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THE ONE ANOTHER COMMANDS OF THE BIBLE

# Confess to One Another

**JAMES 5:14-16**

**OCT 14-15, 2023**

**Traditional Worship  
Saturday • 5:30 PM**

## ENGLISH SERVICES

**SUNDAY • 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM**

Call to Worship  
Worship Through Praise  
Community Prayer  
Worship Through Fellowship  
Scripture Reading  
Worship in the Word  
*Pastor Larry Pabiona*  
Response Song  
Worship Through Giving  
Benediction

## FILIPINO SERVICE

**SUNDAY • 3:00 PM**

Tawag sa Pagsamba  
Pagsamba sa Pag-awit  
Panalanging Pangkapulungan  
Pakikipag-ugnayan  
Pagbasa ng Banal na Kasulatan  
Pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos  
*Pastor BJ Sebastian*  
Tugon na Awit  
Paghahandog  
Basbas



## Confess to One Another

### JAMES 5:14–16

Has God given a blanket promise that prayer guarantees healing? Why is there disease in the first place? Why weren't famous faith healers emptying COVID wards during the lockdown? Our passage helps us answer these questions.

#### THE CONSEQUENCE OF SIN (v. 14a)

Some aspects of the theology of sin and sickness:

1. The Fall introduced sin and its consequences to humanity, including premature physical death and illness (Genesis 2:16-17).
2. Many but not all diseases are directly related to sin (John 5:14).
3. Some diseases are for the glory of God, not because of sin in the sufferer (John 9:3).
4. James 5:14 shows that spiritual and emotional weakness (*asthenei*) may cause or aggravate physical conditions that resolve according to God's will in response to prayer.

#### THE COMFORT OF LEADERS AND FELLOW BELIEVERS (vv. 14b, 16)

How does the faith community (the church) help one another regarding sin and weakness?

1. Call for the elders: their ministry is to pray in faith and counsel the struggling believer—toward repentance if necessary (v. 14b).
2. Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another (v. 16).

Guidelines for confessing to one another (from *A Theology of Christian Counseling* by Dr. Jay Adams)

- a. Confession is first and foremost to God (1 John 1:9) and only then to others.
- b. Avoid highly connotative language. Use factual terms and be as brief as possible (Proverbs 10:19).
- c. Don't destroy good words by bad attitudes (Proverbs 25:11). Confession should be done for the right reason.
- d. Guard against ruining a confession by describing the other person's sin accusingly.
- e. Don't attach excuses to confession.

#### THE CONSEQUENCES OF PRAYER AND CONFESSION (vv. 15-16)

1. The prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.
2. If he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.
3. Confessing to one another and praying for one another leads to spiritual healing.

#### FINAL THOUGHTS

Why does confessing to one another give spiritual healing? Because the earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. Prayer is not magic. But its power is unlimited because the Christian calls on a Father of infinite love and power. ■



## Magtapatan Kayo Sa Isa't Isa

### JAMES 5:14-16

Talaga bang ginarantiya ng Diyos ang paggaling ng lahat ng ating sakit? Kung gayon, bakit marami pa rin ang may sakit? Nasaan kaya ang mga naturingang “faith healers” noong may COVID pandemic? May kasagutan sa mga tanong na ito sa ating pag-aaralan na teksto sa hapong ito.

#### ANG BUNGA NG KASALANAN (v. 14a)

Ilang aspeto ng doktrina tungkol sa kasalanan at karamdaman:

1. Ang pagkahulog ng tao sa kasalanan ay nagbunga ng pagpasok ng karamdaman at kamatayan sa sangkatauhan (Genesis 2:16-17).
2. Hindi palaging kasalanan ang diretsong sanhi ng ibang karamdaman (John 5:14).
3. Ang ibang karamdaman ay para sa kaluwalhatian ng Diyos, hindi dahil sa kasalanan ng may karamdaman (John 9:3).
4. Ipinapakita ng James 5:14 na ang kahinaang espirituwal at emosyonal (*asthenēi*) ay maaaring pagalingin ng Diyos bilang tugon sa panalangin na ayon sa Kanyang kalooban (1 John 5:14-15).

#### ANG KAALIWAN NG MGA PINUNO AT MANANAMPALATAYA (vv. 14b, 16)

Paano magtutulungan ang magkakapatid sa pananampalataya na nakakaranas ng kasalanan at kahinaan sa kanilang kalagitnaan?

1. **Magtawag ng mga Namumuno:** kanilang paglilingkod ang manalangin at magpayo sa mga nanghihina, tungo sa pagsisisi kung kinakailangan (v. 14b).
2. **Magtapatan kayo at ipanalangin ang isa't isa (v. 16).**  
Mga alituntunin (mula sa *A Theology of Christian Counseling* ni Dr. Jay Adams)
  - a. Ang pagtatapat ng kasalanan ay, una sa lahat sa Diyos (1 John 1:9), at pagkatapos, sa iba.
  - b. Iwasan ang mga pasaring na pananalita. Maging makatotohanan at matuwid (Proverbs 10:19).
  - c. Magkaroon ng tamang pag-uugali sa inyong pag-uusap (Proverbs 25:11).  
Magtapatan kayo na may tamang dahilan.
  - d. Sa pagtatapat sa isa't isa, huwag maging maparatang sa inyong pananalita.
  - e. Huwag kabitan ng pagdadahilan ang pagtatapat sa isa't isa.

