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Spiritual burnout can happen to those who are so active in ministry that they forget to take time to stop and worship, to sit at the feet of Jesus, or pray (Luke 10:42). But there is something far worse than spiritual burnout: spiritual dropout. This is when people who used to walk with God no longer do. It's usually obvious, but in some cases, hidden and more dangerous.

How can a professing Christian avoid becoming a spiritual dropout?

1. TAKE CARE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS. (Hebrews 12:14)

- Take care of your temporal but crucial relationships in God's family: your human relationships.
"Strive for peace with everyone..." (Ephesians 4:1-3)
- Take care of your eternal and most important relationship: your relationship with God.
"...and [strive for] the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." (Romans 6:23; Acts 20:21)

2. DON'T FAIL TO OBTAIN THE GRACE OF GOD. (Hebrews 12:15-17)

"Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith." (2 Corinthians 13:5)

- What are some of the things that either cause or indicate spiritual dropout? (Hebrews 12:15-16)
 - a. A root of bitterness that causes trouble and defiles many.
 - b. Sexual immorality that is never repented of.
 - c. A lifestyle of unholiness coming from choices driven by selfishness.



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God's Way to Heaven

● THE GOSPEL

“Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

● THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:3).

He requires holiness of us as well: “Be holy, for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16).

● THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

Christ is the expression of God's love for us:

“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** “For Christ died for sins once for all, righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God (1 Peter 3:18).

Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation: “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them (2 Corinthians 5:18).

● WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior:

If you confess. With your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9).

● PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, be merciful to me, a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen.

- The consequences of failing to obtain the grace of God: (Hebrews 12:17)
 - a. Permanent rejection by God.
 - b. An eternity of regret.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Nothing is worse than apostasy. While it is hard to be sure about the spiritual state of others, you can make sure about yourself. The sacrifice of Christ on the Cross is offered for our repentance and faith. This is what we celebrate in the Communion. But there is a point of no return for repentance. Therefore, *“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”* (Hebrews 3:15) And if you have already come to faith in Christ, remember this: *“For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”* (Hebrews 3:14) ■

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The Shepherd's Voice

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



Good News for Parents and Kids!

Now that we are on Alert Level 1 we will relaunch our GCF Children's Ministry on March 27, 2022. We will transition it in, rather than have an immediate "back to normal like nothing happened" kind of relaunch. We may begin with plenary sessions like a Children's Worship, and then as we rebuild the team of ministry servants and prepare the facilities, we will bring back everything gradually - the Cry Room, age-based classes, and even the Play Room in the first floor. Kindly watch for further announcements as the ministry team responsible makes their plans and finalize them. But the one thing sure is, you can bring back all the kids on the 27th of this month, praise God!

The Sunday English Worship at 5:00 PM is Returning

We are also bringing back the 5 PM English Worship on March 27, so if you are one of our GCF Family who must work on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings, we will see you there. It will have the exact same program as the 10 AM Worship and is at 5 PM so that you can still get home in time to prepare for the week ahead.

How to Pray for the Ongoing Invasion of Ukraine

When the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, there was an influx of evangelization in the countries that used to comprise it and one the most evangelized was Ukraine. There are many Christians, evangelical churches, and seminaries there right now. If you want to pray for Ukraine, here are excerpts from a letter sent out by Ekaterina (Katya) who serves as an interpreter at a Christian college in Ukraine. This prayer list was distributed through <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100048955875567>

1. Pray for Ukraine.

- Pray for our country: we have become hostages, caught in a conflict between two giants (NATO/Russia) who are flexing their muscles. But this is no longer just a game - there are many dying, unbelieving souls going to hell.
- Pray for Christians: many cease to be light! People hardly sleep, they are unable to control their emotions. I have read statements by pastors and Christian leaders, and I want to cry from their hatred, aggression, and lost orientation. Where are our beliefs? When did Christ depart from our hearts?! Pray for those who are angry and for those who are in a panic.
- Pray for the salvation of unbelievers. That they will repent! During these five days, 7 souls repented in our church! Nothing will give peace and salvation either during the war or after it, except Christ. In Him alone is both peace and salvation.

2. Pray for Russia.

- Pray for the soldiers. The young soldiers were told that they were travelling to Crimea and the border for military exercises. Many of them have no idea that they are already in Ukraine when they are dropped off. But many do not have the courage to surrender, and they listen to orders, blindly believing that they are saving Ukraine from nationalists.
- Pray for civilians. Innocent people suffer sanctions because of their president. Propaganda has filled their minds so much that even when they hear and see the truth, they still do not want to believe in it. Pray that they realize the truth and no longer send their children to death.

3. Pray for Belarus.

Today the news media is speaking about the serious possibility that the Belarusian army will invade. This is a new blow for us. Stand in the gap for us, please!

Each of your prayers is like a nugget of gold, like a drop of rain, like another minute of life. We greatly appreciate it! We turn to the same God who humbled Nebuchadnezzar, who struck down 185,000 troops with one Angel, and who delivered the faithful from the fiery furnace! ■



WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



God loves a cheerful giver.

“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



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.

If you are led to give, you may do so through the following means:

Account Name: Greenhills Christian Fellowship, Inc.

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Savings Account: 1112-02006218

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ROBINSONS BANK

Main Office
Savings Account: 1000-3010-0017-355

PAYPAL

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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



WORSHIP WITH US ON-SITE

*SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00 AM (ENGLISH) • 3:00 PM (FILIPINO)

STARTING MARCH 27

*VESPER WORSHIP SERVICE

5:00 PM (ENGLISH)

*IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Vaccination card required at entrance.
- If you (or household) have symptoms, stay home and worship online.
- Good-fitting masks required. Face shields are optional.

STARTING MARCH 27

KidsLIFE WORSHIP

for Kids Aged 7-12

Only for 10:00 AM Worship Service

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Pre-registration will be required
- Venue: Youth Center, 6th Floor
- Kids aged 6 below should join their parents in the Worship Service

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:

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

BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE Webinar for Couples

Every 1st Saturday (until July 2)

2:00 — 4:00 p.m. • via Zoom

To register, contact Marj (0917 779 1549)

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Small Group Leaders Needed for LEAP Program.

New ministry opportunity to share the gospel to CBTL employees.

Sign up now at bit.ly/GCFLeap

STAY CONNECTED

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

Is it your first time today?

We want to personally welcome you via Zoom after the 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Worship Services.

Zoom Room:

gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF

Welcome Form:

gcf.link/GCFWelcome



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