

# GCF



Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF  
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

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### TODAY'S MESSAGE

## The God Who is Our Refuge

JOSHUA 20:1-9

### 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 BJ Sebastian

#### FILIPINO

Sunday: 3:00 PM

Speaker:  
Pastor Dags Miguel

#### TRADITIONAL

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Speaker:  
Pastor BJ Sebastian

## SERMON SERIES

Joshua: Take Hold of  
What God Has Given

# The God Who is Our Refuge

JOSHUA 20:1-9



### SPEAKER

**Pastor  
BJ Sebastian**  
Head of  
Disciple-Making  
Ministries

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*The cities of refuge offer us a picture of the salvation that God has won through the perfect life and atoning death of Christ. But the difference is that those who take refuge in Christ will never have to worry about judgment, for our Great High Priest forever lives to save us to the uttermost.*

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After the distribution of the Promised Land was completed (Joshua 19:51), the Lord instructed Joshua to give the Levites the cities and the pastureslands they were to dwell in as leaders of the worship life of God's people (Joshua 21:1-3). The Levites were not allocated any portion of the Promised Land because they were meant to find their portion in God (Joshua 13:14; Numbers 18:20). But before the worship life of the nation could be established with the settlement of the Levites, the Lord established the cities of refuge first (Joshua 20:1).

## 1. THE INSTRUCTION TO BUILD CITIES OF REFUGE (Joshua 20:1-6)

- a. The Purpose Stated (Joshua 20:1-3)
  - To protect anyone guilty of man-slaughter from being unjustly executed (Exodus 21:13; Deuteronomy 4:41-42).
- b. The Process Described (Joshua 20:4-6)
  - The process provides due process, proper investigation, evidence, witnesses, and adjudication by a jury of their peers (Deuteronomy 19:4-6, 11-13; Numbers 35:16-29).

## 2. THE SELECTION OF THE CITIES OF REFUGE (Joshua 20:7-9)

- a. The Places Designated (Joshua 20:7-8)
  - The cities assigned ensured sufficient accessibility to all of the 12 tribes of Israel (Numbers 35:6-14).
- b. The People Covered (Joshua 20:9)
  - The cities of refuge were for all people without racial distinction (Numbers 35:15).

## 3. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CITIES OF REFUGE

- a. God is just
  - God upholds the sanctity of life and will punish intentional murder (Genesis 9:5-6; Exodus 21:12; Romans 13:4).
  - God desires justice to be fair and will protect unintentional man-slaughter (Joshua 20:3, 9).
- b. God is gracious
  - God Himself is our refuge and our salvation (Psalm 46:1; 62:7; 91:2).
  - God gave us His own Son to be our refuge and our salvation (Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Hebrews 6:17-18).

The cities of refuge offer us a picture of the salvation that God has won through the perfect life and atoning death of Christ. But the difference is that those who take refuge in Christ will never have to worry about judgment, for our Great High Priest forever lives to save us to the uttermost. Hebrews 7:25 says, "Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." ■

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# Ang Ating Kanlungan

JOSHUA 20:1-9



### SPEAKER

**Pastor  
Dags Miguel**

*Disciple-Making  
Ministry Deputy  
Director*

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*May pangakong lunsod-Kanlungan ang nananalig kay Cristo Jesus. Ang kaharian ng Diyos ay maaari nating makamtan ngayon gaya ng panalanging “mapa-saamin ang kaharian mo, sundin ang loob mo dito sa lupa, para nang sa langit”. Nawa ay maisapuso at maisagawa natin ang pagpaparamdam sa ating kapwa ng mga katangian ng isang mamamayan ng langit*

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Sa buhay natin ngayon, marami tayong kalamidad na pinagdadaanan, mapa-Covid-19, typhoon Carina, hidwaan sa pamilya, o mga problemang malaki ang pinsala sa isa o nakararami. Katulad noong panahon ni Joshua, mainam na ang Diyos mismo ang ating tatakbuhan. Dahil ang sino man na hihingi ng saklolo sa Kanya ay tiyak na maliligtas.

