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Living in the Freedom of Grace: Part 1

The Public Rebuke of Peter

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When man-made rules start taking the place of grace, the church can feel more like a prison than a place of freedom. Sometimes we're not living from grace—we're just trying not to get judged. Paul saw that playing out before him and didn't ignore it. He calls it out.

THE PROBLEM WITH PETER: Religion Can Mask as Righteousness (vv. 11–13)

- When Paul confronted Peter, it wasn't about food—it was about fear. Peter, who once boldly embraced Gentile believers, suddenly withdrew because he was afraid of what the "circumcision group" would think. Sadly, even Barnabas, Paul's trusted ministry partner, got carried away. Man-made rules are contagious and dangerous.
- Colossians 2:20-23 reminds us that rules like "Do not handle, do not taste..." look spiritual, but are powerless to change hearts.

THE PASSION OF PAUL: The Courage to Protect Grace (v. 14a)

- Paul saw a betrayal of the Gospel itself. He confronted Peter "because he was not in step with the truth of the gospel" (Galatians 2:14). The Gospel calls us to something deeper than keeping the peace—it calls us to keep the truth (Galatians 1:10).
- Rules must serve people, not the other way around (Mark 2:27). God's kingdom isn't built on diets and rituals, but on righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17).

THE PRESSURE WE DON'T NEED: Holding Others to Standards We Can't Keep (v. 14b)

- Peter lived freely when no one was watching, but demanded that others follow the rules when pressure was on. Jesus called out religious leaders who "load people with burdens" they themselves don't carry (Luke 11:46).
- The antidote isn't trying harder—it's dying to self (Galatians 2:20).

Final Thoughts

If we want to be a spiritual family that lives out the Gospel, here's a start. Let's be:

- **Faithful to the Essentials** – We're saved by faith alone in Christ alone (Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-9). That's non-negotiable!
- **Flexible in Non-Essentials** – We don't add barriers to fellowship that Christ never required (Acts 15:19).
- **Fervent in Love** – We use our freedom not to serve ourselves, but to serve each other in love (Galatians 5:13).

Let's live in the freedom of grace! ■



No Other Gospel: Stand Firm in Your Freedom!

Ang Ating Kalayaan sa Grasya ng Panginoon

Galatians 2:11–14

Napakadaling magkaroon ng legalismo sa isang kapatiran ng mga niligtas sa pamamagitan ng grasya ng Diyos. Mas madali kasing sumunod na lang sa batas para maligtas (na akala natin kontrolado natin, ngunit hindi naman tayo makasunod). Mas mahirap ang umasa lang sa grasya ng Diyos para sa ating kaligtasan (na hindi natin kontrolado at ayon sa Kanyang kahabagan). Ito ang binabantayan ni Pablo sa kapatiran nila, at nung nakita niya ang maling pagkilos ng kapwa niyang apostol, pinuna niya ito kaagad.

1. ANG PAGTUTUWID KAY PEDRO: Tagumpay ng Prinsipyo sa Pakikisama, Galatians 2:11–13

- Mahalaga na tularan natin ang tapang ni Pablo sa pagpuna sa mga nag kukumpromiso ng katotohanan ng ebanghelyo ng grasya ng Diyos (v. 11).
- Mahalaga rin na iwasan natin ang kahinaan ng loob na ipinakita ni Pedro sa harap ng panunuligsa ng mga Judaizer, sa ngalan ng pakikisama (v. 12).
- Madaling makahawa ang pagiging alanganin sa ating paninindigan tungkol sa ebanghelyo, lalo na kung tayo ay tinitignan at sinusundan ng marami katulad ni Pedro noon (v. 13).

2. ANG PANININDIGAN NI PABLO: Tagumpay ng Pagtatapat sa Pagpapakitang-tao, Galatians 2:14

- Mahalaga ang tapatang pagtutuwid na may pag-ibig, upang mapigilan habang maaga, ang pag-iral ng maling katuruan na maaaring maglayo sa atin sa ebanghelyo ng grasya ng Diyos (v. 14a; Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Timothy 5:20; Galatians 6:1).
- Mas matimbang ang kalayaan natin sa ilalim ng kagandahang-loob ng Panginoon (Galatians 5:1), kaysa sa pabigat na dala ng pagsunod sa kautusan na hindi naman kailanman itinaguyod ng Diyos na paraan ng kaligtasan (v. 14b; Romans 3:20-21; Matthew 23:4; Colossians 2:20-23).

Madaling pulaan si Pedro sa kanyang kahinaan, ngunit kung ating aaminin, madalas ganyan din tayo — bumibigay sa pangangailangan na makisama sa iba sa ngalan ng katahimikan; pumapayag sa pag-iral ng mga alituntuning gawa lamang ng tao sa ating kalagitnaan.

- Maging Tapat sa mga Non-negotiable – Tayo ay naligtas sa pamamagitan lamang ng pananampalataya kay Kristo lamang (Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-9).
- Maging Flexible sa Non-Essentials – Huwag tayong mag dagdag ng mga hadlang sa ating pakikisama na hindi naman hiningi kailanman ni Hesus (Acts 15:19).
- Maging Taimtim sa Pag-ibig – Ginagamit natin ang ating kalayaan hindi para pagsilbihan ang ating sarili, kundi para pagsilbihan ang isa't isa sa pag-ibig (Galatians 5:13).

