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Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

Stay Faithful to Our Faithful God

JOSHUA 23

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Worship Through Praise
Community Prayer
Missions Testimony
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

Stay Faithful to Our Faithful God

JOSHUA 23



SPEAKER

Pastor
Larry Pabiona
GCF Senior Pastor

“

Because God has always been faithful and will always be, let us be faithful to Him. Nothing but good can come from our faithfulness to God, and nothing but pain can happen when we turn away from Him. Let's help one another faithfully follow our Lord.

”

You may consider Joshua chapter 23 as part 1 of Joshua's final farewell to Israel and chapter 24 as the culmination. Joshua calls for the nation's leaders before he dies and charges them to ask God's people to remain faithful till the future. He begins by reminding us of God's character, then connects this with how this should positively affect the way we live and relate to Him:

[vv. 1–5, 14] GOD IS PERFECTLY FAITHFUL TO HIS PEOPLE.

- He was faithful in the past (vv. 3–4). He will be faithful in the future (v. 5). God can never ever be unfaithful! (v. 14)

[vv. 6–11] LET US BE FAITHFUL TO OUR FAITHFUL GOD:

a. The Measures of Our Faithfulness to God:

- Faithfulness means Obeying God's Word: *“Be careful to obey all that is written in the Book... without turning aside to the right or to the left.”* (Joshua 1:8)
- Faithfulness means Avoiding what replaces God: *“You must not serve them or bow down to them.”* (Exodus 20:3)
- Faithfulness means Relating with God: *“But you are to hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have until now.”*

b. The Motivation of Our Faithfulness is Love:

- *“So be very careful to love the LORD your God.”* (Matthew 22:37)

[vv. 12–16] BEWARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNFAITHFULNESS: GOD WITHHOLDS HIS PROTECTION FROM US.

- **God stops fighting our battles for us:** *“You may be sure that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you.”*
- **God stops protecting us from the consequences of our decisions:** *“They will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, until you perish.”* (Hebrews 12:5–13)

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

“You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.”

Because God has always been faithful and will always be, let us be faithful to Him. Nothing but good can come from our faithfulness to God, and nothing but pain can happen when we turn away from Him. Let's help one another faithfully follow our Lord. ■

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Huling Habilin: Maging Tapat sa Panginoon Natin na Tapat

JOSHUA 23:1–16



SPEAKER

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

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Ipahayag natin sa lahat ang katapatan ng Diyos. Hikayatin natin ang lahat na manampalataya sa Kanya, mahalín Siya, at sumunod sa Kanya nang tapat.

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PANIMULA

Maraming taon na ang nakalipas pagkatapos bigyan ng kapahingahan ang bayang Israel mula sa Kanyang mga kaaway (Joshua 23:1; 11:23). Matanda na si Joshua (Joshua 23:2; 13:1), at kanyang tinipon ang mga lider ng bayan upang paalalahanan sila ng dakilang katapatan ng Diyos, hikayatin silang manatiling tapat sa Kanya, at bigyan sila ng babala tungkol sa kahihinatnan ng pagiging hindi tapat.

● ANG KATAPATAN NG DIYOS AY WAGAS

- Sa Pagkakaloob ng Kanyang Ipinangakong Lupa sa Israel (Joshua 23:3–5)
- Sa Pagbibigay ng Tagumpay sa Lahat ng Pakikipaglaban ng Israel (Joshua 23:9–10)
- Sa Pagtupad ng Kanyang Pangako Nang Ganap (Joshua 23:14)

● ANG KATAPATAN NATIN ANG KANYANG INAASAHAN

- Sa Pagsunod sa Kanyang Salita (Joshua 23:6)
- Sa Paglayo Natin sa Sanlibutan (Joshua 23:7)
- Sa Pagkapit Natin sa Kanya (Joshua 23:8)
- Sa Pag-ibig Natin sa Kanya (Joshua 23:11)

● ANG KASIRAAN NG WALANG KATAPATAN SA KANYA

- Sa Pagmamahal sa Sanlibutan (Joshua 23:12–13)
- Sa Pananambahan sa mga Diyus-diyosan (Joshua 23:15–16)

