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Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

Choose this Day: The Call to Commitment

JOSHUA 24:1-33

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Worship Through Praise
Community Prayer
Baptism
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 Noel Pabiona

FILIPINO

Sunday: 3:00 PM
Speaker:
Pastor BJ Sebastian

TRADITIONAL

Saturday: 5:30 PM
Speaker:
Pastor Noel Pabiona



SERMON SERIES

*Joshua: Take Hold of
What God Has Given*

Choose this Day: The Call to Commitment

JOSHUA 24:1–33



SPEAKER

**Pastor
Noel Pabiona**
GCF Elder



This history of God's faithfulness should fill our hearts with gratitude and inspire us to remain faithful to Him. God is Faithful! His promises are true. He alone is worthy of our trust.



Joshua's farewell speech, which began in chapter 23, is a reminder of God's faithfulness. The heart of his appeal is found in verse 14. The gathering at Shechem, a place of historical significance for the Israelites, is powerful proof that all the promises of God have been fulfilled! The great nation God had promised to Abram now gathers at the place in Canaan where he first promised that the land would be theirs. And just as God has continued to be faithful to them since the time of the patriarchs, they are called to be faithful and devoted to Him because God alone is worthy of this devotion. Joshua challenged the Israelites to decide whom to serve, highlighting the importance of faith and commitment in their relationship with God.

I. Recollection of God's Faithfulness through Israel's History (Joshua 14:2–13)

1. God is faithful to you despite your idolatrous past (v. 2). "they served other gods." Abram's call demonstrates God's sovereignty and grace (Acts 7:2; Ephesians 2:1–10). He grew up in a pagan, idolatrous home.
2. God is faithful to His promises (vv. 3–4). God entered into a covenant with Abraham and promised a nation (Genesis 17:4) and land (Genesis 17:8b).
3. God is faithful to deliver you from bondage. (vv. 5–7) They groaned because of their slavery, and they cried out for help, and God heard it. (Exodus 2:23)
4. God faithfully guides you through the wilderness (vv. 7b–10)
 - a. Physical battle. (v. 8)
 - b. Spiritual battle. (v. 9)
5. God is faithful to bring you victory! (vv. 11–13)
 - a. God defeated their enemies. (vv. 11–12)
 - b. God gave them what He promised (v. 13). A fulfillment of Deuteronomy 6:10–11.

II. Response from the People (Joshua 24:14–24)

Because God is faithful, Joshua urges the people to (Joshua 24:14):

- Fear the LORD.
- Serve Him in sincerity and faithfulness.
- Put away the gods that your fathers served.
- Serve the LORD.

Choose who you will serve! *"But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."* (v. 24)

III. Renewal of Their Commitment to God (Joshua 24:25)

- A covenant was made. (v. 25)
- A commitment marked by a large rock as witness. (v. 26b)

Joshua spends his farewell address focusing on what the Lord has done for His people. Israel had seen God's work and experienced His blessings. Their devotion to God is rooted in God's faithfulness to them, a past filled with miracles and provisions they must never forget. This history of God's faithfulness should fill our hearts with gratitude and inspire us to remain faithful to Him. God is Faithful! His promises are true. He alone is worthy of our trust. ■

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Ang Muling Pagtatalaga ng Bayan ng Diyos

JOSHUA 24:1–33



SPEAKER

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Head of
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Katulad ng pangamba ni Joshua, hindi laging naging tapat ang Israel at sila ay lumayo sa Diyos. Ngunit tapat sa pangako Niya ang Diyos, at darating ang araw at ang Kanyang piniling bayan ay manunumbalik sa Kanya at sasambahin Siya magpakailanman.

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Mayroon tayong salawikain sa ating bansa na “ang hindi lumingon sa pinanggalingan, hindi makakarating sa paroroonan.” Ito ay isang paalala na hindi natin dapat kalimutan ang ating pinanggalingan upang ating mapasalamatan ang ating narating, at upang ating maharap ang hamon ng kinabukasan. Bagaman ito ay hindi hango sa Biblia, mayroon siyang taglay na katotohanan, lalo na dito sa huling pangungusap ni Joshua sa bayang Israel.

