

# GCF



Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF  
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

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### TODAY'S MESSAGE

## Why We Don't Possess What God Promised

JOSHUA 16-17

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### 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 BJ Sebastian

## SERMON SERIES

Joshua: Take Hold of  
What God Has Given

# Why We Don't Possess What God Promised

JOSHUA 16–17



### SPEAKER

Pastor  
Larry Pabiona  
GCF Senior Pastor

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God desires every believer to take hold and enjoy every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). Why do some believers not fully enjoy what God promised? We gain some helpful insights from the land distribution to the two tribes of Joseph – Ephraim and Manasseh. Note three reasons Israel couldn't fully possess what God promised, which can also happen to us today:

### 1. Disobedience to God's Mandate (Joshua 16:10; 17:12–13)

- Both tribes failed to follow God's mandate fully and would pay the price later. It was more a problem of “wouldn't” than “couldn't.”

### 2. Discontent about God's Gift (Joshua 17:14)

- Both tribes approached Joshua with a brazen request. Unlike Caleb's request, which was based on faith in God, this request was based on a feeling of entitlement. Then and now, this has damaging consequences to any believer.

### 3. Doubt about God's Adequacy (Joshua 17:16)

- Despite the sound advice and inspiring challenge of their fellow Ephraimite, Joshua (v. 15), they did not rise to the potential blessings of faith but fell to the level of their fears. Even Joshua's subsequent encouragement was not heeded because it is never mentioned again in Scripture.

Which of these is hindering you? Remember: God is enough. He always fulfills His Word because His only desire is what's best for us. His character doesn't change with every situation, while our faith often does.

In contrast to them, five women show us the way to possessing what God promised:

### A Determination to Claim God's Promise (Joshua 17:3-4)

- The beautiful backstory of these five ladies is Numbers 27:1–11. Many years later, with a faith like Caleb and similar trust in God's Word, they claim what is rightfully theirs. In the same way that Caleb reminds us of God's heart for non-Israelites, we now see God's heart for the fairer gender. Are you equally determined to live a life completely given over to the absolute faithfulness of God?

### Final Thoughts

Israel eventually went her way instead of God's. Ultimately, the land had to be taken away from them. They had to lose the gift to appreciate it. May God give us the courage to keep believing when life raises new challenges so that we may possess what God has promised. ■

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# Bakit Hindi Natin Makamit ang Ipinangako na ng Diyos

**JOSHUA 16–17**  
(JOSHUA 16:1–4, 10; 17:12–18)



### SPEAKER

**Pastor  
BJ Sebastian**

*Head of  
Disciple-Making  
Ministries*

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*Kung minsan  
kailangan mawala ang  
isang bagay para natin  
makita ang halaga nito.  
Ibigay nawa sa atin ng  
Diyos ang patuloy na  
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sa harap ng mga  
hamon ng buhay,  
upang ating ganap na  
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mga pangako sa atin.*

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Nais ng Diyos na makamit ng bawat mananampalataya ang lahat ng mga pagpapalang espirituwal natin kay Kristo Hesus (Ephesians 1:3). Bakit ba hindi matamasa nang lubos ng ibang mga mananampalataya ang ipinangako na ng Diyos? Makikita natin ang ilang sanhi nito sa kwento ng pamamahagi ng lupa ng dalawang tribo ni Joseph – Ephraim at Manasseh. Merong tatlong dahilan kung bakit hindi nila ganap na nakamit ang ipinangako na ng Diyos, na maaari ring mangyari sa atin ngayon...

## 1. Pagsuway sa Mandato ng Diyos (Joshua 16:10; 17:12–13)

- Hindi ganap na sinunod ng dalawang tribo na ito and mandato ng Diyos, na kanilang pinagsisihan sa huli. Hindi ito dahil sa hindi nila kaya, kundi dahil ayaw nilang gawin.

## 2. Pagkawalang-kasiyahan sa Kaloob ng Diyos (Joshua 17:14)

- Lumapit sila kay Joshua na may mapagmataas na kahilingan. Di katulad ng hiling ni Caleb na may pananampalataya, ang kanilang kahilingan ay mula sa pagmamataas. Hindi talaga makabubuti ito sa kahit na sinong mananampalataya.

## 3. Pagduda sa Kasapatan ng Diyos (Joshua 17:16)

- Hindi nila pinakinggan ang mabuting payo ng ka-tribo nila na si Joshua na isang Ephraimite (v. 15), at hindi tuloy nila natamo ang pagpapala ng pananampalataya, kundi nagpatalo sila sa kanilang mga takot.