HAMON

- Kapag tayo ay makakaranan ng mga hamon at pagsubok sa buhay, ating alalahanin na meron tayong tapat na Diyos na may magandang layunin para sa atin, na magbibigay kalakasan sa atin para makamit ito, at magtutupad ng Kanyang mga pangako sa atin.
- Katapatan ang karapat-dapat na tugon sa Kanyang katapatan—mahalín Siya nang higit sa lahat, maging masunurin sa Kanyang salita, at mamuhay nang hiwalay sa sanlibutan.
- Kailangan nating isapuso ang mga babala sa mga hindi magtatapat sa Kanya.
 - Suriin ang ating sarili kung tayo ay namumuhay ayon sa ating pananampalataya (2 Corinthians 13:5), payabungin ang mga bunga ng Espiritu Santo sa ating buhay (Galatians 5:22–23), at pagsikapan na ipakita sa ating buhay ang ating pagkakahirang bilang mga anak ng Diyos (2 Peter 1:10–11).
 - Ang katapusan ng hindi pagiging tapat ay malubha at walang hanggan; ayaw natin na masabihan tayo ng Panginoon na hindi Niya tayo kilala (Matthew 7:22–23).
- At dahil ang Panginoon ay tapat sa Kanyang paghuhusga, pareho ng katapatan Niya sa Kanyang pagpapala (Joshua 23:15), kailangan nating abutin ang lahat ng hindi pa nakakakilala sa Kanya at nahaharap sa tiyak na kapahamakan.
- Ipahayag natin sa lahat ang katapatan ng Diyos. Hikayatin natin ang lahat na manampalataya sa Kanya, mahalín Siya, at sumunod sa Kanya nang tapat.

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



By
**Elder
Ave Gaspar**
Men's Ministry
Lead Elder

Men Who Gather Together

Men usually gather to play sports, do tasks that require heavy lifting or pushing, or just to hang out for some fun. To come together to attend Bible studies and prayer meetings would be considered an unusual phenomenon!

The latest GCF Men's Conference held last June 29 was one such unusual phenomenon. The event attracted over 180 men, who listened to a testimony of a father, engaged in candid conversation, prayed for each other, and sang songs unto the Lord in worshipful baritone choruses. It was indeed a beautiful sight to behold!

It was also a time of fellowship as some are already plugged in existing Growth Groups. They consider these gatherings as "times of refreshing" and encourage others as they share testimonies of God's faithfulness in their respective spiritual walks.

The break-out sessions also served as venues for men to open and express their inner thoughts and even their struggles. Others exchanged good-natured banter and bartered funny stories. These conversations were bridged by the facilitators to what the Bible has to say about the topics at hand.

If you are male, 18 years old and above, not yet part of any small group, then YOU are WHO we are looking for. Perhaps, God is leading you to be part of "men who gather together" to grow together with us in the study of scriptures, and to know how we ought to walk to please God more and more!

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.
(1 Thessalonians 4:1 ESV)

Join us on our next Men's Fellowship on Oct 6 from 9:00 to 10:30 AM at the Fellowship Hall. The Men's GGEx small group also gathers from 9:00 to 10:30 AM every Sunday. For more details, please contact Marj at 0917 779 1549. ■

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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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

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)

Batch 3 is now closed
Batch 4 starts Oct 13 (Sun)
12:00 – 2:30 PM
Room A303

→ Membership class (4 sessions)

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

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

Connect Agents' Day: Striving for Excellence in the Workplace

SAT

October 5
Open to all BPO employees
8:00 AM
Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas
Guest Speaker: Elder Dylan Halili
Register for free via
gcf.link/ConnectAgentsDay

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

Cotabato Medical Mission Trip



October 17–20 (Thu–Sun)
Pray for the volunteer team and pray that
hearts would be open to the Gospel

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

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to apply for church membership? Curious
about the various ministries? Visit the new
INFO HUB at the Lobby