Mamuhay tayo sa kalayaan ng grasya ng Panginoon! ■



WORSHIP WITH US AT GCF ORTIGAS

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM English

10:30 AM English
Auditorium B

3:00 PM Filipino

5:30 PM English
Auditorium A

SATURDAYS

5:30 PM Traditional
Auditorium B

■ Livestream is available during the 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday Services. The recording of the Traditional Service will be streamed on Sundays at 5:30 PM.

KIDS on SUNDAYS

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

3:00 PM &

5:30 PM

Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School

Ages 2–6 and 7–13 • 4th Floor

Ages 1.5–3 • Toddlers' Center

Ages 4–13 • 4th Floor

Ages 3–5 • Toddlers' Center

Ages 6–13 • 4th Floor

YOUTH on SATURDAYS

4:00 PM

Youth L.I.V.E. Discipleship Gathering

For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULTS on FRIDAYS

7:00 PM

YA Fridays

For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS

9:30 AM

Sunday Bible School (SBS)

Open to all • GCF Chapel

9:30 AM

& 4:30 PM

“Like Jesus” Youth Bible Study

For all high school students • Room B124

9:30 AM

Men's Growth Group Express

Open to all men • Room A107a

PRAYER HOUR on THURSDAYS

8:00 PM

GCF Family's Hour of Prayer

Open to all • GCF Chapel and Zoom

OUTREACH on WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM

Ortigas Community Outreach

Open to all • Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM

Ortigas Community Worship

Open to all • GCF Chapel

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

Share this with your friends and family who need to know Christ!

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.”

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT 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.

ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you! Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at gcf.link/GCFWelcome

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help. Call the GCF ERCC Hotline at 0917 532 7794

Apologetics Series at Sunday Bible School

Sundays 9:30 AM
(Ongoing) GCF Chapel

How to Grow Class

Starts (7 sessions)
May 18 12:00 – 3:00 PM
Sundays Room B302
Register at gcf.link/HowToGrow

Stewardship & Empowerment Seminar with SupaMom Women's Ministry

May 24 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Saturday Youth Center, 6th Floor
Open to all
Register at gcf.link/SupaMoms

Shaking Hands with Gender Identity and Development

June 7 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN
Saturday Fellowship Hall
Register via gcf.link/ShakingHands

Youth Retreat 2025 (Last Day to Register)

June 9–11 Rizal Re-Creation Center, Laguna
Monday to For high school students
Wednesday Registration Fee: Php 2,500 (all-inclusive)
Register via gcf.link/YouthRetreat

Men's Retreat 2025 (Last Week to Register)

June 12–14 **Theme: Men After God's Own Heart**
Thursday Hotel Seoul, Clark, Pampanga
to Saturday For all men (18 years old and above)
Registration Fee: Php 3,000 (all-inclusive)
Register via gcf.link/MensRetreat

International Widows Day Celebration with Naomi Women Ministry

June 14 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN
Saturday Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Atty. Chato Olivas Gallo
Open to all widows
Register via gcf.link/WidowsDay

Enduring by Faith: God's Word as a Refuge in Trials - SHE and YA Collab Fellowship

June 14 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Saturday Youth Center, 6th Floor
Speaker: Mariann Lopera
Open to all young adults
Register via gcf.link/SHEYAFellowship

Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS) True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

June 23–28 Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas
Monday For kids ages 4–12
to Saturday Registration Fee: Php 1,000 (all-inclusive)
Register at the Main Lobby

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



Pastor Mike King Li
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Couples Retreat

Join us in praising God for the recently concluded Couples Retreat held last May 1-3 at Hotel Kimberly, Tagaytay. Around 40 couples attended the retreat. Our speakers, Atty. Winnie and Maloi Salumbides, gave practical advice on how couples can improve their communication with one another, resolve conflicts, and take care of themselves. There were also workshops so couples could immediately practice what they had learned. The retreat culminated with a renewal of marital vows, led by Pastor Arnold Perona. We thank God for this opportunity for these couples to deepen their commitment to one another and God, the One who designed and instituted marriage.

Men's Retreat

We invite all men ages 18 and above to attend our Men's Retreat at Seoul Hotel, Pampanga, from June 12 to 14. Join us as we explore the life of King David—known as a man after God's own heart and the gifted writer of many Psalms. Discover how God transformed a humble shepherd boy into one of Israel's greatest kings, and how He can bring transformation to your life as well. Be inspired to pursue God wholeheartedly, even in the midst of life's challenges, just as David did. You don't have to be alone in seeking after God's heart to grow in your faith. Be plugged into a community of men who can journey alongside you as you strive to seek after God's heart together!

We encourage you, all men, to participate in this retreat and invite your *Oikos*—people from your spheres of influence—to attend as well. The registration fee is P3,000 (inclusive of transportation, accommodation, and food). Register now at the Main Lobby or online via gcf.link/MensRetreat. Hurry! The registration period ends on Sunday, May 25. ■

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