by God. (v. 2)

- Don't miss this: the people who would be cited as examples were ordinary people who had faith in an extra-ordinary God. God never lets such people down.

b) Through faith, we can believe the power of God. (v. 3)

- Faith's foundation is the belief that when God speaks, it will happen. And the supreme example of the power of God's word was when God's word created the universe.



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c) Through faith we can please God. (v. 6a)

- We must have the desire to seek God. A true believer always will. We must have the diligence to seek God. Prayer, meditating on the Word, worship, serving God by loving others—all of these help us walk with God.

d) True Faith is rewarded by God. (v. 6b)

- Faith involves believing “that He rewards those who seek Him.” The ultimate reward is God’s “well done, good and faithful servant”, His commendation (11:2, 39), which every true Christian wants to hear.

FINAL THOUGHTS

God-pleasing faith is a simple trust in God that makes you obey Him regardless of circumstances or consequences.

We too are called to the life of faith. We are called to reject a mindset of fear and to live with full confidence in God, His Word, and His ultimate reward.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is faith necessarily anti-intellectual? Explain your answer.
2. What are some simple things that any believer can do to grow his/her faith in God and His Word? What, on the other hand, will drain you of it?
3. Pray together and ask God that as you continue to fellowship as a group, you will mutually enhance your faith, because one of the best ways to grow your faith is to live it out in the family/or Christian community.

The Shepherd's Voice

by Dr. Larry P. Pabiona



GOD'S SERVANT IS HOME.

NOW LET'S BLESS HIS FAMILY TOGETHER.

By now you know that our dear Pastor Eugene Geanga, after faithfully serving as Head Pastor of GCF Cagayan De Oro these past two years, went home to the Lord last July 29 from COVID-19. As we come alongside his widow Osie spiritually and emotionally, we can also help the family in other ways. If the Lord moves your heart, you may designate your offering today for the family of Pastor Eugene Geanga, part of which will be set aside for the future educational needs of his two young children, Carissa and Nathan. Detailed instructions on how to do this will be given at the time of our Offering today.

MISSIONS MONTH

We hope you realize that Missions Month was a “catalyst month”: it simply reminds us that we are all in Missions and fires us up to take the task. As missionaries to our respective *Oikos*, we are reminded again of our commissioning by Jesus (Matthew 28:16-20). At the same time, we are privileged to take part in Missions as we pray, support and care for our missionaries and partner organizations. On behalf of the church leadership, we thank you from our hearts for being part of this special month and pray that the positive effects on all of us last all our lives.

UPCOMING SERIES

After this Communion Sunday (where we are going through the book of Hebrews) we have two more lessons from the book of Nehemiah, and then on August 22 onward we begin a new series on the book of Ephesians entitled “Built on Biblical Bedrock”. While deeply doctrinal, Ephesians is also immensely practical. Some of the key passages on relationships, anger, marriage, and parenting are there, for example. And if you will take the time to read it ahead of our series, you will enjoy the series even more. We are looking forward to taking this exciting Biblical journey with you all!

PLEASE WELCOME THE NEW HEAD OF OUR DISCIPLEMAKING MINISTRY

I am truly glad to inform you that beginning August 15, my friend and treasured partner in the pulpit, Pastor BJ Sebastian, will be joining the Pastoral staff as the Head of our Disciplemaking Ministry (DMM). P. BJ, as we fondly call him, just recently retired from the corporate world, and will take over a ministry where most of the pastors in it came from the fruit of his mentoring ministry. Welcome to the best phase of your life, P. BJ!



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:

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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



NO ON-SITE CONGREGATION

Starting August 1, 2021, until further notice

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

Available during the 5:00 p.m. service starting August 1, until further notice

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

THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

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

LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays | 5:00 p.m. | on [youtube.com/user/gcfyouthlive](https://www.youtube.com/user/gcfyouthlive)

KidsLIFE ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 1:00 p.m. | on Facebook at @GCFKidsLIFE

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FAMILY GGEX (GROWTH GROUP EXPRESS)

Every Sunday Morning | 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 nn) | GGEx Leader: Pastor Emerson Manaloto
Zoom: bit.ly/FamilyGGEx • Passcode: familyGGEx | Contact Marj: 0917-779-1549

GROWTH GROUP LEADERSHIP TRAINING (LEVEL 1)

August 8, 15, 22, & 29 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Pre-registration required: bit.ly/GGLT1Aug2021
For Inquiries, contact: 0917 779 1549

LIVING A LIFE OF TRUE WORSHIP (7-WEEK ONLINE BIBLE STUDY)

August 1 – September 12 | 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. | Pre-registration required:
(Precept) Ms Goldie/Jen: 0917-773 2378 • (GCF) Marj: 0917-779 1549

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your prayer requests at:

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

ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER

We are so glad you're here today! We want to personally welcome you via Zoom after the 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Worship Services.

Zoom Room: bit.ly/WelcometoGCF | Welcome Form: bit.ly/GCFWelcome



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