1. PAGPAPALA NG ISANG TAPAT NA DIYOS

Naging tapat ang Panginoon sa Israel sa kanilang nakaraan (Joshua 21:43–45; 23:14).

a. Sa Pagtawag sa mga Ninuno, Joshua 24:1–4

- Gayundin kamangha-mangha ang Kanyang pagtawag sa atin na hinirang Niya para sa kaligtasan (Ephesians 1:3–14).

b. Sa Pagligtas sa Pagkaalipin, Joshua 24:5–7

- Gayundin kapuri-puri ang Kanyang pagliligtas sa atin mula sa bingit ng kapahamakan (Romans 5:8–11).

c. Sa Paggabay sa Paglalakbay, Joshua 24:8–10

- Gayundin katuwang natin ang Kanyang Espiritu Santo sa ating buhay Kristiyano (Romans 8:14–17).

d. Sa Pagbibigay ng Tagumpay, Joshua 24:11–13

- Gayundin kalakasan natin ang ating Panginoon sa lahat ng ating pakikibaka sa buhay na ito (Romans 8:35–37).

2. PAGTATALAGA NG BAYAN NG DIYOS

Nararapat lang na maging tapat sila sa kanilang paglakad bilang piniling bayan ng Diyos (Joshua 23:6–8).

a. Sa Pagpapasya na Tumalikod sa Diyos-diyosan at Sumamba sa Buhay na Diyos, Joshua 24:14–18

- Gayundin talikuran natin ang huwad at lumakad nang tapat sa liwanag ng Diyos (2 Corinthians 6:14–18; Ephesians 5:7–15).

b. Sa Pagtatalaga ng Bayan sa Tapat na Paglilingkod at Pagsunod sa Diyos, Joshua 24:19–28

- Gayundin italaga natin ang ating buong buhay sa pananampalataya at pagsunod sa Kanya (Hebrews 3:12–15; 10:26–31).

Hindi nagtagal at pumanaw din si Joshua at Eleazar (Joshua 24:29–30, 33). Naging tapat ang Israel sa kanilang pangako at panata habang siya ay buhay at yung mga sumunod sa kanya (Joshua 24:31). Ngunit katulad ng pangamba ni Joshua (Joshua 24:19–10), hindi laging naging tapat ang Israel at sila ay lumayo sa Diyos, nakalimot ng Kanyang mga ginawa, sumuway sa Kanyang salita at napahamak (Judges 2:11–14). Ngunit tapat sa pangako Niya ang Diyos, at darating ang araw at ang Kanyang piniling bayan ay manunumbalik sa Kanya at sasambahin Siya magpakailanman (Romans 11:25–36). ■

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THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



By
Dr. Larry Pabiona
GCF Senior Pastor

Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization

I'm attending the Fourth Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization today until September 30 to represent our church. The Congress theme is "Let the Church Declare and Display Christ Together." Prayerfully, I hope that the learnings we obtain from this will help our theme, which we will continue until 2025, to "Build Up and Reach Out Together."

To give the culmination of the entire Joshua Series today is Pastor Noel Pabiona, who will speak from the chapter that challenges us all to say like Joshua, "Choose this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!"

New Series Starting Next Weekend: "The Greatness of God!"

Our new series next weekend is about God's incommunicable attributes. These are characteristics that God alone possesses and make Him distinct from creation. I requested Pastor BJ Sebastian to initiate this inspiring sermon series by preaching on "The Omnipotence of God."

The series is more than a "filler" for the gap between Christmas and the end of our Joshua series. Although every Christian must be a theologian in one sense, we're not aiming to create academic theologians but Biblical worshipers. Therefore, every attribute of God in this limited series considers Biblical evidence first – "What is the Biblical basis for this?" and then its implications for Christian life and ministry – "How should this affect the way I live before God and serve God?" Here's the schedule of messages for your appreciation:

September

- 28–29 The Omnipotence of God

October

- 12–13 The Omniscience of God
- 19–20 The Omnipresence of God
- 26–7 The Immutability of God

November

- 9–10 The Self-Existence of God
- 16–17 The Self-Sufficiency of God
- 23–24 The Sovereignty of God

Note: Every first weekend is Communion Weekend.

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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,
Fellowship Hall

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

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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 – Last batch for 2024)

SUN

→ Membership class (4 sessions)

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

→ How to Grow class (7 sessions)

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

→ Spiritual Gifts class (1 session)

October 20 (Sun)
12:00 – 2:30 PM
Room B302-B303, 3rd Floor

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/BeforeI SAY I Do

Cotabato Medical Mission Trip



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

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!
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- a GCF member
- 21 to 35 years old, male or female
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bringing the gospel to different
communities here and abroad

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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)
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