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Elder Sherwin Chua

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Pastor BJ Sebastian

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Elder Sherwin Chua

FATHER'S DAY MESSAGE

The Redemptive Father

LUKE 15:11–32



SPEAKER

Sherwin Chua
GCF Elder

We may have failed as fathers; let's ask our Redemptive Father for forgiveness. We have strayed as His children; our Redemptive Father is waiting for us to return home.

As fathers, we strive to give our children the best. Yet, not all of them will respond in the same way. Some will receive well the words we impart to them; others will reject our counsel. Today's message is about a father who loved unconditionally and waited to welcome back his lost son. I call him: The Redemptive Father.

Releasing the Rebellious One (Luke 15:11–16)

- The younger son was too much in a hurry; his words and tone revealed a rebellious and arrogant heart. (v. 12)
- The father released him to go his course. (v. 12)
- One of the ways that our Heavenly Father deals with us is to actually grant us what we want.
- Lovers of self; lovers of money; lovers of pleasure. (2 Timothy 3:1–4)
- The prodigal son toiling in the pig pen is ...
 - A. a picture of the unsaved
 - B. a picture of the backslider

Receiving the Repentant One (Luke 15:17–19)

- Indicators of True Repentance ...
 - A. Acknowledgment of sin – “When he came to himself” (v. 17)
 - B. Owning up to sin – “I have sinned” (v. 18)
 - C. Turning to the only One who can help – “I will arise and go to my father” (v. 18)
 - D. Coming under authority again – “Treat me as one of your hired servants.” (v. 19)
- True repentance produces – a sorrow for sin, confession of sin, a breaking off from sin, a deep hatred for sin.
- The father's love had never given up on him.
- Our Heavenly Father's love reaches out to sinners, no matter why or how they got lost.

Restoring the Returning One (Luke 15:21–24)

- The father commanded the servants to bring these out:
 - A. Robe – Honor and Dignity
 - B. Ring – Authority and Sonship
 - C. Shoes – Family, not Servant
 - D. Fattened Calf – Only for very special occasions
- “For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” (v. 24)
- “There is no evil that the Father's love cannot pardon and cover; there is no sin that is a match for His grace.” (Timothy Keller)

Reassuring the Resentful One (Luke 15:25–32)

- The older son was furious that his brother was being celebrated for his return. (v. 28)
- The father loved this son just as much, and reached out to him. (v. 28)
- The older son may have been physically living in his father's house; in reality, he was just as far away and as lost as his prodigal brother.
- It is just as hard today for us to accept such “younger brothers.”
- The father reassured him of his unconditional love.

Recap

Two sons; a redemptive father; extending the same unconditional love to both. ■

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FATHER'S DAY MESSAGE

Ang Mapagpatawad na Ama

LUKE 15:11-32



SPEAKER

Pastor BJ Sebastian

Head of
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Ministries



Ang parable na ito ay naglalarawan ng dakilang kahabagan at kagandahang-loob ng ating Diyos Ama na nasa langit, sa atin na mga pasaway, na manumbalik na sa kanya sa lakas ng Kanyang grasya, at huwag ng umasa pa sa inaakala nating mabubuting gawa.



Magandang Araw ng mga Ama sa lahat ng mga ama ngayong araw na ito! Mga ama ng tahanan at mga ama sa pananampalataya! Ang banal na teksto na ating pag-aaralan ngayon, ay isa sa pinakasikat na parable ng ating Panginoong Hesus at ito ay dahil sa kayamanan na taglay nito tungkol sa kaligtasan na mula sa ating Diyos. Kilala ito na kuwento tungkol sa alibughang anak, ngunit kung ating susuriin, ito ay salaysay tungkol sa isang mapagpatawad na Ama at ang kanyang dalawang pasaway na anak — “And he said, “There was a man who had two sons.” (v. 11)

1. ANG ANAK NA NANUMBALIK DAHIL SA KAGANDAHANG LOOB NG AMA (Luke 15:12-19)

- Pagrebeldel at Pag-insulto sa Ama (vv. 12-16)
“Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me”
- Pagsisisi at Panunumbalik sa Ama (vv. 17-19)
“But when he came to himself...I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you”

2. ANG ANAK NA NAGALIT DAHIL SA MAYAMANG KAHABAGAN NG AMA (Luke 15:25-30)

- Pagka-inggit sa Kapatid na Kinahabagan (vv. 25-28)
“But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him...”
- Pagkagalit sa Ama na Nagpatawad at sa Kapatid na Nanumbalik (vv. 29-30)
“Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command...”

3. ANG AMA NA MAYAMAN SA KAGANDAHANG LOOB AT KAHABAGAN (Luke 15:20-24, 31-32)

- Pagpapatawad sa Anak na Nanumbalik (vv. 20-24)
“And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.”
- Pagsuyo sa Anak na Nagalit (vv. 31-32)
“Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours”

PAGWAWAKAS

Ang parable na ito ay naglalarawan ng dakilang kahabagan at kagandahang-loob ng ating Diyos Ama na nasa langit, sa atin na mga pasaway, na manumbalik na sa kanya sa lakas ng Kanyang grasya, at huwag ng umasa pa sa inaakala nating mabubuting gawa. Pumasok tayo sa kagalakan ng Kanyang pagliligtas — “It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.” ■

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By
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Disciple-Making
Ministry Deputy
Director

"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." - Luke 22:42 (ESV)

Approaching the hour when He would be arrested and in the most intimate of conversations between the Son and His Father, Jesus displays in this passage how He submitted to His Father's will, so that by His death and resurrection on the cross, people would be reconciled to the Father by the forgiveness of their sin (John 1:29, Ephesians 1:7, 1 John 1:9). Such is the openness, intimacy, and closeness of Jesus to the Father that, thankfully, by His finished work on the cross, we too would be given access to the Father (John 14:6). It is this loving intimacy within the triune God that makes it possible for us to access the entirety of God's goodness.

In her article, "5 Reasons the Trinity Matters So Much", Kaitlin Miller Febles writes, "He was perfectly fulfilled without us. Yet He lovingly chose to create us, inviting us in to enjoy (and be fulfilled by) the overflow of all God is within Himself. As the church, we are the household of the Father (1 Timothy. 3:15), the bride of the Son (2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:27; Revelation 19:7), and the temple of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19)."

It is with the same thought that I encourage all men, especially fathers, to take pleasure in the God who takes delight in you (Psalm 18:16-19; Proverbs 3:12; Micah 7:18) by committing to grow as a father through our upcoming Men's Conference entitled "**Unpacking the Treasures and Travails of Fatherhood**", this June 29 (Saturday) from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas. Let us discover the biblical mandate of fatherhood and what makes fathering a special "gift" and "calling" from the Lord! Be part of this enriching lecture-seminar that will feature a Guest Sharer and a panel discussion, followed by engaging breakout sessions.

So to all my fellow dads, **Happy Father's Day!** ■

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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

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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 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)**
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