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Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

Standing on the Premises of God

JOSHUA 18:1-10

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Worship Through Praise
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 Dags Miguel

TRADITIONAL

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Speaker:
Pastor Larry Pabiona

SERMON SERIES

Joshua: Take Hold of
What God Has Given

Standing on the Premises of God

JOSHUA 18:1–10



SPEAKER

Pastor
Larry Pabiona
GCF Senior Pastor

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When Joshua started distributing land, Caleb came to claim the promises of God and then conquered the giants. Judah came but was less successful (Joshua 15:63). The tribes of Joseph came, questioned God, and were even less successful. The remaining seven tribes didn't even show interest. This was the last straw for Joshua. He took the seven tribes to task and reminded us of the peril of procrastination:

THE PROMISED REST OF GOD IS ROOTED IN OUR WORSHIP (Joshua 18:1)

- Shiloh means “place of rest.” Moses said that “when He gives you rest,” God would choose where He was to be worshipped (Deuteronomy 12:10-14).
- In worship, we enjoy the rest God won for us, rejoice in God who did it all for us, and learn faithfulness to Him, who gave it all to us.

THE PROMISED POSSESSIONS OF GOD REQUIRE OUR WORK (Joshua 18:2–10)

a. The Peril of Procrastination (vv. 2–3).

- What made the seven tribes stand on the premises instead of the promises of God? Maybe the prospect of giving up the ease of nomadic life, wandering around without rootedness, and perhaps war-weariness from seven years of battle. Find yourself in the same situation?
- What were the consequences? Others were affected (Joshua 22:4). Worst of all, they were defying the will of God after everything He did for them. Delaying in doing God's will is never “a small sin.”

b. The Proposal of Joshua (vv. 4–8).

- God did not need this survey. They did. They had to see how much grace they had already received in the miraculously conquered lands they now owned. Appreciating grace is a powerful way of shaking us out of laxity and laziness.

c. The Providence of God (vv. 9–10).

- Casting lots was an interim way for God's leaders to know God's will. Today, we are blessed to have the will of God revealed in the sixty-six books of the Bible. We have direct access to the Throne of Grace through prayer (Hebrews 4:16). What keeps us from doing the work?

FINAL THOUGHTS

God's promises are meant to stimulate, not sedate. He does not want us to take them for granted but to seize them. His purpose is evident in 2 Peter 1:3-4 *“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness... by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature.”* ■

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Ang Pangakong Hindi Napapako

JOSHUA 18:1-10



SPEAKER

Pastor Dags Miguel
*Disciple-Making
Ministry Deputy
Director*

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- 1. Ang Panimula: Pagsamba nang sama-sama sa Panginoon (Joshua 18:1)**
 - Ang kahulugan ng Shiloh ay “place of rest”. Binibigyan tayo ng kapahingahan ng Diyos upang tayo’y makasamba nang buong puso at may pasasalamat. (Deuteronomy 12:10-14)
- 2. Ang Suliranin: Pagpapaliban sa Utos ng Diyos (Joshua 18:2-3)**
 - May kasabihan na *delayed obedience* is still *disobedience*. Marami tayong maiwasang problema kung hindi tayo magiging pabaya at kung susunod tayo nang may buong pagtitiwala sa Diyos. (Psalm 119:57-60; Joshua 1:8-9)
- 3. Ang Solusyon: Pagiging Responsible na may Buong Pananalig sa Diyos (Joshua 18:4-8)**
 - “Nasa Diyos ang awa. Nasa tao ang gawa.” Paalala ito na hindi pwede ang basta-basta sa Diyos. Binigyan Niya tayo ng kakayahan na pangalagaan ang mga biyayang inilaan ng Diyos para sa atin. (Genesis 1:27-28; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6)
- 4. Ang Kahihinatnan: Kasiguraduhan sa Pangako Diyos (Joshua 18:9-10)**
 - Salamat sa Diyos at hindi napapako ang Kanyang mga pangako. Makakasiguro tayo na matatakbuhan natin ang Diyos sa anumang oras o sitwasyon sa pamamagitan ng panalangin at pag-aaral ng Kanyang Salita. (John 14:6; Hebrews 4:16)

APPLICATION

- Purihin at sambahin natin ang Diyos nang may pasasalamat dahil sa Kanyang kabutihan at katapatan.
- Huwag mag-atubili sa pagsunod sa Diyos. Gawin natin ang dapat nating gawin. Tapat ang Diyos sa Kanyang pangako, ngunit hindi ito magic na basta na lang lilitaw sa mga buhay natin.
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THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



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Building Up and Reaching Out Through DVBS

Our Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS) is an integral part of GCF's mission to build up and reach out by fulfilling our calling as a church to disciple and journey alongside the next generation and their families. We thank God for our recently concluded DVBS called SCUBA from July 15 to 20, where attendees discovered that God is and can be their friend in life no matter what storms they may face. Through deep explorations of Bible stories, such as those of Elijah and Jonah, attendees learned about God's unchanging character and that God is always in control no matter what storm they may be facing, just as when Jesus calmed the storm. We praise God for a total of 146 attendees (including 32 new and 11 returning from last year!)

We were blessed this year with an intergenerational team composed of youth, Kids L.I.F.E alumni, parents, my Growth Group Messiah & Moms, Kids L.I.F.E teachers, and my own family, Teacher Raffy and Teacher Raniel. I am also thankful for our own Elder Boni and Deacon Lark, our faithful ushers from the Worship Ministry, Pastor Api, and our Facilities and Comms teams.

DVBS is just one of the many ways we at GCF introduce our children to our "LIFE Gear"—God's Word. Beyond DVBS, we encourage our parents to be immersed and transformed by Scripture themselves, intentionally living out and modeling faith to our children. Although the task may seem daunting, we know that through Christ all things are possible. We need to start and continue on the legacy of faith beyond events like DVBS, in our homes, and our church family before it is too late.

To our GCF family, we are here for you and your children. Families matter to God, and children are very close to His heart. Truly, may we all have the same beat in our hearts and make God's Word the very life and air we need. ■

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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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

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 (7 sessions)

Starts August 18
12:00 – 2:30 PM
Room A303 (near 2nd flr Elevator)

→ Membership class (Four sessions)

Starts September 22
12:00 – 2:30 PM
Room B302-B303, 3rd Floor

→ Spiritual Gifts class (One session only)

July 28
12:00 – 3:00 PM
Room B302-B303, 3rd Floor

GriefShare

TUE

A 13-week grief recovery support program
Starts August 6
6:00 – 8:30 PM
Register for free, contact Badet at 0917 532 7794

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

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

One and Only: GCF Women's Conference 2024

SAT

September 21
9:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas
Speaker: Ms. Gina Espejo
Register for free via gcf.link/WomensCon

Church Leaders Election 2024



Nominations start August 4
Prayerfully nominate those called by God
to serve as Elders and Deacons
Visit the Main Lobby for more info

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
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)
4th Floor • GCF Ortigas

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