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TAKE HOLD OF
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

Confronting Sin and Seeking God's Guidance

(The Narrative
of Ai and Achan)

JOSHUA 7:1–8:29

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:
Elder Dan Andrew Cura

Sunday: 5:30 PM

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FILIPINO

Sunday: 3:00 PM

Speaker:
Elder Dan Andrew Cura

TRADITIONAL

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Speaker:
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Following their monumental victory in the conquest of Jericho, the nation finds itself in a period of triumph and exultation. However, Joshua 7 reveals a sobering truth of God's displeasure with the people, through one man, resulting in a devastating defeat at Ai. Chapter 8 sees Israel once again confronting the city of Ai. Now, Israel must prepare to face these foes once more. Similar to Israel's struggles with Ai, we often find ourselves facing battles against our own weaknesses and temptations representing our human nature. However, through reliance on the Lord, we can gain insights on how to effectively confront and overcome these challenges.

LESSON: Achan and Ai should remind us of the importance of confronting sin and seeking God's guidance in our lives.

I. Consequences of Sin (Joshua 7)

- A. Achan's Disobedience:** Its impact on the Israelite community
- B. Israel's Defeat:** The demoralizing effect of failure
- C. Sin's Consequences:** The ripple effect of sin and its consequences not only on the individual but also on the community

II. Repentance and Restoration (Joshua 7:10–26)

- A. Joshua's Response:** Seek God's guidance and uncovering the sin
- B. Achan's Confession:** The importance of genuine repentance
- C. Our Response:** The need for confession and repentance in our own lives to experience restoration and reconciliation with God
- D. God's Justice:** The confession confirmed and judgment executed (vv. 22–26)

III. Seeking God's Guidance (Joshua 8:1–29)

- A. God's Instructions:** Guidelines for the conquest of Ai
- B. Joshua's Obedience:** Following God's specific guidance
- C. Our Response:** Seek God's guidance through prayer, meditation on His Word, and obedience to His commands

CONCLUSION

We are all encouraged to confront sin in our lives, seek genuine repentance, and actively seek God's guidance in all aspects of life. God's faithfulness to forgive and restore is readily available and present to those who earnestly seek Him. We are invited to pray, individually, to confess sin, seek forgiveness, and commit to following God's guidance. ■

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*Joshua: Take Hold of
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Harapin Ang Kasalanan at Hanapin Ang Gabay Ng Diyos

(Ang Salaysay
ng Ai at ni Akan)

JOSHUA 7:1-8:29



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Ipinakita ng Joshua Kabanatang Pito ang isang mapanghamak na katotohanan - ang poot ng Diyos sa mga tao. Ang isang kasapi nila ay sumisira sa kaayusan ng pamilya ng Diyos, na nagresulta sa isang mapaminsalang pagkatalo sa Ai. Sa Kabanata Walo, muli nilang hinarap ang lungsod ng Ai. Katulad ng mga laban ng Israel sa Ai, madalas nating natatagpuan ang ating mga sarili na naglalaban-laban sa ating sariling mga kahinaan at tukso na kumakatawan sa ating likas na kalikasan bilang tao. Sa pamamagitan ng pagtitiwala sa Panginoon, maaari tayong kumuha ng mga ideya kung paano epektibong harapin at malabanan ang mga hamong ito.

ARAL: Si Akan at ang Ai ay dapat magpaalala sa atin ng kahalagahan ng pagharap sa kasalanan at paghahanap ng gabay ng Diyos sa ating mga buhay.

I. Mga Bunga ng Kasalanan (Joshua 7)

- Ang Pagsuway ni Akan:** Ang dulot nito sa komunidad ng Israelita
- Ang Pagkatalo ng Israel:** Ang nakadidiskaril na damdamin sa mga Israelita
- Ang Bunga ng Kasalanan:** Ang epekto ng kasalanan at ang mga bunga nito hindi lamang sa bawat isa kundi pati na rin sa buong bayan

II. Pagsisisi at Pagpapabuti (Joshua 7:10-26)

- Ang Tugon ni Joshua:** Paghahanap sa Gabay ng Diyos at pagtuklas ng kasalanan
- Ang Pag-amin ni Akan:** Ang kahalagahan ng tunay na pagsisisi
- Ang Pagtugon Natin:** Bigyang-diin ang pangangailangan ng pagsisisi at pagpapakumbaba sa ating sariling mga buhay upang maranasan ang pagpapabuti at pagkakasundo sa Diyos
- Ang Katarungan ng Diyos:** Ang pag-aamin ay napatunayan, at ang hatol ay isinasagawa (vv. 22-26)

