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TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Altar of Altercation

JOSHUA 22

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 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

The Altar of Altercation

JOSHUA 22



SPEAKER

Pastor
Larry Pabiona
GCF Senior Pastor

“

If our church family is always united about the most essential things, the Evil One can never divide us. May it always be so, by the grace of God.

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The elite soldiers from the tribes East of Jordan (Reuben, Gad, half of Manasseh) gladly went home, having kept their word to help the Western tribes conquer Canaan (Joshua 1:14–16). However, in nations or churches, the greatest danger is not the war outside but the war within. “I meant well” does not always end well. How did they escape the civil war? Why did they get there in the first place?

[vv. 1–9] THE RECOGNITION OF THE EASTERN TRIBES.

- a. **The Commendation of the Eastern tribes:** Faithfulness to God is always rewarded by God in His perfect time (Galatians 6:9).
- b. **The Command to the Eastern tribes:** Past faithfulness doesn’t guarantee future fidelity. We must remain spiritually vigilant (1 Corinthians 10:12).

[vv. 10–20] THE ROOT OF CIVIL WAR.

- a. **An Unnecessary Altar:** Worship should be done according to God’s will and God’s way (John 4:24).
- b. **An Unhealthy Reaction:** Judgmental attitudes often hinder the Unity of God’s People (Luke 6:27). Jumping to conclusions is a horrible exercise.

[vv. 21–29] THE REASON FOR THE ALTAR:

“To be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we do perform the service of the Lord in His presence with our burnt offerings and sacrifices and peace offerings.” (v. 27)

- The best intentions don’t always have the right outcomes. The altar was unnecessary (Exodus 23:17). It was a man-made solution to a spiritual issue with near-catastrophic consequences. What parallels exist in your life?

[vv. 30–34] THE RESOLUTION OF THE CRISIS:

“The report was good in the eyes of the people of Israel. And the people of Israel blessed God and spoke no more of making war against them.” (v. 33)

- If we do the same—confront lovingly, hear out the other side, offer help, give the benefit of the doubt about motives, be open to our faults, rejoice in harmony, and bury the issue—we’ll have peace in our homes and churches (Ephesians 4:15).

FINAL THOUGHTS

Both sides were imperfect: one made rash decisions, and the other jumped to conclusions. But both had one thing in common that mattered to God: a passion for faithful worship. We can safely say that God steered them to a peaceful ending because of the one thing they got right. If our church family is always united about the most essential things, the Evil One can never divide us. May it always be so, by the grace of God. ■

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SERMON SERIES

Joshua: Take Hold of
What God Has Given

Ang Epekto ng Kompromiso sa Pagkakaisa ng Bayan ng Diyos

JOSHUA 22:1–34



SPEAKER

**Pastor
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Head of
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Maraming aral ang mapupulot natin dito sa salaysay na ito, ngunit ang isang matinkad na aral dito ay ito — mas mabuting pumagitna sa kalooban ng Diyos para sa atin at huwag pangahasan ang paglayo sa Kanya para lang mabigyang-daan ang ating kagustuhan.

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Makikita natin ngayon ang pagbabalik ng mga tribo ng Reuben, Gad at kalahati ng Manasseh sa silangan ng Jordan, kung saan binigyan sila ng lupain na nasa labas ng lupang pangako; isang kompromiso dahil sa kagustuhan nilang manirahan doon (Joshua 1:12–15; Numbers 32:1–5). May naging epekto itong kompromisong ito sa pagkakaisa ng bayan na may taglay na aral para sa atin ngayon.

1. MABIYAYANG PAGHIHWALAY (Joshua 22:1–9)

- Isang Komendasyon para sa Tapat na Pagsunod (Joshua 22:1–3; 1:16–17; Numbers 32:20–22)
 - Ang pagsunod ay marka ng tunay na anak ng Diyos (1 John 2:3)
- Isang Komisyon para sa Tinatamasang Pagbabalik (Joshua 22:4–5; Deuteronomy 6:5; 11:22)
 - Ang pag-ibig sa Diyos ay dapat nagreresulta sa pagsunod sa Kanya (John 14:15)
- Isang Kaloob na Tunay na Pagpapala (Joshua 22:6–9)
 - Ang pagsunod sa Diyos ay naglalagay sa atin sa daluyan ng pagpapala Niya (Deuteronomy 11:13–15)