#### ANG BUNGA NG PANANALANGIN AT PAGTATAPATAN SA ISA'T ISA (vv. 15-16)

1. Ang panalangin na may pananampalataya ay magliligtas sa may sakit, at siya ay ibabangon ng Panginoon.
2. Ang magtatapat ng pagkakasala ay patatawarin.
3. Ang pagtatapatan at pananalangin sa isa't isa ay magbunga ng kagalingang espirituwal.

#### HAMON

Bakit nagdadala ng kagalingang espirituwal ang pagtatapatan sa isa't isa? Dahil ang mataimtim na panalangin ng mga matuwid ay may kapangyarihan at nagbunga ng maganda. Hindi magic ang pananalangin. Ngunit ang Diyos Amang nasa langit na dinadalanginan natin ay may walang hanggang kapangyarihan at pag-ibig. ■



# The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Mike King Li, DMG-1 Interim Ministry Head

Marriage is a blessing from the Lord. King Solomon wrote in Proverbs 18:22, "He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD." God instituted marriage shortly after His act of creation. After God presented Eve to Adam, Moses wrote a commentary saying, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed" (Genesis 2:24-25). Jesus concluded, after quoting this passage, "What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

From this, we can see that God blesses husbands and wives in their marriage. He is the one who joins them together into one flesh. And it is God's desire that husband and wife do not become separated from one another.

For those of us who are married, it is important that we safeguard our marriage so as not to give the devil an opportunity to drive a wedge between us and our spouse. If you search for the top causes of conflict in marriage, you'll see that finances rank high among the lists. That is why the Couples Ministry is encouraging our couples to join this year's **Couples Retreat "Money Matters in Marriage"**. Learn how to steward your financial resources as a couple in a manner that pleases God.

The retreat will be on November 11-12, 2023 at CCT Tagaytay. Early bird registration is until October 15 with a fee of Php 3,500. After which, the regular rate of Php 4,000 will apply. Slots are limited so please register via [gcf.link/CouplesRetreat](https://gcf.link/CouplesRetreat) as soon as you can. We hope to see you there! ■



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Together, let's seek to know  
Christ and make Him known

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### SUNDAYS

10:00 AM – English\*  
3:00 PM – Filipino  
5:30 PM – English

### SATURDAYS

5:00 PM – YouthLIVE Worship  
5:30 PM – Traditional Worship

### WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM – Ortigas Community Worship

Join us in-person at GCF Ortigas

\*KidsLIFE Sunday School every Sunday 10:00 AM

## PRAYER GATHERING

### THURSDAYS

8:00 PM

GCF Family's Hour of Prayer  
Via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763  
Passcode: 984990

## BIBLE STUDY

### SUNDAYS

9:00 AM

Sunday Bible School  
Series: Basic Doctrines  
Live at GCF Chapel

## ON-SITE FELLOWSHIP

### FRIDAYS

7:30 PM

Young Adults (YA) Fridays  
Open to 20–40 year olds  
Fellowship Hall

## GROWTH GROUPS

Discipleship groups for all ages, all days of the week,  
throughout Metro Manila and online

SIGN-UP AT [gcf.org.ph/growth-groups](http://gcf.org.ph/growth-groups)

## TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

### THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! (Isaiah 6:3)

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. (Revelation 15:4)

### THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:23)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (Romans 1:18)

### THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

“Jesus said “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28–30)

### WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

“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.”

# Church **UPDATES** **AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

## YouthLIVE and KidsLIFE

### LIVestream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays • 5:00 PM

Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas & online

Open to high school and college aged youth

### All-New KidsLIFE Sunday School

(except Special Sundays)

Sundays • 10:00 AM

4th Floor, GCF Ortigas

- **KidsLIFE Play & Learn (ages 2–5)**  
Pre-register at [gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg](https://gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg)
- **KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12)**  
Pre-register at [gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite](https://gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite)

## PASTORS APPRECIATION MONTH 2023 (Whole month of October)

Three Ways to Show Our Gratitude:

- Pray for a Pastor or Elder
- Invite a Pastor or Elder to your GG
- Post your Appreciation with the hashtag #SalamatPastor2023

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### SHAKING HANDS 2023

A Forum Series on  
Understanding Life Stages

Topic: *Shaking Hands with  
Midlifers and Mid-Adults*

9:00 AM–12:00 NN

Room BM07-08, GCF Ortigas

Register via [gcf.link/ShakingHands](https://gcf.link/ShakingHands)

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### MONEY MATTERS IN MARRIAGE

GCF Couples Retreat 2023

CCT Tagaytay

Early Bird Registration Fee  
until October 15: Php 3,500

Register via [gcf.link/CouplesRetreat](https://gcf.link/CouplesRetreat)

## CALLED TO WORSHIP: TAKE A CHANCE ON CHANCEL

Join the GCF Chancel Choir!

If you are:

- Able to sing and pass the auditions
- Teachable and able to commit to regular choir trainings and activities
- An active member of GCF Ortigas

Sign up at [gcf.link/JoinChancel](https://gcf.link/JoinChancel)

## DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help.

GCF ERCC Hotline: **0917 532 7794**

## ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service! Reach out to us at [gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)

On-Site: Drop by **BM07, Mezzanine Floor**

Online via Zoom: [gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF](https://gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF)

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Want to join a Growth Group?  
Looking to apply for church membership?  
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