- **The Just God: Ipagtatangol Niya ang mga tapat at matutuwid (Joshua 20:1-6)**
  - Batid ng Diyos ang mga inosente at ang mga masasama (Deuteronomy 19:4-7; Psalm 18:17-19) [vv. 1-3]
  - Layunin ng Diyos na mahatulan nang wasto at patas ang sino mang nasasakdal (Numbers 35:22-25; Psalm 7:6-8) [vv. 4-6]
- **The Merciful God: Ang pagsaklolo ng Diyos ay bukas para sa lahat ng tatakbo sa Kanya (Joshua 20:7-9)**
  - Nais ng Diyos na makamit ng lahat ng tao ang Kanyang katuwiran at katarungan (Leviticus 19:33-34; Hebrews 13:1-2)
- **The Kingdom Citizen: “Dito sa lupa, para nang sa langit”**
  - May grasya tayo kay Kristo Hesus. Maging maingat at mapanuri sa pakikitungo sa ating kapwa upang hindi maging padalos-dalos sa panghuhusga at nang hindi humantong sa paghihiganti. (Luke 6:37-38; Romans 12:17-21)
  - May hustisya ang lahat kay Kristo Hesus. Tinubos ni Hesus sa krus ng kalbaryo ang kasalanan ng sangkatauhan, anuman ang lahi o estado nito sa buhay. Nawa ay maging buhay si Kristo sa ating isip, salita, at gawa. Huwag natin ipagkait ang Kanyang kabaitan, lalo na sa mga nangangailangan at naaapi (Romans 7:25-8:1; Galatians 3:27-28).
  - May pangakong lunsod-Kanlungan ang nananalig kay Kristo Hesus. Ang kaharian ng Diyos ay maaari nating makamtan ngayon gaya ng panalanging “mapa-saamin ang kaharian mo, sundin ang loob mo dito sa lupa, para nang sa langit”. Nawa ay maisapuso at maisagawa natin ang pagpaparamdam sa ating kapwa ng mga katangian ng isang mamamayan ng langit (Philippians 3:17-20; Ephesians 2:19-21).

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# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



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

Let us count our blessings once more, by thanking the Lord for the opportunity to worship Him through music. In this local church, we take this worship expression seriously. While the Sermon is of prime importance, the songs sung by the congregation and musical numbers in various portions of the Worship Service Program are the combined efforts of the heart and mind to glorify God from a place of brokenness.

As such, I invite everyone to pray for our fellow churchmates who have this God-given, God-sized task to lead this church family in worship:

**Singing Teams.** These are our brothers and sisters who sing in the frontline. It is good to remember the Chancel Choir, as we are still looking for a Conductor. The Praise Factory is our intentional manner of prioritizing the next generation. The members of 4Word are now in different seasons of family, work, and church life. Meanwhile, 6:33 continues its process of rebuilding. Harvest, on the other hand, is still focused on missions and evangelism. Then, there is the Bond of Brothers (BoB) who usually leads us on Sundays with special occasions. We also have a group of singers fondly known as "Team BFF", who are our regulars during the afternoon Services. Lastly, there are singers and song leaders who are simply part of the pool, and are regularly serving every month.

**Instrumentalists.** This circle remains to be a smaller group, but it has been a blessing to see old and new faces after the church fully opened once the pandemic ended. The String Ensemble is perhaps easily identifiable during Communion Weekends, but allow me to also appreciate the weekly composition of Drummers, Keyboardists, and Guitarists (Bass, Electric, Acoustic). They might not be on stage, but their regular presence is utterly critical.

Let us keep praying that we continue to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. God bless you, church family! ■

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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

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

➔ **How to Grow class (7 sessions)**  
Starts August 18  
12:00 – 2:30 PM  
Room A303 (near 2nd flr Elevator)

➔ **Membership class (4 sessions)**  
Starts September 22  
12:00 – 2:30 PM  
Room B302-B303, 3rd Floor

## Naomi Monthly Fellowship

SAT

August 24  
2:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
Room B117, GCF Ortigas  
Topic: "Women of the Bible: Meet Anna"  
Open to all widows  
Register for free, text Janette at **0917 532 1921**

## Biblical Portrait of Marriage 2

SAT

September 14  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Room BM07-08, GCF Ortigas  
Topics: Communication, and Loyalty  
For married and engaged couples  
Register for free via [gcf.link/RegisterBPOM](https://gcf.link/RegisterBPOM)

## YA Wetfoot Missions Trip



Target Date: Q4 2024  
Location: Local  
Participants must be 20 to 40 years old, a GCF Member, willing to be trained before the missions trip  
Register via [gcf.link/YAwetfoot](https://gcf.link/YAwetfoot)

## 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.

## One & 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](https://gcf.link/WomensCon)

## Church Leaders Election 2024



Nominations are ongoing  
Prayerfully nominate those called by God to serve as Elders and Deacons  
Nominate via [gcf.link/Nominate](https://gcf.link/Nominate)

## 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

## 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**

## 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