Alin sa mga ito ang humahadlang sa inyo? Tandaan natin na ang Diyos ay sapat. Lagi Niyang tinutupad ang Kanyang salita dahil nais Niya ang pinaka-mabuti para sa atin. Ang Kanyang karakter ay hindi nagbabago, di katulad ng ating pananampalataya na madalas ay nanghihina.

Kakaiba naman ang ipinakitang kumpiyansa ng mga ka-tribo nilang mga babae sa pag-angkin ng ipinangako ng Diyos sa kanila.

## Ang Mga Determinadong Angkinin ang Pangako ng Diyos (Joshua 17:3–4)

- Ang kanilang kwento ay nasa Numbers 27:1–11. Pagkatapos ng maraming taon, katulad ni Caleb, kanilang inangkin ang kanilang karampatang mana.
- Katulad ng nakita nating kagandahang-loob ng Diyos sa mga hindi purong Israelita, kita natin dito ang puso ng Diyos para sa mga kababaihan.
- Tayo ba ay determinado rin na mabuhay nang ganap sa ilalim ng katapatan ng Diyos?

Sa huli, namuhay ang Israel ayon sa kanilang sariling kagustuhan na taliwas sa kalooban ng Diyos. Dahil dito, nawala sa kanila ang lupang pangako. Kung minsan kailangan mawala ang isang bagay para natin makita ang halaga nito. Ibigay nawa sa atin ng Diyos ang patuloy na pagtitiwala sa Kanya sa harap ng mga hamon ng buhay, upang ating ganap na makamit ang Kanyang mga pangako sa atin. ■

# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



By

**Betty Trono**

Women's Ministry  
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## Women Serving the Church

Every believer is privileged to be fully united to Christ and with everyone else who has placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The truth that no one ranks higher than anyone in the sight of God and that there are no lesser Christians in the family of God defy culture and politics. *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."* — Galatians 3:38 (ESV)

The GCF Women's Ministry celebrates this wondrous outcome of the gospel. We wholeheartedly embrace this God-ordained role which calls us to honor our church leaders and participate in building up and supporting one another in our church, our families, and our community.

The ministry upholds the church's mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ in the Philippines and beyond. We encourage women to belong to a Growth Group and offer programs that reflect our thrust to **'build up and reach out together.'**

Some of these include:

- A women's prayer ministry called On Her Knees (OHK) that meets every 1st Wednesday morning and every 3rd Wednesday evening of the month
- A Leadership Training for Women's Growth Group Leaders to help develop spiritual and practical leadership skills
- A mentoring program for wives called Proverbs 31:10
- Other groups include: Joy Women's Fellowship (JWF) for all women, Supamoms for single mothers, SHE for singles, and NAOMI for widows
- Outreaches with Samaritana and the Correctional Institution for Women in collaboration with Mercy Ministry

We invite all women in our church family to save the date for our upcoming GCF **Women's Conference 2024**, entitled **"One and Only"** on September 21. Get ready to pray for and invite family and friends who are not yet believers.

If you want to know more about these ministry opportunities, please contact Janette at 0917 532 1921. May the Lord enable every GCF woman to serve for the glory of God and the joy of His people! ■

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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

5:30 PM –  
**Ortigas Community Outreach**

### 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

GCF Chapel and 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](http://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

### ➔ Spiritual Gifts Class

*Discover your spiritual gifts and how you can serve*

July 28 • 12:00–2:00 PM • Room B302

Register for free via [gcf.link/SpiritualGifts](https://gcf.link/SpiritualGifts)

## SHAKING HANDS Forum Series

SAT

August 10 • 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN

Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas

Topic: Living, Discerning, Facing Up With and Embracing Your Upward Call in Christ

Register for free via [gcf.link/ShakingHands](https://gcf.link/ShakingHands)

## Biblical Portrait of Marriage 2

SAT

For married and engaged couples

August 10, September 14

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Room BM07-08, GCF Ortigas

Topics: Sex, Romance, Communication, and Loyalty

Register for free via [gcf.link/RegisterBPOM](https://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)

## HARVEST Auditions



Do you want to share the gospel through singing? Prayerfully consider joining HARVEST, a Singing Team focused on Missions and Evangelism. Visit [gcf.link/JoinHarvest](https://gcf.link/JoinHarvest) to know more.

## 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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## Do you need someone to talk to?



If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help. GCF ERCC Hotline: **0917 532 7794**

## Are you here for the first time?



We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you!

Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at [gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)

## Questions about GCF Ortigas?



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