

WORSHIP SERVICES • January 21-22, 2023

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Saturday • 5:30 PM

Call to Worship

Worship Through Praise

Community Prayer

Worship Through Fellowship

Worship Through Giving

Doxology

Scripture Reading

Preparatory Hymn

Worship in the Word

Pastor Larry Pabiona: End of Life Issues and Euthanasia John 11:21–27

Response Hymn

Benediction

ENGLISH & SUNSET SERVICE *

Sunday • 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

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FILIPINO SERVICE *

Sunday • 3:00 PM

Tawag sa Pagsamba

Pagsamba sa Pag-awit

Panalanging Pangkapulungan

Pakikipag-ugnayan

Paghahandog

Pagbasa ng Banal na Kasulatan

Pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos

Pastor BJ Sebastian: Mga Isyu sa Katapusan ng Buhay at Euthanasia John 11:21-27

Tugon na Awit

Basbas



ENGLISH MESSAGE OUTLINE

CLEAR THE AIR SERIES: BURNING ISSUES CONFRONTING CHRISTIANS TODAY
JANUARY 21-22, 2023

End of Life Issues and Euthanasia

JOHN 11:21-27

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE?

Life is a gift from God. Only God can give and take life (Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Samuel 2:6). Therefore, the Bible prohibits murder, and everyone must value his life and that of others in all circumstances (Genesis 9:6; Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17). Although death is inevitable, its timing ultimately rests in the hands of God (Hebrews 9:27).

WHAT IS EUTHANASIA?

Euthanasia is a deliberate medical act or omission taken by oneself, one's doctor, or a third party to cause death. There are two basic ways:

- Active euthanasia: when a person takes proactive steps to cause his death or the death of another.
- Passive euthanasia: when available medical treatment that could enable a person to live significantly longer is withheld to cause a person's death even when natural death is not imminent.

Because Scripture prohibits murder, euthanasia (whether active or passive) is never an option for a Christian.

WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE TO EUTHANASIA? (adapted from *Right Thinking In A World Gone Wrong* by MacArthur and Grace Community Church Leadership).

Although the Bible forbids all forms of euthanasia, *letting die* is acceptable when death is both imminent and inevitable. *Letting die* is withholding or withdrawing life-prolonging medications and technologies from an irreversibly ill patient for whom death is imminent, even with treatment. The intention of "letting die" is not to bring about death but to enhance the patient's well-being by avoiding useless prolonging of the dying process.

So, if death is imminent even with the best treatment, it is acceptable for the patient (or if unable, a legally authorized third party) to have life-sustaining medication or support systems withheld or removed. The patient would then pass away by natural means.

N.B. Every Christian should seriously consider an advanced medical directive, a living will, or a durable power of attorney to guide family and medical personnel if ever unable to make or relay decisions.

ARE DEATHBED CONVERSIONS RELIABLE?

HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH PEOPLE IN A COMA? (OR UNRESPONSIVE MENTAL STATE)

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR DEATH?

The only way to be prepared for death is to make sure you belong to The Author of Life, the One who made this astounding claim: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die" (John 11:25-26). Have you put your faith in Christ and now follow Him as Lord?

Finally, you prepare well for death by making people know about your faith in Christ by your life and words, so that at your funeral and every memory of you, like Abel, though being dead, you speak for our Lord (Hebrews 11:4).



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Mga Isyu Sa Katapusan Ng Buhay at Euthanasia

JOHN 11:21-27

ANO ANG HALAGA NG BUHAY NG TAO?

Ang buhay ay isang kaloob mula sa Panginoon. Ang Diyos lamang ang maaaring magbigay at bumawi ng buhay (Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Samuel 2:6). Samakatuwid, pinagbabawalan ng Bibliya ang pagpatay at ang sangkatauhan dapat bigyang halaga ang buhay ng tao sa kahit anong pangyayari (Genesis 9:6; Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17). Bagaman ang kamatayan ay hindi maiiwasan, ang Diyos lamang ang nakakaalam kung kailan ito mangyayari (Hebrews 9:27).

ANO ANG EUTHANASIA?

Ang euthanasia ay isang sadyang pagkilos na medikal o di kaya naman ay sadyang di pagkilos ng isang tao, kanyang doktor, o ikatlong partido na magiging dahilan ng pagkamatay ng tao.

Dahil ipinagbabawal ng Bibliya ang pagpatay, hindi kailanman isang opsyon ang euthanasia para sa isang Kristiyano.

ANO ANG ALTERNATIBO SA EUTHANASIA? (mula sa *Right Thinking In A World Gone Wrong* ni MacArthur at ng Grace Community Church Leadership).

Bagaman pinagbabawalan ng Bibliya ang kahit anong uri ng euthanasia, ang letting die ay tinatanggap kapag ang kamatayan ng isang tao ay nalalapit na at hindi na maiiwasan. Ang letting die ay ang pagkait o pagbawi ng mga gamot o teknolohiya na nagpapahaba ng buhay mula sa isang taong may malalang sakit at hindi na maiiwasan ang kamatayan kahit na siya'y gamutin pa. Ang intensyon nito ay hindi magdulot ng kamatayan ngunit pagandahin ang kapakanan ng may sakit sa pag-iwas sa wala nang katuturan na proseso ng kamatayan.