2. MATINDING DI-PAGKAKAUNAWAAN (Joshua 22:10–20)

- Isang Altar na Nagresulta sa Kalituhan (Joshua 22:10–12; Deuteronomy 13:13–15)
 - Ang paglayo sa gitna ng kalooban ng Diyos ay laging may dalang peligro (Romans 6:13; Matthew 18:8–9)
- Isang Akala na Nagmula sa Kautusan (Joshua 22:13–20; Deuteronomy 12:5–6, 13–14)
 - Ang pagtutuwid ng kapwa ay nagmumula dapat sa masidhing pagtatapat sa kabanalan ng Diyos (Psalm 106:30–31)
 - Ang pagtutuwid ng kapatid ay dapat balutin ng pag-ibig at pagmamalasakit (Galatians 6:1; 2 Timothy 2:25)

3. MATAIMTIM NA PAGPAPALIWANAG (Joshua 22:21–29)

- Isang Panunumpa ng Kawalan ng Kasalanan (Joshua 22:21–23)
 - Ang panunumpa sa pangalan ng Diyos ay hindi kailangan gawin ng mga nananatili sa gitna ng Kanyang kalooban (James 5:11–12)
- Isang Paliwanag ng Kanilang Kadahilanan (Joshua 22:24–29)
 - Ang mga panlabas na palatandaan ng ating pagiging Kristiyano ay hindi kailangan kung si Kristo ay nakikita sa ating pagsunod (Titus 2:10; Philippians 2:15)

4. MAPAYAPANG PAGKAKASUNDO (Joshua 22:30–34)

- Isang Panunumpa ng Kawalan ng Kasalanan (Joshua 22:30–31)
- Isang Mapayapang Pagihiwa-hiwalay (Joshua 22:32–34)

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THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



By
**Pastor
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Worship Ministry
Group Director

HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY

This second weekend of September, we celebrate Grandparent's Day Sunday. Let us praise and thank the Lord together for the Grandparents of our church family! We have the blessing of having a special number by the Inong Family (shout out to the clan), a prayer, and a token especially for all the Lolos and Lolas! These will happen near the middle of all Worship Services (Traditional and Sunday), alongside continuing the Sermon Series on the book of Joshua.

We wish to remind everyone that the Traditional, Sunday 8:00 AM, and Sunday 10:30 AM Services are still held in Audi B, while the Sunday 3PM and Sunday 5:30 PM Services are already held in Audi A.

HARVEST AUDITIONS

Now in its full blown season of recruitment, we are inviting singers in the church family to audition for Harvest! A Singing Team focused on Missions and Evangelism, they take on the role of "musicionaries" through community outreach efforts. Occasional pre-pandemic assignments have also allowed the group to take on such efforts remotely, such as domestic and international communities.

Visit gcf.link/JoinHarvest, message m.me/gcfharvest, or email [gcf.harvest@gmail](mailto:gcf.harvest@gmail.com) if you are:

1. A member of GCF Ortigas
2. Between ages 21 to 35 years old, male or female
3. Willing to go to through training to become a "musician"

THE FAMILY HOUR OF PRAYER ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

On Thursday nights at 8:00 PM, we still continue the habit of coming together to pray as a church family. Most join us on Zoom, a past and present blessing through the pandemic. Do join us if you can. Simply download the Zoom app, enter the **Meeting ID 848 3227 7763** and **Passcode 984990**. There's no pressure to switch on your Video and Audio settings, just make the most of the time to pray with other churchmates. You also have the option to join us in the Chapel, in case you are in the Ortigas area. ■

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

If you are led to give, you may do so through the following means:

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Ortigas ADB
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Main Office
Savings Account: 1000-3010-0017-355

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come WORSHIP GOD WITH US!

*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

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)

Ongoing, started August 18
12:00 – 2:30 PM
Room B117 (near the Topaz exit)

→ Membership class (4 sessions)

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

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

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

Before I Say I Do Seminar

SAT

October 5
For dating and engaged couples
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Room BM07-08, GCF Ortigas
Register for free via [gcf.link/BeforeISayIDo](https://gcf.link/BeforeI SAYIDo)

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

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 Now Open



Join GCF's Evangelistic Singing Team! If you are:

- a GCF member
- 21 to 35 years old, male or female
- willing to be trained as a musician, bringing the gospel to different communities here and abroad

Contact Harvest via gcf.link/JoinHarvest

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

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