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SERIES ON LUKE:

*God the Son,
Son of Man*



TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Warnings of Self-centeredness

LUKE 6:24-26

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Worship Through Praise
Worship Through Fellowship
Worship Through Giving
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Confession Prayer
Communion
Benediction

WORSHIP SERVICES

ENGLISH

Sunday: 8:00 AM,
10:30 AM, & 5:30 PM
Speaker:
Pastor Dags Miguel

FILIPINO

Sunday: 3:00 PM
Speaker:
Pastor BJ Sebastian

TRADITIONAL

Saturday: 5:30 PM
Speaker:
Pastor Dags Miguel

COMMUNION SERMON SERIES

Luke: God the Son, Son of Man

The Warnings of Self-centeredness

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I. The Danger of Self-centeredness

The sins outlined by Jesus here can be best summarized by a person who has given in to a self-centered life. As with all forms of sin, self-centeredness keeps people from acknowledging their need for Jesus. So then, how does a person place himself in a spiritually compromising condition?

- A. *“Woe to you who are rich”*: Self-centeredness can come in the form of extreme self-sufficiency. This can be found in people who trust the wealth they have amassed. They, however, have little interest investing in Heavenly things (Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 12:13-21; James 5:1-6).
- B. *“Woe to you who are full”*: Self-centeredness can be seen in people whose lives are defined by pleasure. They are insensitive to the struggle of others (Matthew 5:6, 6:33; 2 Timothy 2:22).
- C. *“Woe to you who laugh”*: Self-centeredness can also be seen through people’s indifference. They are not concerned about the things that grieve and anger the Lord (Proverbs 14:12-14; Isaiah 24:5-9; James 4:8-10).
- D. *“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you”*: Self-centered people please themselves as they also aim to please others. They are rarely concerned about what God thinks of their behavior (John 12:42-43; Galatians 1:9-10).

II. The Path Towards Christ-likeness

The good news is that Christ enables people to truly think less of themselves. He makes it possible for people to experience true and lasting blessedness (vv. 17-23; Matthew 5:1-11). This is because Jesus grants rich faith and inheritance in His kingdom (James 2:5); He is the bread of life, the one who truly satisfies (John 6:35); He grants people joy (John 15:10-11); and Jesus, Immanuel (Matthew 1:23), rests within those who are persevering through their suffering (1 Peter 4:12-14). So then, what steps can people take towards Christ-likeness?

- A. **Trust God**: The path to Christ-likeness begins when people place their faith and trust in God through the finished work of Christ on the cross.
- B. **Repent**: As a person trusts in Jesus, he must confess and ask for His forgiveness. In Christ, God offers His mercy and underserved grace.
- C. **Help others**: In Christ, we turn away from self-centeredness so that we can be in solidarity and in community with others.
- D. **Help yourself**: Having faith in Christ and seeking His forgiveness require effort on our part to be holy, pure, and blameless.

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FILIPINO MESSAGE



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Mga Babala Sa Mga Makasarili

LUKE 6:24–26



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Sa mga talatang ito may apat na babala para sa mga umaasa sa makasariling kayamanan, kabusugan, kasayahan, at katanyagan.

1. BABALA SA MGA UMAASA SA MAKASARILING KAYAMANAN (Luke 6:24)

- Hindi kasalanan ang pagiging mayaman, kundi ang labis na pag-asa sa ating sariling kakayahan at hindi sa grasya ng ating Panginoon.
- Hanapin natin ang walang hanggang kayamanan natin sa langit at unahin natin lagi ang Kanyang paghahari sa ating buhay (1 Timothy 6:17-19; Matthew 6:33).

2. BABALA SA MGA UMAASA SA MAKASARILING KABUSUGAN (Luke 6:25a)

- Hindi masama ang hanapin ang kabusugan sa kasalukuyang buhay, kundi ang labis na paghangad nito para sa sariling kasiyahan lang at hindi para sa kaluguran ng ating Panginoon.
- Hanapin natin ang tunay na kabusugan sa pamumuhay na ikagagalak ng ating Panginoon, bilang sukli sa Kanyang kagandahang-loob sa atin (1 Thessalonians 4:1; Colossians 1:10)

3. BABALA SA MGA UMAASA SA MAKASARILING KASAYAHAN (Luke 6:25b)

- Hindi kasalanan ang pagiging masaya sa ating buhay dito sa lupa, kundi ang labis na kasiyahan sa mga bagay na makasanlibutan na bumubulag sa atin sa pinsala at panganib ng kasalanan at maling paniniwala.
- Hanapin natin ang ating kasiyahan sa mga bagay at mga layunin ng ating Panginoon at ang walang hanggang kagalakan na ating dadatnan sa piling ng ating Diyos (Psalm 16:11).

4. BABALA SA MGA UMAASA SA MAKASARILING KATANYAGAN (Luke 6:26)

- Hindi kasalanan ang maging tanyag sa ating kasalukuyang buhay, kundi ang pag-iwas natin na makilala tayo bilang tagasunod ni Kristo Hesus at pagkokompromiso ng ating pananampalataya sa Kanya para lang makaiwas sa pag-uusig.
- Hangarin natin na mapabilang sa mga bayani ng pananampalataya na inusig at pinahirapan dahil sa kanilang pagsunod at pagiging tapat na alagad ni Kristo Hesus (Acts 5:40-41).

Ang tunay at walang hanggang kayamanan, kabusugan, kasayahan, at katanyagan ay matatagpuan lamang kay Kristo Hesus. Talikuran natin ang pag-asa sa ating sarili at tuluyan tayong umasa sa ating Panginoon at Tagapagligtas na si Kristo Hesus. ■

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The Shepherd's Voice



By
**Pastor
Larry
Pabiona**
GCF Senior Pastor

Welcome Back, Pastor Dags!

Pastor David Miguel, fondly called Pastor Dags, will return to us at GCF Main after being the lead pastor at GCF Baguio for almost three years. He will be Deputy Head of Disciple-Making alongside Pastor BJ Sebastian and will oversee Missions concurrently. To re-introduce and welcome him back, I asked him to preach our Communion Series message and lead us at the Lord's Table. Listen to a message appropriate for our times, "The Warnings of Self-Centeredness."

Restorative Discipline

One mark of a biblically faithful church is its adherence to God's standards for accountability for all, both church leaders and members. However, many do not know that the ultimate aim of church discipline is restoration, so we prefer the term "Restorative Discipline." As Galatians 6:1 commands, *"Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted."* As we repeatedly state from the pulpit, we are a church that does not shoot its wounded. As Paul said, *"So you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him"* (2 Corinthians 2:7-8).

On My Way Home

I was very blessed by the two consecutive events I mentioned last month. First was "The Nine Marks International Intensive" at Capitol Hill Baptist Church, where, together with 30 other pastors and elders from different countries, we read together, studied, discussed, and were grilled on what constitutes a Biblically-run church. After this, the Ligonier Conference on Christology was like drinking from a firehose about Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I am deeply grateful to our Board of Elders and our congregation for these trainings. Most of all, I simply miss you all! ■

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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

CARELINK DISCIPLESHIP 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

Albany Medical and Dental Mission Trip - Ten (10) Volunteer Doctors Needed

THU - MON

June 20–24
To volunteer, contact Aira at
0917 532 7672 or mercy@gcf.org.ph

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

Unpacking the Treasures and Travails of Fatherhood GCF Men's Conference 2024

SAT

June 29 • 9:00 AM — 2:00 PM
Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas
Register via gcf.link/Fatherhood

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/RegisterBPOM

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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on some issues, we are here to help.
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