

# GCF



Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF  
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

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## TODAY'S MESSAGE

# How God Prepares His Servants

## SELECTED VERSES

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### ENGLISH

Sunday: 8:00 AM,  
10:30 AM, & 5:30 PM  
Speaker:  
*Pastor Larry Pabiona*

### FILIPINO

Sunday: 3:00 PM  
Speaker:  
*Pastor BJ Sebastian*

### TRADITIONAL

Saturday: 5:30 PM  
Speaker:  
*Pastor Larry Pabiona*



## SERMON SERIES

Joshua: Take Hold of  
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# How God Prepares His Servants

## SELECTED VERSES



### SPEAKER

Pastor  
Larry Pabiona  
GCF Senior Pastor

“

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(1 Thessalonians 5:24).

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There is no cookie-cutter, one-size-fits-all approach to how God prepares us to serve Him. God tailors that to every believer. But in the life of Joshua, long before he took over from a spiritual giant like Moses, you will see God preparing him for his crucial task. You might even see some similarities for you and hopefully be encouraged, despite some concerns, to take the bold step of moving up to the next level in serving God:

## GOD TRAINS HIS SERVANT

- God teaches him about God’s Character (Exodus 17:9–14).
  - Joshua would learn about God’s faithfulness to His promises, holiness, and justice. He would also get a hint that God was preparing him for greater tasks.
- God teaches him through other servants of the Lord (Exodus 24:12-13; Exodus 33:11).
  - Whether we call it discipleship or mentoring, the way Moses developed Joshua is a good model for developing other people (2 Timothy 2:2).
- God teaches him about God’s people (Exodus 32:15–18).
  - Joshua got a preview of the people he would eventually take over.
- God teaches him about himself (Numbers 11:27–29).
  - Joshua was zealous for his leader, wrongly thinking Moses’ leadership was under threat. He would learn that the spiritual perspective always overrules the pragmatic.

## GOD TESTS HIS SERVANT

(Numbers 13:17–20; 13:27–14:9)

- This was the acid test of Joshua’s character, and he passed it admirably. While the ten spies spoke only of what scared them, Joshua and Caleb spoke only of Who emboldened them: God.

## GOD TRANSFERS RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS SERVANT

(Numbers 27:18–23; Deuteronomy 31:7–8, 14, 23)

- In God’s perfect time, He establishes His servant in the eyes of those he would serve.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Who was behind Joshua’s rise to leadership? Numbers 27:18: “The LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man *in whom is the Spirit.*” Why would Joshua eventually succeed so remarkably? Deuteronomy 31:23: “Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to give them. *I will be with you.*” As you open your heart to be used by God, be assured that “He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it” (1 Thessalonians 5:24). ■

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# Paano Hinahanda Ng Diyos Ang Kanyang Mga Lingkod

## SELECTED VERSES



### SPEAKER

**Pastor  
BJ Sebastian**  
Head of  
Disciple-Making  
Ministries

“  
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Walang “one-size-fits-all” na paraan ang Diyos sa paghahanda Niya sa atin para sa paglilingkod. Ibinabagay Niya ang lahat sa bawat mananampalataya. Makikita natin ito sa buhay ni Joshua; sa paghahanda ng Panginoon sa kanya bago pa siya tinawag na pumalit sa isang espirituwal na higante katulad ni Moses. Maaaring meron kayong makitang mga pagkakarapareho ng kuwento ni Joshua sa sarili ninyong karanasan na sana ay maghikayat sa inyo na mas manglingkod pa sa Diyos kahit na meron pa kayong pag-aagam-agam.

## **SINASANAY NG DIYOS ANG KANYANG LINGKOD**

- Tinuruan Siya ng Diyos tungkol sa Kanyang Karakter (Exodus 17:9–14).
  - Matututunan ni Joshua ang Kanyang katapatan, kabanalan at katarungan. Makikita din niya na hinahanda siya para sa mas malaking responsibilidad.
- Tinuruan Siya ng Diyos sa Pamamagitan ng Iba (Exodus 24:12-13; Exodus 33:11).
  - Maganda ang pagdidisipulo ni Moses kay Joshua at halimbawa para sa atin (2 Timothy 2:2).
- Tinuruan Siya ng Diyos Tungkol sa Kanyang Bayan (Exodus 32:15–18).
  - Nagkaroon na si Joshua ng pangitain tungkol sa bayan na kanyang pamumunuan.
- Tinuruan Siya ng Diyos Tungkol sa Kanya (Numbers 11:27–29).
  - Na-alarma si Joshua na baka may banta kay Moses. Dito niya natutunan na mas mahalaga ang espirituwal sa praktikal.

## **SINUSUBOK NG DIYOS ANG KANYANG LINGKOD** (Numbers 13:17–20; 13:27–14:9)

- Ito ang pagsubok kay Joshua na kanyang napagtagumpayan. Ang nakita lang ng sampu na mga espiya ay ang nakakatakot, habang ang nakita naman ni Joshua at ni Caleb ay ang magbibigay ng tagumpay sa kanila: ang makapangyarihang Diyos.

