

**GCF ORTIGAS** 

## WORSHIP SERVICES • April 22-23, 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 Don't Be Judgmental of One Another Romans 14:10–13; Matthew 7:1–2

Response Hymn Benediction

## ENGLISH & SUNSET SERVICE \* Sunday • 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

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Pastor Larry Pabiona Don't Be Judgmental of One Another Romans 14:10–13; Matthew 7:1–2 Response Song

Benediction

## 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 Larry Pabiona

## Havag Maging Mapanghusga Sa Isa't Isa Romans 14:10–13; Matthew 7:1–2

Tugon na Awit Basbas

THE ONE ANOTHER COMMANDS OF THE BIBLE APRIL 22-23, 2023

## Don't Be Judgmental of One Another ROMANS 14:10-13; MATTHEW 7:1-2

In 1627, Rupertus Meldenius framed this sensible statement about how Christians should treat each other: *"In essentials Unity, in non-essentials Liberty, in all things Charity."* But realistically, most relational issues among Christians are about non-essentials than anything else. Many are mere preferences, and we judge people based on them rather than Biblical standards. Is there such a thing as "righteous judgment"? How do we avoid being judgmental without losing moral discernment?

- 1. TWO GOOD REASONS NEVER TO PASS JUDGMENT ON ANOTHER BELIEVER (Romans 14:10–12).
  - a. For <u>we will all stand before the judgment seat of God</u>... each of us will give an account of himself to God. (Romans 14:10–12, 2 Corinthians 5:10)
  - b. For <u>with the judgment you pronounce, you will be judged</u>, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Matthew 7:2)

(Doctrinal Excursus: A Review of The Four Essentials of The Christian Faith)

## 2. THE ALTERNATIVE TO PASSING JUDGMENT (Romans 14:13).

- Be intentional (adopt the mindset) about NOT passing judgment.
  "Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather <u>decide</u>..."
- b. Be careful about your preferences becoming a hindrance to others. "never... put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother."
- c. Practice moral discernment the Biblical way:
  - Examine yourself first (Matthew 7:5). This should lead us to humility. Humility is the key to avoiding hypocrisy in how we relate to others.
  - Know God and His Word personally (John 7:24). The Word of God and the Spirit of God work in harmony to give us discernment about ourselves and others.

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**

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Guided by God's Word and Spirit, we should be able to see God rightly and ourselves properly. When that happens, it becomes impossible to reject people simply because they don't conform to our preferences or pass our erroneous evaluations. There is only one Righteous Judge, and as we trust in His dispensing of justice, we will be doubly reluctant about passing judgment on others. Most of all, in light of that truth about God, the so-called injustices others put us through become bearable and mold us into better people of God. ■

THE ONE ANOTHER COMMANDS OF THE BIBLE APRIL 22-23, 2023

## Huwag Maging Mapanghusga sa Isa't Isa ROMANS 14:10-13; MATTHEW 7:1-2

Noong 1627, binalangkas ni Rupertus Meldenius ang makatwirang pahayag na ito tungkol sa kung paano dapat tratuhin ng mga Kristiyano ang isa't isa: *"In essentials Unity, in non-essentials Liberty, in all things Charity."* Ngunit karamihan sa mga isyung relasyonal ng mga Kristiyano ay tungkol sa bagay na non-essentials. Marami dito ay mga personal na mga kagustuhan lamang na siyang ginagamit natin sa halip na mga pamantayan ng Bibliya para husgahan sila. Mayroon bang bagay na gaya ng "righteous judgment"? Paano natin maiiwasan ang pagiging mapanghusga nang hindi nawawala ang moral discernment?

- 1. DALAWANG MAGANDANG DAHILAN PARA HINDI MANGHUSGA NG KAPWA KRISTIYANO (Romans 14:10–12).
  - <u>Sapagkat tayong lahat ay haharap sa Diyos</u>... bawat isa sa atin ay magbibigay ng sariling pananagutan sa Diyos. (Romans 14:10–12, 2 Corinthians 5:10)
  - b. <u>Sapagkat hahatulan kayo ng Diyos ayon sa paghatol ninyo sa iba</u>, at susukatin kayo ayon sa panukat na ginagamit ninyo sa iba. (Matthew 7:2)

(Doctrinal Excursus: A Review of The Four Essentials of The Christian Faith)

### 2. ANG ALTERNATIBO SA PANGHUHUSGA (Romans 14:13).

- a. Maging sadya (tanggapin ang kaisipan) sa hindi panghuhusga. *"Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather <u>decide</u>..."*
- b. Mag-ingat sa iyong mga personal na kagustuhan na nagiging hadlang sa iba. "never... put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother."
- c. Isagawa ang moral discernment sa pamamaraan ng Bibliya:
  - Suriin muna ang iyong sarili (Matthew 7:5). Ito ay dapat humantong sa ating kababaang-loob. Ito ang susi sa pag-iwas sa pagkukunwaring pakikipagugnayan sa iba.
  - Personal na kilalanin ang Diyos at ang Kanyang Salita (John 7:24). Ang Salita ng Diyos at ang Espiritu ng Diyos ay kumikilos nang may pagkakaisa upang bigyan tayo ng kaunawaan tungkol sa ating sarili at sa iba.

