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Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Danger of Walking by Sight

JOSHUA 9:1-27

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, 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

Joshua: Take Hold of What God Has Given

The Danger of Walking by Sight

JOSHUA 9:1–35



SPEAKER

Pastor
Larry Pabiona
GCF Senior Pastor

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It is usually after a great victory that the enemy of God begins his most successful onslaught. It was after the victory at Jericho that Ai defeated Israel. It was after defeating Ai that the Gibeonites deceived Joshua. So, while Israel was renewing their covenant with God in Joshua 8:30–35, the kings in Canaan were getting ready to attack. But Israel would succumb, not to military might but to devious deception. How can it happen to us?

THE CREATION OF DECEPTION (Joshua 9:1–13)

- Elaborate and well-contrived measures were put in place to trap the unsuspecting until it was too late. Their methods bear a strong resemblance to that of Satan and false teachers today (2 Corinthians 11:13–15).

THE CAUSE OF DECEPTION (Joshua 9:14–17)

- The primary reason for Israel's failure is in verse 14: they did not seek direction from God. We must beware of depending on our wisdom (Proverbs 3:5-6). This holds true for believers today (James 4:13-15). It wasn't that they didn't think but that they didn't pray. They did not have because they did not ask (James 4:2).

THE CONSEQUENCES OF DECEPTION (Joshua 9:18–27)

- There was a potential conflict in Israel.
- There was perpetual slavery for the Gibeonites.
- There was pressure to war on behalf of the Gibeonites (Joshua ch. 10).

FINAL THOUGHTS: HOW GRACE OVERCOMES

- God showed grace to Joshua despite his error.
- Joshua showed grace to the Gibeonites as he kept his word to spare them despite pressure from the people.
- Grace from God was given for the redemption of the Gibeonites. In serving at “the altar of the Lord,” many would become believers in the true God.

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Ang Panganib ng Paglakad sa Sariling Lakas

JOSHUA 9:1-27



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**Pastor
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*Head of
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Sa ating buhay espirituwal, madalas tayo umasa sa ating sariling kaalaman at kalakasan para sa ating pagpapatuloy. Mapanganib at tuso ang ating kaaway. Huwag nating pangahasan ang hindi pagsangguni sa Diyos sa lahat ng ating mga desisyon at pagkilos. Ang salaysay na pag-aaralan natin ngayon ay isang babala na huwag lumakad sa laman; na laging umasa sa pangunguna ng Diyos.

1. ANG PANGANIB NG PANLILINLANG NA MULA SA KALABAN (Joshua 9:1-13)

- Ang Katiyakan ng Oposisyon (vv. 1-2)
- Ang Katusuhan ng Kalaban (vv. 3-13; Deuteronomy 20:10-18)

2. ANG PINAGMULAN NG MALING PANGAKO NA SALUNGAT SA KAUTUSAN NG DIYOS (Joshua 9:14-16)

- Ang Sanhi: Hindi Pagsangguni sa Panginoon (v. 14)
- Ang Sumpa: Pangakong Salungat sa Kautusan ng Diyos (vv. 15-16; Deuteronomy 7:1-2; 20:15-18)

3. ANG PINSALANG DULOT NG PAGLAKAD SA SARILING LAKAS (Joshua 9:17-27)

- Ang Pagtatalo ng mga Israelita at Kanilang mga Pinuno (vv. 17-20)
- Ang Patuloy na Pagka-alipin ng mga Gibeonita (vv. 21-23)
- Ang Pagkatakot ng mga Gibeonita sa Paghuhusga ng Diyos (vv. 24-25)
- Ang Pagtupad ng Pangakong Pagliligtas ni Joshua sa mga Gibeonita (vv. 26-27; 10:1, 10)

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THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



By
**Pastor
Migs Orleans**
Worship Ministry
Group Director

Welcome back, Pastor Larry and Tita Joy!

Do join me in welcoming back to Manila, back to the building, and back to our local church family – Pastor Larry and Tita Joy! May their return prompt us to thank the Lord all the more for the time that they were able to enjoy together, minister together, and have a focused space for our Senior Pastor to be all the more equipped as our Chief Undershepherd. As we count our blessings today, may this wonderful blessing move us to further express our gratitude for God's care for this local body.

Let us uphold Pastor Larry in prayer, as he also returns to the Pulpit for the Traditional, Morning, and Sunset Services. May we do the same for Pastor BJ, who continues to preach in the Filipino Service.

Congratulations, ICS Family!

We should also thank the Lord for His faithfulness to GCF-ICS! Congratulations to the recently concluded graduations and moving up celebrations, and the overall completion of yet another academic year. To the students, parents, and ICS faculty and staff – you are blessings to GCF!

Do join me in praying as well for the upcoming graduation and moving up celebration of Living Learning Homeschool, the homeschooling partner of GCF-ICS.

Harvest Auditions Coming Soon!

This 2024, Harvest, a Music Team under the Worship Ministry Group, will be holding auditions to recruit more to this team, who's focus is on evangelistic and outreach efforts by GCF Ortigas. If you are interested, stay in much prayer. More announcements to follow.

Blessed Final Month of the First Semester, Church Family! ■

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

If you are led to give, you may do so through the following means:

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

WORSHIP SERVICES Live at GCF Ortigas & online

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM –
Ortigas Community Worship

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

Discipleship groups for all ages, all days of the week,
throughout Metro Manila and online

SIGN-UP AT gcf.org.ph/growth-groups

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

Albay 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 • 9:30 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

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

Connect Agents' Day: Living a Debt-Free Lifestyle

SAT

Open to all BPO employees
July 6 • 8:00 AM — 11:00 AM
Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas
Guest Speaker: Dr. Andrew Liuson
Register via gcf.link/ConnectAgentsDay

REACHING BEYOND: Conversations on Missions

SUN

June 30 • 12:00 NN — 2:00 PM
Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas
Theme: God's Heart for Nepal
Featured Missions Org: New Tribes Mission
Register via gcf.link/ReachingBeyond

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)**
4th Floor • GCF Ortigas

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INFORMATION HUB



Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about the various ministries? Visit the new INFO HUB at the Lobby