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Introduction

Omicron is the elephant in the room we must address. It has resulted in panic buying and hoarding, and essential medicines are depleted (you wonder what people will do with boxes of paracetamol a month from now). Daily COVID counts have reached record levels while you and I are locked inside our homes again.

How should our church, and we as individual believers, respond to this COVID crisis we are going through?

1. LET'S ACKNOWLEDGE MEDICAL SCIENCE AS PART OF GOD'S GOODNESS TO MANKIND, AND CHOOSE IT OVER FAKE NEWS AND CONSPIRACY THEORIES.

- Let's honor the efforts of medical professionals and scientists who have worked so hard in this crisis as they show that the Bible and medical science don't have to contradict each other. God is the author of everything good and perfect, including the basic principles of medical science. Here are a few Biblical examples of quarantine, isolation, and prevention:
 - Quarantine and monitoring of suspected contagious cases: Leviticus 13:1-41
 - Segregation for a confirmed diagnosis of infectious cases: Leviticus 13:42-46
 - Treatment of potentially contaminated items: Leviticus 15:1-13
 - Handwashing: Leviticus 15:11

2. LET'S HELP THE GOVERNMENT FULFILL ITS MANDATE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND THE ENTIRE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM (1 Peter 2:15-17; James 2:14-17).

- We need the church to say, "We will help by doing our part to ease the burden in the hospitals."

3. LET'S PRACTICE AND PROPAGATE THE RIGHT THEOLOGY OF FAITH TO DISPENSE HOPE AND COUNTER FEAR (Matthew 4:5-7).

- The only thing more contagious than COVID is panic. God surely intends Christians to grow their faith in this crisis, not lose it.



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4. LET'S TEACH AND SHOW LOVE TO THE COMMUNITY (Luke 10:25-37).

- Though not necessarily a measure of faithfulness, vaccination is a loving act out of Christian love for neighbor and community. A vaccine is an easy way of living out Jesus's command to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31).

"Look, the results of the vaccine are very good, and if you do get (COVID), it's a very minor form. People aren't dying when they take the vaccine... the vaccine works... The ones that get very sick and go to the hospital are the ones that don't take their vaccine. But it's still their choice, and if you take the vaccine, you are protected." — Former President Donald Trump

"I want people to know that COVID-19 can kill you. But we have a vaccine out there that could possibly save your life. And if you wait, it could be too late. My father (Billy Graham) was a firm believer in medicine. He believed in it, so he would have been a supporter." — Evangelist Franklin Graham

5. WE MUST DOUBLE OUR EFFORTS TO EVANGELIZE THE LOST IN THIS CRISIS (Matthew 28:18-20).

- The pandemic is one loud call to salvation by God to our world. As people to whom God delegated the responsibility of spreading the Gospel, the ball is in our court. Let's not miss our chance.

Final Thoughts

As a church family, we can do more than survive. We can thrive in this crisis. With all our hearts, we have to believe that as we take care of others – showing love to the community and speaking about Christ's love for them – God Himself takes care of us. Let's keep our hearts focused on the hope we have in God and our eyes on how we can be a blessing to others. ■

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The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Parkin Young
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Psalm 115:1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

As me and my wife reflected on the year that passed, we remembered how God was indeed present in our lives amidst the pandemic. We welcomed our second child Moriah Gabrielle to the world last September 27. She is a joy to watch with her Ahia Tobi over the past months.⁹⁸ Throughout that journey we were just so amazed at how God revealed himself throughout the pregnancy through the people around us and through His own ways. Truly He is worthy to be praised.

As we start this year, it hasn't really been a great start. The rise in cases among our friends and family, the people who are sick and in the hospital, as well as entering isolation again in our homes, these issues have been the main contributors for a not so great start of the year.

But we know God is faithful and merciful because of His love! We experienced that the past year in numerous ways as well. As we experience more of the year ahead I pray that we as a church also ask ourselves, how can we also show God as a faithful and merciful God to others as well?

As we continue to experience God, let us make sure that when other people see His deliverance in our lives, they would know it is because of God only and not because of our skills or giftings. Just like in Psalm 115, not to us O Lord but to your name give glory! And as we continue to give glory to God, that will hopefully open more opportunities for you and me to share the gospel. This year did not start great, but we are encouraged because we look forward to the eternal hope we have in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Happy New Year everyone! God Bless you all! ■

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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Savings Account: **000661590216**

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Peso Savings Account: **9823 0217 01**

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Checking Account: **0005-9001-0426**

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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.

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.

LET'S HELP TYPHOON ODETTE VICTIMS

GCF Ortigas is now accepting CASH donations for the victims of Typhoon Odette. As a church family, let's come together and show God's love in this time of need.

Donate via the official GCF giving channels (**www.gcf.org.ph/give**). Email a copy of your transaction slip to **finance@gcf.org.ph** with the subject "**Typhoon Odette**".

For in-kind donations and other inquiries, email **mercy@gcf.org.ph**

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NO ON-SITE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Worship with us online on
GCF YouTube and Facebook

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
• Ages 2-6 — 10:00 a.m.
• Ages 7-12 — 10:15 a.m.
Livestream on GCF YouTube
and Facebook

LIVestream (YouthLIVE Worship)

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

TELECONSULTATION SERVICE

For medical appointments or
questions, contact:

- gcfocstef@gmail.com
(9:00 a.m. — 12:00 nn)
- gcfocluan@gmail.com
(1:00 — 4:00 p.m.)

THE POWER OF KNOWING GOD

Online Bible Study

Starting January 23, 2022
8:00 — 9:00 a.m. • via Zoom
Pre-registration required:
• Ms. Marj (GCF Ortigas):
0917 779 1549
• Ms. Jen (Precept):
0917 773 2378

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Seniors Growth Groups Fellowship

January 22 • Saturday
3:00 — 5:00 p.m. • via Zoom
Speaker: Elder Arnold Perona
Meeting ID: 812 8216 4722
Passcode: 645012
To register, contact Marj (0917 779 1549)

BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE

Webinar for Couples

Every 1st Saturday
Starting February 5 until July 2
2:00 — 4:00 p.m. • via Zoom
The first 50 persons to register will get a
Free Webinar workbook (P50)
To register, contact Marj (0917 779 1549)

SELAH: PRAYER & FASTING WEEK CHRIST, OUR HOME

January 31 — February 5
Monday to Saturday

Daily Prayer Nights
at 8:00 p.m. • via Zoom

STAY CONNECTED

Starting January 31, on-demand
viewing of our Worship Services
will be available every Monday.

DEPRESSED? ANXIOUS? LOST A LOVED ONE?

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we are here to listen.
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0917 532 7794

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3:00 p.m. Worship Services.

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Welcome Form:
bit.ly/GCFWelcome



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