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Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

No Consecration, No Conquest

JOSHUA 5:1-12

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Worship Through Praise
Community Prayer
Missions Testimony
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

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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
What God Has Given

No Consecration, No Conquest

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SPEAKER

Pastor
Larry Pabiona
GCF Senior Pastor

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Crossing the Jordan River is a picture of the believer leveling up in the Christian life, moving on to spiritual warfare and victorious Christian living. But like Israel, then, there is no conquest without consecration. God's people must be adequately prepared for the battles that lie ahead. This is pictured for us by what transpired with Israel then. What is involved in consecration?

Consecration involves Renunciation: The cutting off of the flesh (Joshua 5:1–9).

- Circumcision was mandated for Israel as a sign of God's covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17:9–14) and reiterated by the Law of Moses (Leviticus 12:2–3).
- Circumcision is no longer required of us. The circumcision of our heart is the heart of the matter (Romans 2:29). A believer enters a covenant relationship with God based on the Holy Spirit's work, cutting away the power of our old nature (“the flesh”) so that we're no longer slaves to sin (Colossians 2:11–12). We can decisively present ourselves to God as those brought from death to life and present our bodies to God as instruments for righteousness (Romans 6:13–14). We're not helpless anymore!

Consecration involves Remembrance and Recommitment: The commemoration of Passover (Joshua 5:10–11).

- Both remembrance and recommitment are found in the Passover of the Old Testament and its replacement, the Lord's Supper of the New Covenant.
- Every time we break the bread and drink from the cup, we should remember the cost of our salvation and use this to make a stronger and more loving commitment to live for the One who died for us.

Consecration involves Restoration: The celebration of God's providence (Joshua 5:12).

- As the manna ceased and they enjoyed the fruit of the land, Israel would realize that whether by miraculous means or mundane, God would always provide for them. It is no different for us. We must have open eyes to appreciate how God provides for us and use Spirit-guided common sense to enjoy these blessings.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Why is there a need for consecration? Because there is nothing more dangerous than unconsecrated people doing the work of a Holy God. At certain points in our lives, particularly after those dark or difficult times, we can take a page from how God guided Israel to consecrate ourselves anew to do the work of God: better, stronger, and adequately prepared. ■

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Pagtatalaga Bilang Paghahanda Sa Pananakop

JOSHUA 5:1-12



SPEAKER

**Pastor
BJ Sebastian**

Head of
Disciple-Making
Ministries

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Kailangan ang tapat na pagtatalaga sapagkat wala nang mas delikado pa sa mga taong hindi nakatalaga sa Diyos na gumagawa ng gawain ng Diyos. Mabuting tularan natin ang mga Israelita sa kanilang pagtatalaga muli ng kanilang mga sarili sa Diyos upang maging mas tapat, mas matibay at mas handa sa kanilang pagsunod sa Diyos at paggawa ng gawain Niya.

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Ang pagtawid ng Jordan ay isang larawan ng pag-unlad ng isang mananampalataya sa buhay Kristiyano, pagsuong sa labanang espirituwal at matagumpay na pamumuhay. Ngunit katulad din ng Israel, walang matagumpay na pananakop kung walang pagtatalaga mula sa Panginoon. Ang mga hinirang ng Diyos ay dapat maging handa sa mga labanan na tiyak na hararapin. Ito ay inilarawan sa atin sa ginawa ng Israel sa Joshua 5:1-12. Ano ba ang ginawa nilang pagtatalaga bilang paghahanda nila sa kanilang pananakop ng lupang pangako?

Kailangan sa Pagtatalaga ang Pagtalikod: Ang Simbolo ng Circumcision (Joshua 5:1-9).

- Ang circumcision ay iniutos sa Israel bilang tanda ng Tipan ng Diyos kay Abraham (Genesis 17:9-14) na inulit sa ilalim ng Batas ni Moses (Leviticus 12:2-3).
- Ang circumcision ay hindi na iniuutos sa atin. Ang circumcision ng ating mga puso ang kailangan (Romans 2:29). Ang isang mananampalataya ay pumasok na sa isang tipan sa Panginoon na nakabase sa gawa ng Espiritu Santo, na pinuputol ang kapangyarihan ng lumang kalikasan (“ang laman”) upang hindi na maalipin pa sa kasalanan (Colossians 2:11-12). Maaari na tayong humarap sa Diyos, na may binuhay na maguli, at instrumento na ng katuwiran (Romans 6:13-14).

Kailangan sa Pagtatalaga ang Pag-aalala at Pagpapangako: Ang Simbolo ng Passover (Joshua 5:10-11).

- Pag-aalala at pagpapangako ang inilalarawan ng Passover sa Lumang Tipan, at ang kanyang kapalit, ang Lord’s Supper sa Bagong Tipan.
- Sa tuwing tayo ay kakain ng tinapay at iinom ng saro, ating inaalala ang ginugol ng Diyos para sa ating kaligtasan, at ito ay dapat nating gamitin na isang matibay at mapagmahal na pagpapangako muli ng ating pagsunod sa ating Panginoon na namatay para sa atin.

Kailangan sa Pagtatalaga ang Pagpapanumbalik: Ang Simbolo ng Probidensya ng Diyos (Joshua 5:12).

- Nang tumigil na ang pagbagsak ng manna at kumain na sila ng bunga mula sa lupang pangako, nakita ng Israel na tapat silang pagkakalooban ng Diyos ng kanilang pangangailangan sa milagro man o ordinaryong paraan. Hindi ito naiiba sa atin. Lagi nating pasalamatang ang lahat ng paraan na ginagamit ng Panginoon upang tugunin ang ating mga pangangailangan.

HAMON

Kailangan ang tapat na pagtatalaga sapagkat wala nang mas delikado pa sa mga taong hindi nakatalaga sa Diyos na gumagawa ng gawain ng Diyos. Mabuting tularan natin ang mga Israelita sa kanilang pagtatalaga muli ng kanilang mga sarili sa Diyos upang maging mas tapat, mas matibay at mas handa sa kanilang pagsunod sa Diyos at paggawa ng gawain Niya. ■

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THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



By
**Pastor
Mike King Li**
DMG1 Ministry
Head

We praise God for how He has journeyed with the seniors of our church in the first quarter of the year. We had the first Seniors Fellowship last February 24. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed having fellowship with one another over food, both physical and spiritual.

We also praise God for Elder Audie Orleans, who, as the church's new Ministry Lead Elder for the Seniors Ministry, showed his willingness and availability to care for our seniors. May the Lord use him mightily in shepherding and building up this sector of our church.

This summer, we will be holding a workshop called “**Beauty in Imperfection**” for our seniors led by our very own GCFer and visual artist Naomi “Honey” Banal-Huertas. She and her team will teach our seniors how to paint. You would be pleasantly surprised to find out that with just a few hundred pesos, you can purchase all the needed materials to start your journey into the world of painting! It is our desire that our seniors will find a new hobby that would occupy their time, keep them productive, and make them feel fulfilled.

If you are a senior and are interested in joining the workshop, or if you know of a senior who may be interested, please contact **Marj** at **0917 779 1549** or marjorie.jo@gcf.org.ph ■

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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

IN FOCUS: Photography Workshop Series

SAT

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

KidsLIFE Discipleship

SUN

Starting on May 5
(except Special Sundays)
For ages 6–12
8:00 AM • 4th Floor, GCF Ortigas

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

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)

Life in Technicolor

*A Support Group for
Cancer Patients and Their Families*

SUN

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month
12:00 NN
Contact **0917 532 7794**

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

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