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COMMUNION SERIES ON LUKE: GOD THE SON, SON OF MAN

Women of God and the Kingdom of God

Luke 8:1–3

Pastor Larry Pabiona
English Sermon

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Filipino Sermon

ENGLISH SERMON OUTLINE

Communion Series on Luke: God the Son, Son of Man

Women of God and the Kingdom of God

Luke 8:1–3

Jesus moved around with a clear purpose: *proclaiming and bringing the Good News of the Kingdom of God.* Traveling with Him and the Twelve is a group we might not expect.

THE MINISTRY MINUS THE SPOTLIGHT

A. The Twelve: Luke states briefly, *"The Twelve were with Him."* These are the apprentices, eyewitnesses, and future leaders. But they aren't the focus here.

B. The Faithful Women:

- Luke highlights a group that probably raised eyebrows then: women *who followed* and *supported* Jesus.
  - Mary Magdalene—*Seven demons* had gone out from her. She never forgot it.
  - Joanna—The wife of Herod's household manager, a woman high up in the social ladder.
  - Susanna—An unknown memorialized because she joined this faithful group.
- These women *"and many others"* were not bystanders. They *"provided... out of their means."* The word "provided" is *diakoneō* (Greek) the root word for *"deacon"* or *"servant."* Their contribution wasn't charity but ministry.
- Quiet, generous hands have always sustained the work of God's Kingdom. These women *kept the mission going*—handling meals, organizing supplies, offering hospitality, and giving generously.

THE MESSAGE OF THEIR MINISTRY

1. **Who Do We Make Room For?** Jesus doesn't restrict His circle to men, the educated, or the religious elite. He includes the healed, the formerly demon-possessed, women with influence, and women who had suffered. Praise God for women in ministry!
2. **What Does Support Look Like To You?** Not everyone is called to preach, but everyone is called to *support* the Gospel. That can be financial giving, hospitality, prayer, encouragement, and behind-the-scenes acts that help others proclaim the Gospel.
3. **Are We Living Grateful Lives?** These women had been touched by Jesus in personal ways. And their response? Participation. That's what happens when we truly grasp what Jesus has done for us. How are you responding to what Jesus has done for *you*?

Final Thoughts

Luke took the time to name these women, to record their faithfulness, and to honor their support. Why? Because in the Kingdom of God, there are no minor roles. Every act of love, every sacrifice, every offering matters.

God's Kingdom moves forward on the shoulders of the grateful and faithful. Are we? ■

Sermon Notes

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FILIPINO SERMON OUTLINE

Communion Series on Luke: God the Son, Son of Man

Ang Mga Kakaibang Kababaihan Sa Ministeryo Ni Kristo

Luke 8:1–3

Sa kasaysayan ng sanlibutan, malalim at matindi ang pang-aapi na dinanas ng mga babae sa kamay ng mga mapang-abusong lalaki; lalo na noong panahon ng ating Panginoong Hesus. Ngunit naging kakaiba ang naging paglingap ni Hesus sa estado ng kababaihan noong Siya ay lumakad sa ating daigdig. At dahil dito malaki ang naging papel at kontribusyon ng mga babae sa ministeryo ng ating Panginoon, magmula pa noon, at hanggang sa ngayon.

1. ANG MINISTERYO NI HESUS AY ANG PAMAMAHAYAG NG MABUTING BALITA NG KALIGTASAN SA LAHAT NG MAAABOT NILA NOON, v. 1

a. Isang misyon ng pagpapahayag sa lahat ng maaabot na lugar – "Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages..." (Matthew 9:35; Luke 13:22; Acts 1:8; 5:28; 8:14; 17:6)

b. Isang malinaw na mensahe ng kaligtasan sa pamamagitan ng pananalig sa ating Diyos na tagapagligtas – "proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God." (Luke 4:43; 6:33; 8:9; Matthew 10:7; 24:14; John 3:3, 16, 36; Acts 1:3; 8:12)

c. Isang ministeryo na Kanyang isinagawa sa pamamagitan ng mga tinawag at niligtas na mga alagad – "And the twelve were with him" (Luke 6:12–16; Acts 1:13, 26; Matthew 19:28; Revelation 21:14)

