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# WORSHIP BULLETIN

CLEAR THE AIR: BURNING ISSUES  
CONFRONTING CHRISTIANS TODAY

## Annulment, Divorce, and Remarriage

**MALACHI 2:13-16;**  
**MATTHEW 19:3-9;**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 7:12-15**

JAN 20-21, 2024

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



## Annulment, Divorce, and Remarriage

**MALACHI 2:13–16; MATTHEW 19:3–9; 1 CORINTHIANS 7:12–15**

God allowed divorce as a concession for the aggrieved spouse subjected to unrepentant adultery or permanent abandonment (Matthew 5:32; 19:9; 1 Corinthians 7:12–15). It's an accommodation that violates God's original purpose for the permanence of marriage.

Since divorce was never God's original intention, we should avoid divorce (Malachi 2:13–16). Believers should never consider annulment/divorce except in exceptional circumstances; even in those circumstances, it should be regarded with the utmost reluctance.

### Two Biblical Grounds for Dissolving a Marriage

1. **UNREPENTANT ADULTERY:** Jesus used the word *porneia* (Matthew 5:32; 19:9), a general term that encompasses sexual sin, such as adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, and incest.
  - Forgiveness and reconciliation are always preferable to divorce, even when adultery has occurred (Matthew 18:21–22). After every attempt has been made to bring the sinning partner to repentance, the Bible permits release for the faithful partner through divorce (Matthew 5:32; 1 Corinthians 7:15).
2. **PERMANENT ABANDONMENT:** An unbelieving spouse leaves the believing partner (1 Corinthians 7:12–15). Divorce is allowed in such situations because “God has called us to peace” (v. 15).
  - When an unbeliever leaves, forcing them to stay may create greater tension and conflict. Hence, Paul stated, “If the unbelieving one leaves, let him [or her] leave” (v. 15).

### Four Principles Concerning Biblical Grounds for Remarriage

1. Remarriage is permitted for the aggrieved spouse only when the divorce was on Biblical grounds (Romans 7:1–3; 1 Corinthians 7:39). But serious efforts should be made at reconciliation, including the church's intervention, before they can remarry.
2. After serious efforts have been made toward reconciliation, the aggrieved spouse, together with the church leaders, may realize the marriage is irreparably broken (Matthew 19:9; 1 Corinthians 7:15). In such cases, remarriage is allowable for the aggrieved if taken with the serious consideration that this cuts off all possibility of a reconciliation that God may yet produce.
3. If the offending spouse remarries, the former marriage is dissolved, and the aggrieved spouse may be free to remarry another believer (Matthew 19:9).
4. The offending partner should repent and be reconciled to God and the spouse (1 Corinthians 7:11; 1 John 1:9). If it's too late because the spouse has remarried, they should remain single, having left their marriage in an unbiblical way (Matthew 19:9; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:11).

### Final Thoughts

Don't lose hope if you feel trapped in a bad marriage. As you grow in the Lord and read His Word, you'll find principles to help you live with satisfaction and joy. Stick through the hard times and work on the tough issues. Though your present suffering is being used for your good, God has not left you without hope. ■



## Paghihiwalay at Pag-aasawa Muli

**MALACHI 2:13–16; MATTHEW 19:3–9; 1 CORINTHIANS 7:12–15**

Ang paghihiwalay ay pinahintulot ng Diyos upang bigyan lunas ang isang asawang naargabyado ng walang pagsisising pangangalunya or permanenteng paglisan (Matthew 5:32; 19:9; 1 Corinthians 7:12–15). Ito ay isang akomodasyon na labag sa habang-buhay na disenyo ng Diyos para sa pag-aasawa. Dapat iwasan ang paghihiwalay dahil labag ito sa kalooban ng Diyos (Malachi 2:13–16). Hindi ito dapat isipin ng mga mananampalataya maliban lang sa pambihirang sitwasyon at mayroong matinding pag-aatubili.

### Mga Biblikal Na Dahilan Para Sa Paghihiwalay

1. **WALANG PAGSISISING PANGANGALUNYA:** “*Porneia*” ang salitang ginamit ni Hesus (Matthew 5:32; 19:9). Ang kahulugan nito ay ang lahat ng uri ng kahalayang sekswal.
  - Ang pagpapatawad at pagkakasundo ay laging mas mabuti kaysa sa paghihiwalay, kahit na may pangangalunya (Matthew 18:21–22).
  - Ngunit kung nagawa na ang lahat upang maibalik ang may-sala sa pagsisisi, may pahintulot ang Biblia na pakawalan ang naargabyadong asawa nito sa pamamagitan ng paghihiwalay (Matthew 5:32; 1 Corinthians 7:15).
2. **PERMANENTENG PAGLISAN:** Ito ang paglisan ng isang asawang di-mananampalataya (1 Corinthians 7:12–15). Ang paghihiwalay ay pinapahintulot dito sapagkat “God has called us to peace” (v. 15).
  - Kapag ang di-mananampalataya na asawa ay nais umalis, ang pagpilit sa kanila na manatili ay maaaring magresulta sa mas higit pang pag-aaway. Datapwat, “If the unbelieving one leaves, let him [or her] leave” (v. 15) sabi ni Apostol Pablo.