## **SINASALIN NG DIYOS ANG RESPONSABILIDAD SA KANYANG LINGKOD**

(Numbers 27:18–23; Deuteronomy 31:7–8, 14, 23)

- Sa tamang panahon itinataguyod ng Diyos ang Kanyang lingkod sa mata ng kanyang paglilingkuran.

Sino ba talaga ang nasa likod ng pamumuno ni Joshua? Sabi ng Numbers 27:18: “The LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man *in whom is the Spirit.*” Ano ang sikreto ng kanyang dakilang tagumpay? Sabi ng Deuteronomy 31:23: “Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to give them. *I will be with you.*” Sa inyong pagtugon sa tawag ng Diyos na maglingkod sa Kanya, nawa ay mahikayat kayo ng isang katotohanan: “He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it” (1 Thessalonians 5:24). ■



# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



By **Betty Trono**  
Women's Ministry  
Consultant

## Why disciple?

Every true follower of the Lord Jesus is on a lifelong discipleship journey. It involves one's spiritual growth and transformation into the likeness of the Lord Himself and includes the process of coming alongside another to help them progress in their knowledge, love, obedience, and conformity to Christ.

The mandate is clear and applies to all believers, both new and long-time ones. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Where are we along that journey? Going about in order to make disciples is a daunting task for any Christian. Yet, all that you and I will ever need to joyfully accomplish this supernatural work has already been supplied. The Lord's Presence and Power through His indwelling Spirit in us, believers, ensures that all will be accomplished (Philippians 1:6) and that every child of His will one day stand before the presence of His glory blameless and with great joy (Jude 1:24), bearing the likeness of the Savior whom we shall see as He is (1 John 3:2)!

**Let's build up and reach out TOGETHER!** Will you begin to pray for how the Lord might want you to take part in coming alongside another in the path to Christlikeness?

The GCF Women's Ministry is currently conducting a training for would-be mentors and mentees called Apples of Gold (AOG). This is focused on supporting married women in their spiritual growth, encouraging them to belong to a Growth Group, and challenging them to mentor younger wives as spelled out in Titus 2:3-5.

Contact us via our website, landline, or email (details found at the bottom of this page) to ask how you may participate in discipleship with other believers in this church family.

May the Lord's promise of growing Christlikeness and increasing joy mark our obedience to His call to go and make disciples in our church and beyond! ■

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

## WORSHIP SERVICES *Live on-site and online*

### SUNDAYS

8:00 AM • English  
10:30 AM • English  
3:00 PM • Filipino  
5:30 PM • English

### SATURDAYS

5:30 PM • Traditional Worship

### WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM –  
**Ortigas Community Worship**  
(for Ortigas residents and  
employees)

## PRAYER GATHERING

### THURSDAYS

8:00 PM

### GCF Family's Hour of Prayer

Via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763  
Passcode: 984990

## BIBLE STUDY

### SUNDAYS

9:30 AM

### Sunday Bible School

Live at GCF Chapel

## KIDS, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULTS

### SUNDAYS

10:30 AM

### KidsLIFE Sunday School

For ages 1.5 to 13, 4th Floor

### SATURDAYS

4:00 PM

### YouthLIVE Worship

For highschool and college,  
Auditorium A

### FRIDAYS

7:00 PM

### Young Adults (YA) Fellowship

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 Worship

SAT

4:00 PM • Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas  
Open to high school & college aged youth

## KidsLIFE Sunday School

SUN

*Except Special Sundays* • 10:30 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

## CARELINK Classes

SUN

- ➔ **How To Grow Class**  
*Build a good foundation in your Christian life*  
12:00–2:00 PM • Room A303  
Register for the next batch via [gcf.link/HowToGrow](https://gcf.link/HowToGrow)
- ➔ **Membership Class**  
*Learn the importance of being a member of a local church*  
12:00–2:00 PM • Room A306  
Batch 1 starts February 18  
Register via [gcf.link/Membership](https://gcf.link/Membership)
- ➔ **Spiritual Gifts Class**  
*Discover your spiritual gifts and how you can serve*  
12:00–3:00 PM • Room A307  
Batch 1 starts February 18  
Register via [gcf.link/SpiritualGifts](https://gcf.link/SpiritualGifts)

## Biblical Portrait of Marriage 1

SAT

A Three-Session Series for Couples  
February 24, March 9, April 13  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
On-site at GCF Ortigas  
Register via [gcf.link/BPOM](https://gcf.link/BPOM)

## KidsLIFE Christian Education 1 Training

SUN

*Be trained to teach and disciple the next generation*

March 3, 10, 17, 24 • 1:00 PM  
Room B405, GCF Ortigas  
Register with Teacher Angel at  
**0917 532 7768**

## SHAKING HANDS Forum Series

SAT

March 9 • 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN  
Room BM07–08, GCF Ortigas  
Topic: Work and Life Transitions  
Register via [gcf.link/ShakingHands](https://gcf.link/ShakingHands)

## 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. 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)

## 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