#### HAMON

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Sa patnubay ng Salita at Espiritu ng Diyos, dapat nating makita ang Diyos nang tama at ang ating sarili nang maayos. Kapag nangyari iyon, nagiging imposibleng tanggihan ang mga tao dahil lang hindi sila sumusunod sa ating mga kagustuhan o pumasa sa ating mga maling pagsusuri. Iisa lamang ang Matuwid na Hukom, at habang nagtitiwala tayo sa Kanyang pagbibigay ng katarungan, marapat lang na tayo'y mag-atubili sa paghatol sa iba. Higit sa lahat, dahil sa katotohanang iyon tungkol sa Diyos, ang mga kawalangkatarungang idinudulot sa atin ng iba ay magpapatatag at maghuhubog sa atin para maging mas mabuting mga anak ng Diyos. ■

# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

#### 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.

#### Betty Trono, Women's Ministry Cluster Adviser

## **Celebrating Mothers, Honoring God**

Much of the world will celebrate mothers in May. The commercial success of this worldwide event is undeniable and most moms are expectedly in for some special pampering from loved ones. On the other hand, there are some who find this day as a painful reminder that they have been ignored, undervalued, or forgotten.

How then may mothers joyfully and meaningfully celebrate their special day in a fallen world? Here are some helpful reminders:

#### 1. Anchor our worth in God

A mother who invested heavily in mothering physical children and/ or spiritual children may be tempted and demand honor from those she serves. May all moms remember that faith in Christ and all good things (James 1:7) come to us as gifts from God. If dear ones fail to acknowledge our hard work, we can rest in the One who will never miss noticing all the love we have shown (Hebrews 6:10a). Wise is the mother who anchors her worth in the Lord Christ, the One who is worthy.

#### 2. Celebrate the all-worthy God

Our great God paid the greatest tribute to a mother's love when He used it to illustrate His tender and comforting love for Israel as found in Isaiah 66:13, "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem".

An Israelite who has ever known a mother's comforting love would have understood. Yet, even the very best of a mother's love is nothing compared with the depth of His love for us. A mother may forget her nursing baby, but God will never forget His own (Isaiah 49:15). Our loving God is truly worth celebrating everyday!

This May, let us gladly heed God's command to honor our mothers. Our physical and spiritual moms have shown how safe, deep, and enduring God's love is through their love, care, and nurturing. And in celebration of spiritual mothering, the GCF Women's Ministry invites you to join our various Mother's Day celebrations this May 2023:

- May 20: Naomi (for widows)
- May 27: Pr. 31.10 (for married women)
- May 27: SUPAMoms (for single moms)
- May 27: SHE (for single women)

Let May be a month of favor and joy to all our moms!



"...God loves a cheerful giver."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



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## **Missions Support**

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## GCASH



### PAYMAYA



# **CHURCH UPDATES**



Sunday Bible School New Timeslot

Sundays • 9:00 AM • GCF Chapel Open to everyone!

#### YA Fridays (ages 20–40)

Young Adults Bible Study and Fellowship Fridays • 7:30 PM 6th Floor, GCF Ortigas

LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship) Saturdays • 5:00 PM Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas & online

All-New KidsLIFE Sunday School (except 1st and Special Sundays)

- KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12) Sundays • 10:00 AM 4th Floor, GCF Ortigas (New location!) Pre-register at gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite
- KidsLIFE Play & Learn (ages 2–5) Sundays • 10:00 AM 4th Floor, GCF Ortigas Pre-register at gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg

#### The GCF Family's Hour of Prayer

Thursdays • 8:00 PM Live via Zoom Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763 Passcode: 984990

KidsLIFE Online Discipleship (except 1st Saturdays)

- KidsLIFE Bible Videos 10:00 AM – ages 2-5 10:15 AM – ages 6-12 Live at GCF YouTube and Facebook
- KidsLIFE Small Groups
  For ages 6–12
  3:30 PM via Zoom
  Meeting ID: 235 685 7988
  Passcode: KIDS365

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

GCF Men's Forum 2023 April 29 (Saturday) 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM 6th Floor, Basketball Court Register now at gcf.link/MensForum

#### Ortigas Community Worship (Midweek Service)

Starting May 3 Every Wednesday, 7:00 PM Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor Open to those who live and work in Ortigas

#### Let's honor all Mothers this May!

Send a photo of you and your mom to communications@gcf.org.ph Deadline: May 3 (Wednesday)

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

#### CYBERSCAPE BETA PARKING via Topaz

Discounted rate for GCFers P50 for first 3 hours, P10 per hour thereafter Only Saturdays and Sundays. Inform the Guard/Parking Attendant that you're from GCF.

## 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** 

## **ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER**

Is it your first time today? We would like to meet you via Zoom after each Worship Service.

Zoom Room: gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF Welcome Form: gcf.link/GCFWelcome



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