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THE ONE ANOTHER COMMANDS OF THE BIBLE

Don't Slander One Another

JAMES 4:11-12

OCT 21-22, 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



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JAMES 4:11–12

We may call it gossip (“Marites”) or use the term “concern,” but this failing is more frequent than we admit. What does God say about it, and how can we be free from it?

THE COMMAND AGAINST SLANDER (James 4:11a)

- The Objective of slander: to “speak evil” means to have an evil motive in your speech, truthful or not. Slander is any communication that aims to entertain oneself (i.e., gossip) and/or harm another person. It is rightfully called “evil” (Proverbs 11:9, Proverbs 10:18, Psalm 101:5).
- The Objects of slander: fellow believers, “brothers.” Slander is most harmful when done inside the faith community (John 13:35).

THE CONSEQUENCES OF SLANDER (James 4:11b)

- When you slander other believers, you make yourself a self-righteous judge who condemns them (James 2:4), directly violating God’s commands. Slanderers who refuse to submit to God’s law place themselves above it as its judges.

Eleven “One Another” commands violated when we slander other believers:

- Love one another (The most cited “one another” in the Bible; at least 15 times in the New Testament)
- Bear with one another (Ephesians 4:2; Romans 15:1)
- Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16–21)
- Build up one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Speak the truth in love to one another (Ephesians 4:15-16)
- Stop passing judgment on one another (Romans 14:13)
- Outdo each other in honoring one another (Romans 12:10)
- Stop biting and devouring one another (Galatians 5:14–15)
- Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13; Matthew 18:23–35)
- Look out for one another (Philippians 2:4)
- Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18; Hebrews 3:13; Hebrews 10:25)

THE CURE FOR SLANDER (James 4:12)

- The way to avoid slander is to be conscious of the reality of God and our unworthiness to usurp His role!
- God is the only lawgiver (Isaiah 33:22). Only He who gave the law is qualified to judge based upon the law. God alone possesses the right to save and destroy (Matthew 16:25; Luke 19:10). God’s prerogative of judgment, whether to grant life or to condemn, is why judging is prohibited for believers.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Those who speak evil of others are often blind to the poor condition of their own souls. Such people have set themselves up as “judges with evil thoughts.” What will it take for us to make building each other up the default way we treat each other, instead of tearing each other down? ■



Huwag Magsalita Ng Masama Sa Isa't Isa

JAMES 4:11-12

ANG PANINIRANG-PURI SA ISA'T ISA (James 4:11)

1. ANG KONTEKSTO NG JAMES 4:11 — PAG-AAWAY DAHIL SA PAGIGING MAKA-SANLIBUTAN
 - a. Sa James 4:1-5, Ang sanhi ng pag-aaway. Ito ang pagbibigay daan sa makasariling pagnanasa at pagiging maka-sanlibutan.
 - b. Sa James 4:6-12, Ang lunas sa mga pag-aaway sa loob ng iglesia. Ito ang konteksto ng admonisyon sa atin na "Huwag magsalita ng masama sa isa't isa."
 - i. Tanggapin ang grasya ng Diyos at magpakumbaba, v. 6-7b, 10
 - ii. Talikuran ang demonyo at tumingin sa Diyos, v. 7b-8
 - iii. Talikuran ang kasalanan, v. 9
2. ANG KAUTUSAN SA MGA KAPATIRAN: TIGILAN ANG PAGESALITA NG MASAMA SA ISA'T ISA (James 4:11-12)
 - a. Sapagkat ito ay makasalanang paggamit ng ating pananalita ("*katalaleo*" - slander)
 - b. Sapagkat hindi ito kapareho ng mapagmahal na pagtutuwid sa kapwa (James 5:19; Matthew 18:15; Galatians 6:1)
 - c. Sapagkat ito ay maling paghahatol sa kapwa, v. 11b (Matthew 7:1-6)
 - d. Sapagkat ito ay pagtataas ng sarili sa batas ng Diyos (v. 11c-12)

ANG PAGREREKLAMO LABAN SA ISA'T ISA (James 5:9)

1. ANG KONTEKSTO NG JAMES 5:9 — PAGDURUSA DAHIL SA PANANAMPALATAYA KAY HESUS
 - a. Admonisyon na maging mapagpasensya sa gitna ng pagdurusa, v. 7-8a, 10
 - b. Ang motibasyon para sa pagpapasensya ay ang pagbabalik ng Panginoon, v. 8b
 - c. Ang halimbawa ng pagpapasensya ay si Job na biniyayaan sa huli, v. 11
2. ANG KAUTUSAN SA MGA KAPATIRAN: HUWAG MAG BULUNG-BULUNGAN SA ISA'T ISA
 - a. Sapagkat tanda ito ng di pagkakaunawaan sa kapatiran ("*stenazo*" - to pray inaudibly with with a grudge), v. 9a
 - b. Sapagkat malapit na naman ang pagdating ng Dakilang Hukom, v. 9b

MGA PRINSIPYO NA DAPAT ISAPAMUHAY:

1. Ang pagiging makasarili at maka-sanlibutan ay dapat iwasan sapagkat ito ay nakakasira ng samahan sa isang kapatiran.
 - a. Ang pagsasalita ng masama sa isa't isa ay ang resulta nito, at tanda ng maling paghuhusga ng kapwa.
 - b. Kailangan tiyakin na ang lahat ay tumalikod na sa kaaway at kumapit na kay Kristo Hesus, na may grasya at pagpapakumbaba.
2. Ang pagdurusa at pagsubok ay mararanasan ng lahat ng mananampalataya (John 16:33; 2 Timothy 3:12).
 - a. Imbis na magbulung-bulungan laban sa isa't isa, tayo ay maghikayat at ipanalangin ang isa't isa.
 - b. Abangan natin nang may positibong pag-asa ang nalalapit na pagbabalik ng ating Panginoon!



The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Mikee Sosmeña, YouthLIVE Pastor

Blessed Sunday, GCF Family!

This past year, our Youth Ministry has been strengthening the relationships between the students across the different GCF satellites. This **Kapwa** ministry seeks to establish learning opportunities for the next generation of disciples for Jesus Christ in our churches. Whether it's in GCF Naga all the way in Bicol or GCF Metro Baguio all the way in Benguet, our Ortigas youth love to visit their fellow youth in the hopes of achieving mutual encouragement and edification.

That is why on November 18, we'll be having our big annual *Kapwa* event called **"Kapwa Kon"** (or Kapwa Convention) here in GCF Ortigas. We've invited the different GCF youth ministries in Luzon that we've had the privilege of connecting with. The goal of this event is simple — to encourage our local communities by learning what it means to be one body.

Now more than ever, we must keep our youth in prayer. Instead of having mere hopes of keeping our youth in the church building, we must desire that they be sent out into the world to be a part of building up God's Kingdom and reaching out to this generation, here in the Philippines and beyond. Join us in covering our **"Kapwa Kon"** in prayer that we, as a one family, will be united in this effort for the glory of God. ■



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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

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
- **KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12)**
Pre-register at 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

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

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

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

Online via Zoom: gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF

QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?

Want to join a Growth Group?
Looking to apply for church membership?
Curious about the various ministries?

Visit the new **INFO HUB** at the Lobby