III. Paghahanap ng Gabay ng Diyos (Joshua 8:1-29)

- Mga Tagubiliin ng Diyos:** Nakinig si Joshua para sa pagsakop ng Ai
- Ang Pagsunod ni Joshua:** Ang pagsunod sa partikular na gabay ng Diyos.
- Ang Ating Tugon:** Bigyang-diin ang kahalagahan ng paghahanap ng gabay ng Diyos sa pamamagitan ng panalangin, pagmumuni-muni sa Kanyang Salita, at pagsunod sa Kanyang mga utos

PAGWAWAKAS

Ang katapatan ng Diyos na magpatawad at magpabuti ay madaling makakamtan at nariryan sa mga taong may tunay na hangaring sumunod sa Kanya. Tayo ay inaanyayahan na manalangin, nang indibidwal, upang umamin ng kasalanan, humingi ng kapatawaran, at magpasiyang sundan ang gabay ng Diyos. ■

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THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

by Elder Dennis Lim, Men's Ministry Core Team Member

The Humbling Journey of Fatherhood

It is now many years since we were expecting our first child. Days of wondering what being a father is like have become years of being one. Many assumptions have been proven untrue, many ideals have proven too lofty, and many questions remain a mystery. Along the way, the Lord has been gracious and patient enough to teach lessons I have had to learn on the job.

Not a recipe. Being a father is not a series of steps to follow that would guarantee success. Though well meaning and helpful, to-do lists don't guarantee that my children will develop into God-fearing adults who will serve the Lord gladly. Many mature Christians testify to imploring God for mercy for the child who is not walking in the way of the Lord.

Not a light responsibility. The burden of fatherhood is constant, something that cannot be taken off when it feels too heavy. We may ignore it but it is there, nevertheless. We can not be totally responsible for our children's choices because of their own freewill, but questions regarding where we have gone wrong may haunt us our entire lives if we see our children astray.

Not a solo job. While parenting is a shared role between me and my wife, fathering is mine alone. But I didn't have to figure it out all by myself. Fathers who have been at it much longer than I have been invaluable counsels. It has been said that it takes a community to raise a child. This implies the need for a community to be a father.

Because it is not a recipe, I am made aware of my dependence on the Lord for His wisdom as I enter situations I'm unprepared for. Because it is not a light responsibility, I have had to evaluate regularly and ask the Lord for guidance, lest I be blind to my errors. Because it is not a solo job, I have had to keep my pride in check each time I ask someone for counsel.

You can hear and learn from other stories from various fathers in ***Unpacking the Treasures and Travails of Fatherhood***, which will be held on Saturday, June 29, at Auditorium B. Open to all men, we hope you could join us! ■

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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

8:00 AM
10:30 AM

KidsLIFE Discipleship

For ages 1.5 to 12, 4th Floor
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

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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

CARELINK CLASSES (Open to all)

SUN

- ➔ **How To Grow Class**
Build a good foundation in your Christian life
12:00–2:00 PM • Room A303
Batch 2: June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21
Register via gcf.link/HowToGrow
- ➔ **Membership Class**
Learn the importance of being a member of a local church
12:00–2:00 PM • Room B302-B303
Batch 2: June 30; July 7, 14, 21
Register via gcf.link/Membership
- ➔ **Spiritual Gifts Class**
Discover your spiritual gifts and how you can serve
July 28 • 12:00–2:00 PM • Room B302
Register via gcf.link/SpiritualGifts

Seniors Summer Workshop: Beauty in Imperfection

SAT

May 25 • 8:30 — 11:30 AM
Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas
Open to all!
Register now for only Php 250
via gcf.link/SeniorsWorkshop

Transformed Widows for Christ International Widows' Day Celebration

SAT

June 22 • 9:00 AM — 12:00 NN
Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas
Register via gcf.link/WidowsForChrist

Biblical Portrait of Marriage 2

SAT

For married and engaged couples
July 13, August 10, September 14
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Room BM07-08, GCF Ortigas
Topics: In-Laws, Money, Sex, Romance,
Communication, and Loyalty
Register via gcf.link/BPOM

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)

KidsLIFE Discipleship (Except Special Sundays)

SUN

- 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)**
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