### Mga Prinsipyo Para Sa Pag-aasawa Muli

1. Ang pag-aasawa muli ay pinapahintulot lamang kung ang dahilan ng pagkakahiwalay ay Biblikal (Romans 7:1–3; 1 Corinthians 7:39).
2. Ang lahat ay dapat gawin muna upang magkasundo (kasama na dito ang tulong ng kapatiran), bago magdesisyon na ang kanilang pagiging mag-asawa ay tunay na sira na (Matthew 19:9; 1 Corinthians 7:15). Kapag narating na ang desisyon na ito, dapat isaisip na wala nang pagkakasundo na posible pagkatapos nito.
3. Kung ang nagkasalang asawa, na di-mananampalataya, ay mag-asawa muli, ang dati niyang kasal ay wala na, at ang naargabyadong asawa ay malaya nang mag-asawa muli ng kapwa mananampalataya.
4. Ang nagkasalang asawa ay dapat magsisi at manumbalik sa Diyos at sa kanyang asawa (1 Corinthians 7:11; 1 John 1:9). Kung huli na ang lahat, at nakapag-asawa na muli ang asawa niya, dapat siyang manatiling walang asawa, sapagkat siya ay nakipaghiwalay sa isang di-Biblikal na paraan (Matthew 19:9; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:11).

### Hamon

Hindi dapat mawalan ng pag-asa kung kayo ay nasa gitna ng isang masamang pag-aasawa. Sa inyong paglago sa inyong kaugnayan sa Diyos at sa Kanyang Salita, makakahanap kayo ng mga prinsipyo na makakatulong sa inyo na mamuhay nang may kagalakan at kasiyahan. Manatili kayo sa gitna ng mahihirap na panahon at pagtagumpayan ang mga pagsubok. Ang inyong mga paghihirap ay gagamitin ng Diyos para sa inyong paglagong espiritwal, at hindi Niya kayo pababayaan na walang pag-asa. ■



# The Shepherd's Voice

By Pastor Mike King Li, DMS Ministry Head and DMG 1 Interim Ministry Head

## Praise God for 2023

We continue to praise and thank God for the year that has passed. It is only through God's grace and faithfulness that we were able to celebrate our forty-fifth year as a church family. God has been with us and has preserved us as a community of believers. He has kept His lampstand in this church, by His grace. I personally praise and thank God for this church family, many of whom have shaped me into the person I am today. I pray that I may be a blessing to others as well, just as I have been blessed by this church family.

## Build Up and Reach Out Together

I also look forward to how we will "Build Up and Reach Out Together" as a church family this year. In essence, this is what our church has been doing since the time of our founding pastor, Rev. David Yount. Our church motto, "To know Christ and to make Him known," is a reflection of this. We build each other up when we teach one another to know Christ, and we reach out to others when we make Christ known. May God be glorified as we continue to fulfill the mandate that He has given us as believers and as a local church body. ■



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# come WORSHIP GOD WITH US!

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

### YouthLIVE Worship Resumes on February 3

Prayer Gatherings all Saturdays of January  
Saturdays • 5:00 PM  
Youth Center, 6th Floor, GCF Ortigas  
Open to high school and college aged youth

### KidsLIFE Sunday School (except Special Sundays) Sundays • 10:00 AM

- **Little Ones I (ages 1.5–3)**  
Toddlers' Room, Ground Floor
- **Little Ones II (ages 4–5)**  
4th Floor, GCF Ortigas
- **Growing Kids (ages 6–13)**  
4th Floor, GCF Ortigas

## SAVE THE DATE

## GCF'S 46TH ANNIVERSARY

Let us celebrate God's faithfulness and discover what it means to "Build Up and Reach Out Together"!

**Selah: Prayer and Fasting Week 2024**  
Feb 5–9 (Mon–Fri)  
Prayer Nights at 8:00 PM  
Live at GCF Ortigas and online

**Worship Services**  
Feb 10 (Sat) - 5:30 PM  
Feb 11 (Sun) - 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM  
Live at GCF Ortigas and online

**In-House Medical and Dental Mission  
for GCFers**  
Feb 11 (Sun) 12:00 NN onward  
Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas

## ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you!

Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at [gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)

## CALL FOR PHOTOS: GCF Through the Years

Email your GCF photos and include photo's details (year or decade and activity)  
Email to [communications@gcf.org.ph](mailto:communications@gcf.org.ph) on or before **February 3**

## 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**

## 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