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Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

Miracles and Memories

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

ENGLISH

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

Speaker:

Pastor Larry Pabiona

Sunday: 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

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Pastor
Larry Pabiona
GCF Senior Pastor

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Has a miracle ever happened to you? Every answered prayer you ever had is a miracle, no matter how small. Our story is about a massive miracle God made for Israel. It reminds us that even today, God is at work, and whether big or small, miracles do happen. God wants us to keep their memories in our hearts for our good and His glory. Look at how He taught this to Israel:

The Motive for the Miracle, Joshua 3:1-13

- God's purpose for the miracle: for His people to appreciate His Presence (how real He is) and His Promise (how faithful He is): *“Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you...”* (v. 10).
- But God intended the miracle not only for His people, but also for a person (v. 7). God is always faithful to His promise (Joshua 1:5).

The Making of the Miracle, Joshua 3:14-4:14

The miracle of parting the Jordan River was composed of many miracles, not just one:

1. The foretelling and fulfillment of the event (Joshua 3:13-14)
2. The exact timing of the event – it would part when the priests dip their feet (Joshua 3:15)
3. The fact that this happened at flood stage (Joshua 3:15)
4. The waters upstream rose up in a heap very far away (Joshua 3:16)
5. Whatever held back the water had to do so for an entire day (Joshua 3:17)
6. The usually muddy river bottom instantly became as firm as dry ground (Joshua 3:17)
7. The timing of the returning waters, as soon as the feet of the priests left the river (Joshua 4:18)

The Memory of the Miracle, Joshua 4:15-24

- It's safe to say that Joshua followed God's instructions to the letter, including this requirement for a memorial. Why does keeping the right memories matter to God? What are anniversaries and Communion for? *“So that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever”* (Joshua 4:24). To other people, it's our testimony; for us, it's our worship.

FINAL THOUGHTS

As a faith family, let us trust God as we carry on His work. The Maker of Miracles still does them today, and the work of His church must be based on our trust in His faithfulness. Above all, that's true for you as a believer. The question is not “Do miracles happen?” but “Are your eyes open to see them?” and “Is your heart grateful enough to treasure them?” ■

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Mga Mirakulo at Memoryal

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**Pastor
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Head of
Disciple-Making
Ministries

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Bilang isang pamilya ng pananampalataya, magtiwala tayo sa Panginoon habang ginagawa natin ang Kanyang mga gawain. Gumagawa pa rin ng mirakulo ang Dakilang Tagagawa ng Mirakulo, at ang ating paggawa ay dapat nakasandig sa Kanyang katapatan.

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Nakaranas na ba kayo ng mirakulo? Sa totoo lang, ang bawat dalangin na tinugon ay isang mirakulo, kahit na gaano kaliit. Ang kwento natin ay tungkol sa isang napakalaking mirakulo ng Diyos para sa Israel. Isa itong paalala na kahit ngayon, ang Diyos ay gumagawa pa rin ng mirakulo, maliit man o malaki. Nais Niya na alalahanin natin ang mga ito para sa ating kapakanan at Kanyang kaluwalhatian. Tignan natin kung paano Niya ito itinuro sa Israel:

Ang Motibo, Joshua 3:1-13

- Ang layunin ng Diyos para sa mirakulo ay upang maipakita ang Kanyang presensya at ang Kanyang pangako: *“Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you...”* (v. 10)
- Ang pagpapakita ng Diyos ay hindi lang para sa Israel, kundi para kay Joshua din (v. 7). Ang Diyos ay laging tapat sa Kanyang pangako (Joshua 1:5).

Ang Mirakulo, Joshua 3:14-4:14

Maraming kasamang mirakulo ang paghahati ng Ilog Jordan:

1. Ang propesiya at pagtupad nito (Joshua 3:13-14)
2. Ang eksaktong tiyempo ng pagkakahati nito sa pagdapo ng mga paa ng mga pari (Joshua 3:15)
3. Ang pangyayari nito sa gitna ng pag-apaw nito (Joshua 3:15)
4. Ang paghinto ng tubig nito sa malayong lugar (Joshua 3:16)
5. Ang pagpigil ng tubig ng isang buong araw (Joshua 3:17)
6. Ang pagtuyo ng ilalim nito na dati’y maputik (Joshua 3:17)
7. Ang tiyempo ng pagbalik ng mga tubig nang iangat ng mga pari ang kanilang mga paa (Joshua 4:18)

Ang Memoryal, Joshua 4:15-24

- Tunay na sinunod ni Joshua ang lahat ng utos ng Diyos, pati na ang pagtayo ng memoryal. Bakit ba importante ang mga tamang alaala sa Diyos? Para saan ba ang mga anibersaryo at ang komyunyon? *“So that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever”* (Joshua 4:24). Sa iba, isang testimonyo. Sa atin, pananambahan.

HAMON

Bilang isang pamilya ng pananampalataya, magtiwala tayo sa Panginoon habang ginagawa natin ang Kanyang mga gawain. Gumagawa pa rin ng mirakulo ang Dakilang Tagagawa ng Mirakulo, at ang ating paggawa ay dapat nakasandig sa Kanyang katapatan. Higit sa lahat, ito ay totoo sa inyo bilang mananampalataya. Ang tanong ay hindi dapat “Nangyayari ba ang mga mirakulo?” kundi “Ang atin bang mga mata ay nakabukas upang makita sila?” at “Ang atin bang mga puso ay nagpapasalamat ng sapat para sa kanila?” ■

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THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



Hello, GCF Family!

Join me this time in thanking the Lord for all who participated in the Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday Services:

- Our not-so-visible to nearly invisible members of the Production Team, which transforms into a circle of younger and even younger bunch. They are a personal encouragement to me, and I hope and pray to you as well.

- Each ministry servant in the frontline:
 - The Worship Bands and String Team, especially for the collaborative effort to produce Christ-centered music.
 - The Singers and Crewcified, for continuously carrying out the task of worship leading — both through congregational singing and special numbers.
 - The Ushering Team, who simply commit to this weekly task which becomes all the more critical during these Special Sundays.
 - All representatives of the various ministries outside of the Worship Group since there is certainly much more that goes on before and after the actual Special Services. We have the hearts, minds, hands, and feet of various staff and volunteers who prepare the videos, the graphics, the stage, the Auditoriums, other materials, and the follow-ups.

Allow me to share a personal “thank you very much” to this team as a whole, for sacrificing time and effort during these holidays to serve the Lord and His church. ■

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

5:30 PM • Traditional Worship
*(Traditional and 8:00 AM
Services are live on-site only)*

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

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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

KidsLIFE Sunday School *(Except Special Sundays)*

SUN

10:30 AM • Open for all kids!

→ **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

LIKE JESUS Youth Discipleship Class

SUN

Open to all youth who want to grow
and learn to be like Jesus

9:30 AM • Room B124 (near the Chapel)

IN FOCUS: Photography Workshop Series

SAT

April 20: Basic Photography
with Josh Tan

April 27: Events Photography
with Strong and Rachel Photography
1:00 – 4:00 PM

Comms Ministry Center,
Room A201, GCF Ortigas

Register for free via gcf.link/PhotoWorkshop

SHAKING HANDS Forum Series

SAT

May 11 • 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN
Room BM07-08, GCF Ortigas

Topic: Relationships and Conflict

Register via gcf.link/ShakingHands

Life in Technicolor

*A Support Group for
Cancer Patients and Their Families*

SUN

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month
12:00 NN

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every Worship Service. Our pastors
and team are excited to meet you!

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