

# GCF



Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF  
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

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## TODAY'S MESSAGE

# God's Way for Winning the War

JOSHUA 5:13-6:27

## 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

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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

# God's Way for Winning the War

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## SPEAKER

Pastor  
Larry Pabiona  
GCF Senior Pastor

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The battle of Jericho that followed Israel's consecration is the most outstanding in the book of Joshua and one of the most significant victories recorded in Scripture. It shows how Christians today can battle with sin or supernatural evil and not just survive, but win. What do God's people need to fight their spiritual battles?

## WE NEED GOD'S PRESENCE: Be sure you belong to God (Joshua 5:13–15).

- God affirms His supremacy and sovereignty over Joshua and makes it clear that the battle is His, not Joshua's.

## WE NEED GOD'S GUIDANCE: God gives His Word to guide us with His will (Joshua 6:1–5).

- The instructions Joshua received must have seemed ridiculous to him, the Israelites, and especially the people of Jericho. Often, if we want to see God do the impossible, we must be willing to trust Him for what seems unbelievable.

## WE NEED TO DO OUR PART (OBEDIENCE): With God's help, we must do our part to fulfill His will (Joshua 6:6–19).

- In achieving His purposes, God is always ahead of us and may take nine steps out of ten to complete it, but He leaves the last step to us – to give us a chance to show our faith and grow our faith. Obeying God is rooted in trusting God.

## WE NEED TO TRUST IN GOD'S INTERVENTION: Believe that God will do what He alone can do (Joshua 6:20–27).

- Israel believed, and the wall fell flat (Hebrews 11:30) while all Jericho persisted in unbelief and reaped the *herem* of God (Genesis 15:16). Only someone society considered unworthy of saving was saved because Rahab, the prostitute, believed in the true God.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

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*Joshua: Take Hold of What God Has Given*

## Paraan Ng Diyos Para Manalo Sa Digmaan

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### SPEAKER

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

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Ang labanan sa Jericho, na kasunod ng pagtatalaga ng Israel, ay ang pinaka-bukod-tangi sa aklat ni Joshua at isa sa pinaka-mahalagang pagtatagumpay na nakatala sa banal na kasulatan. Makikita natin dito ang mga prinsipyo tungkol sa kung paano natin malalaban at mapagtatagumpayan ang kasalanan at kasamaan. Ano ba ang kailangan natin para sa ating mga labanang espirituwal?

## KAILANGAN NATIN ANG PRESENSYA NG DIYOS: Tiyakin natin na tayo’y sa Panginoon (Joshua 5:13–15).

- Ipinakita ng Diyos kay Joshua na kontrolado Niya ang lahat; na ang labanan ay Kanya, at hindi kay Joshua.

## KAILANGAN NATIN ANG PAGGABAY NG DIYOS: Talimain natin ang kalooban ng Diyos na nasa Kanyang Salita (Joshua 6:1–5).

- Ang iniutos ng Diyos kay Joshua ay marahil katawa-tawa sa kanya, sa mga Israelita, at sa mga taga Jericho. Madalas, kung nais nating makita ang Diyos na gumawa ng imposible, kailangan natin umasa sa mga bagay na hindi kapanipaniwala.

## KAILANGAN NATIN ANG PAGSUNOD SA DIYOS. ITO ANG ATING BAHAGI: Tanggapin natin ang tulong ng Diyos at sumunod sa Kanyang kalooban (Joshua 6:6–19).

- Sa pagtupad ng Kanyang mga layunin, gagawin Niya ang lahat ng hakbang ngunit mag-iwan Siya ng ilan na kailangan nating gawin upang maipakita natin ang ating pananampalataya sa Kanya, at sa gayong paraan, mapalago ito. Ang ugat ng pagsunod sa Diyos ay pagtitiwala sa Diyos.

## KAILANGAN NATIN ANG PANANALIG SA PAGKILOS NG DIYOS: Manalig tayo na gagawin ng Diyos ang tanging Siya lang ang makakagawa (Joshua 6:20–27).

- Nagtiwala ang Israel, at ang pader ng Jericho ay bumagsak (Hebrews 11:30) habang nagpatuloy ang mga taga Jericho sa kanilang hindi paniwala at natamo ang poot ng Diyos (Genesis 15:16). Isa lamang ang naligtas — si Rahab, isang tao na hindi karapat-dapat maligtas ayon sa lipunan, ngunit nanampalataya sa tunay na Diyos.

## HAMON

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# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



By  
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Disciple-Making  
Ministry Deputy  
Director

*And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." — Luke 23:42-43*

This conversation between Jesus and the penitent criminal must continue to bear significant weight for us all as we reflect on what it truly means to **"Build Up and Reach Out Together."** Do we live with hope such that Jesus' death and resurrection continually compel us to reach out to people (1 Peter 1:3)? Do our actions and words exhibit Christ-like compassion and the love of Jesus (Matthew 9:35-38)? This is the WHY of our witness (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20) that goes beyond tools or strategy. We need to follow Jesus' example and treat people as image-bearers made in His image and likeness, not as projects nor targets.

We must commit to pray for people consistently, relate with them deeply, invite them for coffee or our Growth Groups regularly, share our life testimony and the Good News with humility, and disciple faithfully those who respond to Jesus' invitation. This is the relational way of Jesus. We do not simply share a set of principles and leave people be. We must commit to do the hard work of building life with fellow image-bearers which takes time. Because of this, we must pray to God, the Lord of the harvest field (Matthew.9:35-38; 1 Timothy 2:1-7).

Consider being updated and equipped individually and as a Growth Group with the various Bible-based tools available in our church: our very own Oikos approach, Evantell, or Evangelism Explosion. Grab as many Peace or Gift of God tracts at the Main Lobby and discuss these with friends and loved ones. For Growth Group meetings, check out our Life Journey tracts which cater to various life issues and indicate appropriate scriptural responses to help people know Jesus.

You may access these via [gcf.org.ph/life-journey](http://gcf.org.ph/life-journey) or you may also inquire about evangelism equipping opportunities at any of these details: [emm@gcf.org.ph](mailto:emm@gcf.org.ph) / **0905 464 2953 / 0995 917 2037**. ■

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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

### SATURDAYS

5:30 PM • Traditional Worship

### WEDNESDAYS

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

*(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

## 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](https://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 Discipleship

SUN

### Starting on May 12

(except Special Sundays)

8:00 AM • 4th Floor, GCF Ortigas

- **Little Ones (ages 1.5–5)**
- **L.I.F.E. Discipleship (ages 6–12)**

## 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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*Are you here for the first time?*



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

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or reach out to us at [gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)

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