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# **INTRODUCTION**

If we spent the same tenacity and passion over our social media engagement to the study and the proper application of the Word of God in our lives, the world would most likely be in a better place. Sadly, many people today value the affirmation of others more (likes, comments, etc.) than the affirmation of the Word of God.

The sad situation we are facing right now, exacerbated by the pandemic and political environment, is that even people who profess to be believers succumb to the divisive posturing of the world today. The misuse of social media and the internet has resulted in other ills such as Cancel Culture and a seeming return to tribalism. And oddly enough, the Right of Free Expression that Cancel Culture perpetuates actually negates other people's Freedom of Expression if it doesn't agree with them.

Our humanistic worldview of "I am the master of my soul" wells up from within rather than from the GRACE and MERCY exemplified by Jesus, the Savior we serve.

### **LESSON:**

- SOCIAL MEDIA, IN THE HANDS OF THE WRONG PEOPLE, CAN LEAD TO CANCEL CULTURE.
- SOCIAL MEDIA, IN THE HANDS OF THE REDEEMED, SHOULD EXEMPLIFY GOD'S CULTURE OF GRACE AND TRUTH.

### I. A REVIEW OF THE PRINCIPLES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

- We need the church to say, "We will help by doing our part to ease the burden in the hospitals."
  - A. Positive Effects of Social Media
  - B. Biblical Integration is of Paramount Importance in Our World Today

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### II. THE REALITIES OF CANCEL CULTURE

- We need the church to say, "We will help by doing our part to ease the burden in the hospitals."
  - A. What is Cancel Culture?
  - B. This culture is not new, it existed in the Bible.
  - C. Jesus and the Blind Man Cancelled (John 9:24-34)
    - 1. CANCEL CULTURE IS JUDGMENTAL: John 9:2, 16
    - 2. GOD'S CULTURE IS GRACE: John 9:3, 25
    - 3. CANCEL CULTURE IS UNJUST: John 9:29, 34
    - 4. GOD'S CULTURE IS JUST: John 9:35-41
    - 5. CANCEL CULTURE IS UNFORGIVING: John 9:34
    - 6. GOD'S CULTURE IS FORGIVING: John 9:35-39

# CONCLUSION

If God practiced Cancel Culture:

- 1. There would be no Hope, only Despair.
- 2. There would be no Redemption, but Condemnation.
- 3. There would be no Cross, only a verdict of Guilty.
- 4. There would be no Grace, only Judgment.
- 5. There would be no Forgiveness, only Death.

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# The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor BJ Sebastian
Disciple-Making Ministry



# 2 Timothy 2:2

"and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

With this admonition, Paul describes the chain of faithful bearers of the word of God, that began with the first generation of apostles, and continues to this day with the pastors and preachers who remain faithful to this enterprise of preaching the Word, in and out of season.

In GCF Ortigas, we have been blessed to have been the home of two such faithful young pastors who are now preparing themselves to launch out to the areas of ministry that the Lord has called them to.

I have the distinct pleasure to announce that two of our young pastors, Pastor David (Dags) Miguel and Pastor Parkin Young, have been called by God to transition to their next mission field. Pastor Dags, who is our incumbent Head of Missional Disciple-Making Ministry (MDM), has moved with his family to Baguio to be the Acting Resident Pastor of GCF Metro Baguio, which remains to be a satellite of GCF Ortigas. Pastor Parkin, who is also part of MDM, will be serving as the Young Adults Pastor of GCF South Metro, also one of our daughter churches.

Pastor Dags and Pastor Parkin grew up in GCF Ortigas, from Sunday School at KidsLIFE to Youth Worship at YouthLIVE. After being challenged to answer the call to ministry, they pursued theological studies at the International Graduate School of Leadership for Dags, and Singapore Bible College for Parkin. Now, they follow the Lord in this long line of faithful men who will be able to teach others also. As their church family, let's send them off with our prayers and words of encouragement.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce that starting next week, January 30, our Sunday Worship Services will be livestreamed only during their time slots — 10:00 AM for the English Service, 3:00 PM for the Filipino Service, and 5:00 PM for the Re-Broadcast of the English Service. This means that the videos of our Sunday Worship Services will not be accessible right after the livestream is done.

We believe that all of us should be active worshippers of God, participating during the Worship Service time slots themselves, and not just passive watchers viewing the Services at our own convenience. However, for those who are not available to actively participate during those time slots because of work, or because they are in another time zone, we will make the videos of the Worship Services available for on-demand streaming the Monday after starting January 31.

# 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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**PAYMAYA** 



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



# CHURCH UPDATES



# 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):

# **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?

If you need someone to talk to, we are here to listen.
Contact us at GCF ERCC Hotline:
0917 532 7794

### **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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