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Abraham is one of the greatest examples of faith in the Bible. Paul even used him as a powerful illustration that we are accepted by God purely by faith. But even Abraham's imperfect walk, which the writer of Hebrews assumed his congregation knew, would not deter him from taking a journey no different from the one that you and I walk today – faltering but forgiven, imperfect but “accepted in the Beloved”.

In your journey of faith, there are certain questions you don't need answers for, in order to follow God. Abraham's faith journey shows us that we simply need to trust the One who will answer these questions in His perfect way and time, not ours:

### **Question 1: “LORD, WHERE WILL FOLLOWING YOU TAKE ME?” (Hebrews 11:8-10)**

Variants of this concern: *What will all this lead to? How will I end up?*

- Abraham obeyed God even when he didn't get all the details, and even when it cost him everything he valued.
- **Can you follow God even when He doesn't show or guarantee all the outcomes?** If you can take that, even with faltering steps, you're well on the way to your faith journey.

### **Question 2: “LORD, HOW WILL YOU FULFILL YOUR PROMISES?” (Hebrews 11:11-12)**

Variants of this concern: *Can you first assure me that you'll come through?*

- Abraham and Sarah trusted God for what was “biologically impossible” and as God blessed them, they became a blessing to many.
- **God blesses those who count Him faithful to His promises. And they often become a blessing to many others when they do.**



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## Question 3: “LORD, WHEN WILL YOUR WORD COME TRUE?” (Hebrews 11:13-16)

Variants of this concern: *How long O Lord, how long?*

- **God is unashamed of those whose life on earth is not bound to the past, or limited to the present, but who are driven by the future.**

## Question 4: “LORD, WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE THIS WAY?” (Hebrews 11:17-19)

Variants of this concern: *Am I really supposed to go through this?*

- Abraham erred about God’s method. But he was right about God’s heart. God would never fail him. Neither will He ever fail you even when you can’t figure Him out.
- God rewards those who trust Him even when they misread Him.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

The heroes of faith, even the great Abraham, weren’t the iron-clad infallible beings we often make them out to be. In many ways, they were just like us. That’s why the greatest gift of God to us, is the indwelling Presence of One who walked a perfect life, with His righteousness credited to us, who makes us acceptable to God – the Lord Jesus Christ.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share about a time in your life when you wanted some kind of guarantee from God before you followed him in obedience to something important. How did you get through it?
2. Give at least one verse that means a lot to you because it is a clear promise of God to all believers. Tell the group why it matters to you.
3. Was there ever a time when you also misread God, and yet He faithfully brought you through a certain situation? What keeps you praising God about it?
4. Pray together and ask God to help each of you walk in faith, inspired by the future, and peaceful in the present.

# The Shepherd's Voice

by Dr. Larry P. Pabiona, Senior Pastor



## A FERVENT APPEAL FROM MY HEART TO YOURS ABOUT THE COVID VACCINE

After doing another funeral of a GCFer dear to my heart whom COVID took away because he was unvaccinated, I am lovingly requesting you to pray seriously about getting vaccinated against COVID.

Neither GCF or I can mandate you, nor will you ever be labelled “sinful” or “disobedient” if you won’t. But we are genuinely concerned about you and the people around you that COVID will kill.

Here is the link to the webinar we did for GCFers. Please share freely to as many people as possible, GCFer or not, Christian or not, because it may save a life, including yours: <https://youtu.be/hGuhXzi7MDw>

## PASTORS ARE ELDERS AND ELDERS ARE PASTORS

The New Testament makes no distinction between these two, but makes it clear they are different titles for the same person. That’s a core belief in GCF and our system of governance.

In 2 Timothy 2:1-7, there are two main qualifications for elders and pastors. The first qualification is defined in 1 Peter 5:2, while the second qualification is explained as a blend of fourteen traits:

1) **Aspires to the office** (1 Peter 5:2 ...*not under compulsion but willingly as God would have you; not for shameful gain but eagerly*).

2) **Above reproach** (14 Traits)

1. Faithful to his wife.
2. Can think wisely and seriously.
3. Handles his emotions well.
4. Dignified.
5. Kind to strangers and guests.
6. A competent Bible teacher.
7. Not addicted to alcohol.
8. Not someone who likes to fight.
9. Gentle.
10. Not quarrelsome.
11. Not a lover of money.
12. A good leader of his own family; his children obey him with full respect.
13. Not a new Christian.
14. Respected by people outside the church.

We are putting this here not only because we are nominating new elders and deacons for 2022 (and beyond) but because your current elders and pastors must meet these two criteria *right now*. This is our accountability to all of you as our flock.



# 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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## **PAYPAL**

Please visit **[gcf.org.ph/give](https://gcf.org.ph/give)**

Scan QR code below:

## **GCASH**



## **PAYMAYA**



Send a copy of your transaction document to **[finance@gcf.org.ph](mailto: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](https://gcf.org.ph/give)).

Email your deposit slip to [finance@gcf.org.ph](mailto: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](mailto: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



## GCF ELECTION OF CHURCH LEADERS (NOMINATIONS ONGOING)

To read the duties and qualifications of Elders and Deacons, visit [election.gcf.org.ph](http://election.gcf.org.ph)

To nominate, visit [bit.ly/GCFNominationForm](http://bit.ly/GCFNominationForm)  
Deadline for Nominations: **October 10 (Sunday)**

## NO ON-SITE CONGREGATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

### SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

Available during the 5:00 p.m. service only until further notice

### REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS DEVOTIONALS

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

### THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

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

### KidsLIFE ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Saturdays | Little Ones - 10:00 a.m. • Growing Kids - 10:15 a.m.  
Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

### LIVestream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays | 5:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

### YA TALKS

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

### FAMILY GGEX (GROWTH GROUP EXPRESS)

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

### TELECONSULTATION SERVICE

For appointments or questions, please contact:  
[gcfocstef@gmail.com](mailto:gcfocstef@gmail.com) (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 nn) • [gcfocluan@gmail.com](mailto:gcfocluan@gmail.com) (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your prayer requests at:  
Facebook: Greenhills Christian Fellowship | E-mail: [pray@gcf.org.ph](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/WelcometoGCF) | **Welcome Form:** [bit.ly/GCFWelcome](http://bit.ly/GCFWelcome)



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