Dapat seryosong isaalang-alang ng isang Kristiyano ang isang progresibong direktibang medikal, isang living will, o isang matibay na power of attorney para gabayan ang kanyang pamilya at mga tauhang medikal kung sakaling hindi na niya kayang makagawa o makapagbigay ng desisyon.

MAASAHAN BA ANG PAGBABAGONG LOOB SA BINGIT NG KAMATAYAN?

PAANO HAHARAPIN ANG MGA TAONG NASA COMA? (O ANG MGA TAONG HINDI NA TUMUTUGON ANG ESTADO NG KAISIPAN)

PAANO KO PAGHAHANDAAN ANG KAMATAYAN?

Ang natatanging paraan para paghandaan ang kamatayan ay tiyakin na ikaw ay pag-aari ng May-Akda ng Buhay, Siya na nagbitiw ng natatanging pahayag na: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die" (John 11:25–26). Ikaw ba ay nananalig na kay Kristo at sinusunod na Siya bilang Panginoon?

Sa huli, ang paghahanda ng maigi sa kamatayan ay sa pamamagitan ng pagpapaalam sa mga tao tungkol sa iyong pananalig kay Kristo na makikita sa iyong buhay at mga salita. Sa gayon, sa iyong libing at sa bawat alaala ng tao sa iyo, gaya ni Abel, kahit na ika'y pumanaw na, ika'y nagsasalita pa rin para sa ating Panginoon (Hebrews 11:4).

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

God's Way to Heaven

THE GOSPEL

(1 Peter 1:16).

"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"

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.

Pastor Emer Manaloto, DMG 1 Ministry Head

A Prayer for DMG 1 Programs in 2023

It is good to start this new year praying for GCF and our discipleship thrust for 2023! Let us uphold our Disciple-Making Groups 1 (DMG 1) in prayer, particularly for its two-pronged focus on **family** and **men**.

First, let us lift up to God the collaborative work within DMG 1 as we create **family-based discipleship programs** focused on the parenting role of Couples, Men, Women, and Seniors as <u>disciplers of their own children at home</u>. May the Lord use the various activities like the Family Discipleship Conference, Father's Day, Mother's Day, and Grandparents' Day to achieve the goal which God has set for us. Moreover, let us entrust to the Lord the outreach programs of our Couples', Men's, Women's, and Seniors' ministries that they may share the Gospel to our *oikos* and family members. Pray for the Oikos Training/ Orientation of our Ministry Lead Elders, of which the trainees will eventually equip or orient all GG leaders under them.

Secondly, let us ask for God's guidance upon our men in GCF as we begin **intergenerational discipleship among younger men** in the church through our partnership with the Young Adults Ministry in DMG 2. Pray for them as they witness to other men in their community through our Men's Retreat and Men's Gatherings.

Lastly, let us intercede for all of the other DMG 1 activities:

- Couples' Ministry: Built to Last Retreat, Rooted and Built Up Seminar, and Biblical Portrait of Marriage (BPOM2)
- Women's Ministry: GG Leaders' Retreat, Outreaches through Correctional Institution for Women (CIW) and Samaritana, International Women's Day, and the various programs of Joy Women's Fellowship (JWF), Naomi, SHE, SUPAmoms, Apples of Gold (AOG), and Proverbs 31:10
- Seniors' Ministry: GG Cluster Fellowships, Summer Forums, and Growth Group Leaders' Training (GGLT 1 and 2).

May the Lord enable us, through each one of these programs, to **build up** one another and **reach out** to another one in the church and our surrounding community! ■

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"...God loves a cheerful giver."
2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



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CHURCH UPDATES

WORSHIP WITH US ON-SITE

KidsLIFE Play and Learn (ages 2-5)

Every Sunday • 10:00 AM 4F Assembly Area, GCF Ortigas Pre-Register at gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg

KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12)

Every Sunday • 10:00 AM Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas Pre-Register at **gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite**

LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Every Saturday • 5:00 PM Auditorium A, Live at GCF Ortigas & online

Sunday Bible School

(formerly Adult Sunday School) Sundays • 8:30 AM • GCF Chapel Open to everyone!

Reminders of God's Care and Faithfulness Devotionals

Every Tuesday • 8:00 PM Live online at GCF YouTube & Facebook

The GCF Family's Hour of Prayer

Every Thursday • 8:00 PM Live at GCF Ortigas (every 1st Thursday) and Live on Zoom

KidsLIFE Online Bible Videos

Every Saturday (except 1st Sat) 10:00 AM – ages 2-5 10:15 AM – ages 6-12 Live at GCF YouTube and Facebook

KidsLIFE Online Small Groups

Every Saturday (except 1st Sat) For ages 6–12 3:30 PM via Zoom Meeting ID: 235 685 7988 Passcode: KIDS365

45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 6-12

SELAH Prayer & Fasting Week

February 6–10 (Monday–Friday)

Anniversary Worship Services

February 11 (Saturday) • 5:30 PM February 12 (Sunday) • 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

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 would like to meet you via Zoom after each Worship Service.

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Welcome Form: gcf.link/GCFWelcome

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM