

# GCF



Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF  
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

## BULLETIN

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### TODAY'S MESSAGE

## A Kingdom and Priests to Our God

JOSHUA 21:1-42

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Call to Worship  
Worship Through Praise  
Community Prayer  
Missions Testimony  
Worship Through Fellowship  
Worship Through Giving  
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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 Larry Pabiona

## SERMON SERIES

Joshua: Take Hold of  
What God Has Given

# A Kingdom and Priests to Our God

JOSHUA 21:1–42



### SPEAKER

Pastor  
Larry Pabiona  
GCF Senior Pastor

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*The Levites were the poorest tribe because they had no land to inherit. But from the highest standpoint – God’s – they were richest of all because God Himself was their inheritance (Joshua 13:33).*

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The Levites and their cities have more to say to us than we realize. As those who continue their ministry in the New Testament era, we have much to learn from them and how the people of God responded to them. What do we see in the passage about their calling and how God enabled them to fulfill it?

## TRUE FAITH IN GOD EMBOLDENS US TO ASK ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISE (Joshua 21:1–2).

- The bold request of the Levites reminds us of Caleb and the daughters of Zelophehad. They were not driven by an attitude of entitlement but by their faith in God’s promises.
- Prayer never means presuming on God. It simply means that we can take God at His Word when we ask according to His will (1 John 5:14). When we delight ourselves in the Lord, He will put the right desires in our hearts (Psalm 37:4).

## THE SACRIFICE OF GOD’S SERVANTS IS ENABLED BY THE SACRIFICE OF GOD’S PEOPLE (Joshua 21:3–8).

- It’s beautiful to see the gracious response of the Israelites. It was a great sacrifice for them to give up land to make room for the houses of the Levites and choice pasturelands for their livestock.
- Paul reminds believers that “those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:14). Without the sacrifice of God’s people, His full-time servants would never be able to continue. God save us from the “theology of poverty”!

## AS NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS, WE ARE A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS FOR CHRIST (Joshua 21:9–42; 1 Peter 2:5, 9; Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5:9–10).

- The Levites had different functions, but one goal – to glorify God by helping and leading others to worship God. And God wanted the Levites scattered all over because He had special things for them to do for all Israelites.
- God wants us to be Levites in our local community. God wants Christians scattered, not huddled. What do we bring to our local communities?
  - i. You know God personally.
  - ii. You bring knowledge about God to your neighborhood. A critical function of the Levites was to be teachers of the law (Deuteronomy 33:10).
  - iii. You know how to contact God on behalf of others.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

The Levites were the poorest tribe because they had no land to inherit. But from the highest standpoint – God’s – they were richest of all because God Himself was their inheritance (Joshua 13:33). They represent what Paul said of himself in Philippians 3:8: “*I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.*” How rich are you in the sight of God? ■

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# Isang Kaharian ng mga Pari Para sa Ating Diyos

JOSHUA 21:1–42



## SPEAKER

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

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Ang salaysay ng pagbibigay ng mga lungsod sa mga Levite ay mayroong mga aral para sa ating mga mananampalataya sa ilalim ng Bagong Tipan. Kakaiba at espesyal ang kanilang papel at tungkulin sa buhay ng Israel, at magandang tingnan kung paano sila itinaguyod ng Diyos at ng kanilang mga kababayan.

## ANG TUNAY NA NANANAMPALATAYA SA DIYOS, INAASAHAN ANG KANYANG MGA PANGAKO (Joshua 21:1–2).

- Ang paghiling ng mga Levite ay katulad ng ginawa ni Caleb at ng mga anak ni Zelophehad – puno ng kanilang pagtitiwala sa pangako ng Diyos at walang pagmamalaki.
- Sa ating pananalangin, hindi natin pinangungunahan ang Diyos. Pinanghahawakan lang natin ang Kanyang salita sa ating paghiling ng ayon sa Kanyang kalooban (1 John 5:14). Kapag ginawa nating kaaliwan ang Kanyang kagustuhan, ilagay Niya ang mga tamang pagnanasa sa ating mga puso (Psalm 37:4).

## ANG PAGSASAKRIPISYO NG MGA LINGKOD NG DIYOS AY PINALALAKAS NG PAGSASAKRIPISYO NG BAYAN NG DIYOS (Joshua 21:3–8).

- Nakakatuwa makita ang pagsasakripisyo ng ibang mga Israelite ng bahagi ng kanilang minanang lupain at piling pastulan para maging tirahan at kabuhayan ng mga Levite.
- “Those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:14). Kung hindi magsasakripisyo ang kaanib ng Iglesya ng Diyos, ang Kanyang mga lingkod ay hindi makapagpapatuloy.

## ANG MGA KRISTIYANO SA ILALIM NG BAGONG TIPAN AY ISANG KAHARIAN NG MGA PARI PARA KAY KRISTO (Joshua 21:9–42; 1 Peter 2:5, 9; Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5:9–10).

- Ang mga Levite ay maraming katungkulan ngunit iisa ang layunin – ang kaluwalhatian ng Diyos sa pamumuno ng pananambahan ng Diyos. At sila ay ikinalat sa buong Israel upang matupad nila ang kanilang iba’t ibang mga tungkulin.
- Kalooban ng Diyos na tayong mga Kristiyano ngayon ay maging mga Levite sa ating mga pamayanang lokal. Nais Niya na tayo ay kumalat at hindi magbuklod-buklod.
  - Upang kilalanin ang Diyos nang personal
  - Upang ipakilala ang Diyos sa ating komunidad tulad ng mga Levite na mga tagapagturo ng Batas (Deuteronomy 33:10)
  - Upang maging tulay sa Diyos para sa ating mga kapwa

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# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



By  
**Elder Audie Orleans**  
Seniors Ministry  
Lead Elder

In January, I volunteered for the Senior Ministry Cluster Team which is a natural choice considering my age. It may also have been the Holy Spirit prodding me.

The Senior Ministry cluster is well-organized and running smoothly, kudos to the leadership of Pastor Mike King Li and Ministry Coordinator Marjorie Jo. Being a member of the Board of Elders, one of my roles is to co-lead the Seniors Ministry cluster with Pastor Mike. With God's grace, this joint leadership will hopefully enrich the spiritual nurture that is served to the Growth Groups under the ministry's wings.

Last May 25 and June 8, the Seniors Ministry held a Painting Workshop graciously conducted by Naomi "Honey" Huertas. The Fellowship Hall was full with more than 50 participants. Who knows, there may be a latent Picasso in our midst waiting (wanting?) to be tapped. A big "Thank You" to Honey and the GCF Artists' team for making this happen. Praise God for the successful gathering!

The ministry's next event will be in celebration of Grandparents' Day on September 7. This is annually celebrated in GCF, which puts the spotlight on our seniors who normally become grandparents in their 60s. Obviously, there are grandparents below 60 and the event is also for them. So to all my fellow grandparents, be there and let's make Grandparents' Day 2024 more fun and meaningful.

Finally, as of this writing, the Seniors Ministry has started ideating on activities for next year. One idea is to take the seniors to the outdoors. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to stretch out our stiff legs, breathe in fresh air, and spread out our aging arms. The suggestion box remains open! Reach out to any member of the ministry to let us know your ideas! ■

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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

- ➔ **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)

## Nominations until August 25



Now accepting nominations for church  
ELDERS and DEACONS  
Prayerfully 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