



COMMUNION SERIES ON HEBREWS:  
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AND CHRISTIANITY

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Let's be clear from the onset: this passage is not purely about punishment. Divine discipline for a Christian is not punishment but training. The word "discipline" (paideia) here literally means "child-training." God's effective way to mature us spiritually and emotionally is to put us through trials. Punishment is the work of a judge; discipline is the work of a father. Warren Wiersbe said: "Punishment is handed out to uphold the law; discipline is given out as a proof of love, for the improvement of a beloved child."

See how our Father trains us for our good, that we may share in His holiness and enjoy the peaceful fruit of righteousness in this life till the next:

- 1. Divine Discipline Assures You Of The Genuineness Of Your Relationship With God.** (Hebrews 12:5-8)
  - Nothing is more shocking and eternally painful than assuming you are a child of God until you meet Jesus face to face and hear Him tell you, "I never knew you; depart from Me!" (Matthew 7:21-23)
- 2. Divine Discipline Awards You With Blessings Reserved for Genuine Children of God.**(Hebrews 12:9-11)
  - If imperfect human parents get respected for their discipline, how much more does a perfect Spiritual Father deserve our respect?
    - Human parents disciplined us "as it seemed best to them." That's usually good, but it is sometimes the problem because of imperfection. But our perfect God disciplines with perfect wisdom, driven by perfect love, towards something perfectly good for us: to share in His holiness (Romans 8:28).
    - There's no such thing as "pleasant training." All training meant to take you to the next level always inflicts pain. Pain is integral to the process. Ask any pro athlete, military man, or anyone who ever trained to overcome mediocrity.
  - The ultimate outcome God wants is "the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained" by God's discipline. It's a reversal of the sarcastic cliché, "nice guys finish last." God's children may not always finish first in the eyes of the world, but they always end best in the sight of God. Always.



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## FINAL THOUGHTS

Suffering Christians had reacted wrongly to what God gave to bless them and take them to the next level. So the writer of Hebrews drives the argument home: “*Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed*” (Hebrews 12:12-13). If this describes your situation too, “*Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted*” (Hebrews 12:3). The painful sacrifice of Christ throughout His life all the way to the Cross granted us the only salvation we’ll ever need and made us undeserving but unconditionally loved children of God—the objects of His loving *paideia*. ■

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# The Shepherd's Voice

by Dr. Larry P. Pabiona, GCF Ortigas Senior Pastor



## **JOIN US **ONSITE** FOR OUR 44TH ANNIVERSARY AND “COME HOME TO CHRIST”!**

Due to the rapid decrease in COVID cases and the lowering of NCR to Alert Level 2, GCF is fully onsite again this Sunday, February 13. This coincides with GCF's 44TH Anniversary Celebration with the theme, “Come Home to Christ”.

Why “Come Home to Christ”? Because we must heal the destructive effects of prolonged social isolation on all of us by worshiping onsite together again (Hebrews 10:24-25). So, if it's safe for you (fully vaccinated as government requires) and GCF is accessible, please join us onsite next Sunday, February 13 and every Sunday thereafter. Let's heal together as we worship onsite together.

For those who can't be onsite, rest assured that we'll always maintain online worship and in fact, keep trying to level it up. What matters most is that you worship with us, whether onsite or online.

But there's another important reason for “Come Home to Christ.” Our ministry emphasis this year is witnessing, starting with your *Oikos* (those already in your relationship circles) to bring them home to Christ. What greater gift of love can you give someone than to help them find salvation through Jesus? Be the one who helps them “Come Home to Christ.”

## **SELAH: CHRIST OUR HOME**

We praise God that when we resumed our Annual Prayer and Fasting last January 31 to February 5 (*Selah: Christ Our Home*) we had great attendance every night. We had 312 on the first night, an attendance record for a GCF prayer meeting! Because this is an annual event leading up to the Anniversary, we hope we have even more people join us next time. And to those who did, we praise God for all of you! It was wonderful to hear that some young adults appreciated being in breakout rooms to pray with the “boomers.” Thank you to our younger generations for praying with us.

## **EE “QUICKSHARE” FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH**

Witnessing ensures the future of the church and reaps the pleasure of God because it's obedience to Christ's mandate (Acts 1:8). Yesterday we started Evangelism Explosion's “Quickshare” online training for GCF staff, pastors, elders, and deacons. The next step will be to train all GG leaders so that they can train their Growth Groups in witnessing. Then we'll invite the entire congregation, onsite and online, until 100% of GCF worshipers are trained in this simple but Biblical way of witnessing. Yes, it's one of many ways, but from my personal viewpoint, it's one of the very best. Coming soon to an online venue for you! ■



# 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.**

#### **BDO**

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Savings Account: **000661590216**

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

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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.

### **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](https://www.gcf.org.ph/give)**). Email a copy of your transaction slip to **[finance@gcf.org.ph](mailto:finance@gcf.org.ph)** with the subject "**Typhoon Odette**".

For in-kind donations and other inquiries, email **[mercy@gcf.org.ph](mailto: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](mailto:gcfocstef@gmail.com)  
(9:00 a.m. — 12:00 nn)
- [gcfocluan@gmail.com](mailto:gcfocluan@gmail.com)  
(1:00 — 4:00 p.m.)

### THE POWER OF KNOWING GOD Online Bible Study

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

### BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE Webinar for Couples

Every 1st Saturday 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)

## GCF 44TH ANNIVERSARY

February 13 (Sunday)

10:00 a.m.  
Worship Celebration  
(Live on GCF YouTube and Facebook)

3:00 p.m.  
Family Fellowship  
(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](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](https://bit.ly/WelcometoGCF)**

Welcome Form:  
**[bit.ly/GCFWelcome](https://bit.ly/GCFWelcome)**



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