2. ANG MGA KABABAIHAN AY NAGING MAHALAGANG BAHAGI NG PAGPAPATULOY NG MISYON NG ATING PANGINOON, v. 2–3

a. Kakaibang pagmamalasakit ang ipinakita ng ating Panginoon sa mga babaeng ni walang karapatang maging disipulo ng isang tagapagturo noong panahon na iyon – "and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities..." (Luke 23:49, 55; Matthew 27:55; Mark 15:40, 41; Acts 1:14)

b. Kababaihan ng iba't-ibang katatayuan –

1. Nagmula sa pagkaalipin ng mga demonyo – "Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out..." (Matthew 27:56, 61; 28:1; John 19:25; 20:1, 18; Mark 16:9)
2. Nagmula sa mataas na antas ng lipunan – "and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager... (Luke 9:7-9; 24:10)
3. Na karaniwan at di kapansin-pansin – "and Susanna, and many others"

Kakaibang pagsuporta ang kanilang iginugol sa ministeryo ni Hesus –"who provided for them out of their means."

Ang salaysay na ito ay isang pagpupugay, at paghamon din, sa mga kababaihan natin ngayon. Ano kaya ang inyong patuloy na paglilingkod sa misyon at ministeryo ng ating Panginoon sa ating panahon ngayon? ■

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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

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM
Ortigas Community Worship
GCF Chapel, Ground Floor

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

Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School

8:00 AM Ages 2–6 and 7–13 • 4th Floor
10:30 AM Ages 1.5–3 • Toddlers' Center
Ages 4–13 • 4th Floor
3:00 PM & 5:30 PM 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

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 (Ongoing)
9:30 AM
GCF Chapel

Shaking Hands with Gender Identity and Development

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

Men's Retreat 2025

(Registration Extended until June 1)

June 12–14 Thursday to Saturday
Theme: Men After God's Own Heart
Hotel Seoul, Clark, Pampanga
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 Saturday
9:00 AM – 12:00 NN
Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Atty. Chato Olivas Gallo
Open to all widows
Register for free via **gcf.link/WidowsDay**

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

June 14 Saturday
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Auditorium A
Speaker: Mariann Lopera
Open to all young adults
Register for free via **gcf.link/SHEYAFellowship**

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

(Registration Closes Soon)

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

GCF Apologetics Conference 2025 Did Jesus Really Say He Was God: Making Sense of Christ's Historical Claims

July 5 Saturday
8:00 AM – 12:00 NN
Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas
Guest Speaker: Dr. Mikel del Rosario
Ticket Price: Php 200, now available at the Main Lobby

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



Pastor Larry Pabiona
Senior Pastor

WE ARE FORMING A COUNCIL OF SHEPHERDS!

Praise God, last May 17, 2025, our Board of Elders agreed to form a Council of Shepherds that will prayerfully increase the number of shepherds for you, our GCF flock. The Council of Shepherds will consist of the sitting elders and will invite all current pastors and cycled-out elders who meet Biblical criteria (1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9). In the New Testament, the terms "elders" and "pastors" are used interchangeably, and we will honor that Biblical truth. The Council will have its own meeting agenda every month, and discussions will focus on the welfare of the GCF flock and how to provide the best care for them. Please join us in prayer for wisdom and discernment as we take baby steps in this direction. Like any new venture, we will learn along the way through on-the-job experience. However, what we know for sure is that as we honor the Lord Jesus' desire to love His flock on His behalf, He will guide us and make this work, all for His glory and honor.

THE CHURCH IS GROWING, AND WE NEED HELP FROM MATURE BELIEVERS

At the same BOE meeting, we learned from our Church Administrator that, praise God, the church has been steadily growing in number over the last three years since the lockdown. We had an 18% increase in attendance compared to the previous year. Paradoxically, our offering also decreased by 4%. When we discussed possible reasons, one hypothesis was that we've been blessed with many young people getting saved and baptized over the last three years, some of whom are students or have just started employment or their businesses. They are also probably still learning about worship through sacrificial giving. So, there are more of us now, but we need more from those older in the faith. Just to assure you all, we are still in the black, but we need your help to stay there. We pray that your hearts will respond accordingly. ■

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

For receipts, email your transaction document to **finance@gcf.org.ph**

For more information, visit **gcf.org.ph/give**

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