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Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN



TODAY'S MESSAGE

God's Encouragements for Moving Forward

JOSHUA 1:1-9

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

God's Encouragements for Moving Forward

JOSHUA 1:1-9



SPEAKER

**Pastor
Larry Pabiona**
GCF Senior Pastor

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Discouragement is one thing God wants you to decide against: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed" (Joshua 1:9). By God's grace, what you need to face the future is now with you. So go forward and be bold in God!

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Joshua was possibly intimidated by three realities: the performance expected of him (succeed where Moses failed), the people he was to lead (children of the stubborn, rebellious, and ungrateful Israelites), and the predecessor he was taking over (Moses the spiritual giant!). But in God's long and detailed address to His would-be leader, you can find the same assurances that God gives every believer who, like Joshua, is fearful of what lies ahead in an unknown future.

When God has prepared you to serve Him, but uncertainty fills your heart with dread, how do you obey His will and move forward?

1. ACCEPT REALITY AND GET MOVING – Joshua 1:1-2

"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them." (Joshua 1:2)

2. TRUST THE PROMISES OF GOD – Joshua 1:3-5

Note how God's promises address three possible concerns in the mind of Joshua:

- a. **Performance:** v. 3 *"Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses."*
- b. **People:** v. 5 *"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life."*
- c. **Predecessor:** v. 5 *"Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you."*

3. REMEMBER YOUR CALLING – Joshua 1:6

"... for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them."

4. BUILD YOUR LIFE ON GOD'S GUIDANCE (THE BIBLE) – Joshua 1:7-8

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Joshua 1:8)

FINAL THOUGHTS

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What God Has Given*

Ang Pagkomisyon Kay Joshua

JOSHUA 1:1–9



SPEAKER

**Pastor
BJ Sebastian**

*Head of
Disciple-Making
Ministries*

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Sa ating paghayo at pagsunod sa dakilang komisyon, dapat pa rin nating isandig ang ating kumpiyansa hindi sa ating sariling kalakasan, kundi sa pangako, katapatan, kapangyarihan, at presensya ng Panginoon.

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Ang teksto na pag-aaralan natin sa araw na ito ay tungkol sa pagkomisyon ng Panginoon kay Joshua bilang bagong pinuno ng bayang Israel. Balik-tanawin natin ang kasaysayan ng bayang Israel.

- Ang pangako sa bayang Israel (Genesis 12:3; Isaiah 49:6)
- Ang pamumuno ni Moses sa Israel (Exodus 3:10)
- Ang pagkamatay ni Moses (Deuteronomy 34:4-7)
- Ang paghahanda kay Joshua (Exodus 17:14; Numbers 13:8)

Tatlong bagay ang makikita natin sa teksto na ito: Ang Komisyon ng Diyos kay Joshua, Ang Kumpiyansa ni Joshua sa kanyang misyon, at Ang Kautusan ng Diyos na dapat niyang sundin.

1. ANG KOMISYON KAY JOSHUA

Ang komisyon kay Joshua ay pamunuan ang Israel sa pag-angkin nito ng lupang pinangako sa kanila ng Diyos.

- Tawirin ang Ilog (Joshua 1:2)
- Talunin ang Kalaban (Joshua 1:3–4)

2. ANG KUMPIYANSA NI JOSHUA

Ang kumpiyansa ni Joshua ay naka base sa katapatan ng Diyos na siyang tapat na Panginoon.

- Nakasandig sa Pangako ng Diyos (Joshua 1:5a)
- Nakabase sa Katapatan ng Diyos sa Nakaraan (Joshua 1:5b)

3. ANG KAUTUSAN KAY JOSHUA

Tatlong beses inutusan ng Diyos si Joshua “to be strong and courageous.” At ang kanyang pagsunod at tagumpay ay naka-angkla sa pangako, kapangyarihan at presensya ng Diyos.

- Umasa sa Pangako ng Diyos (Joshua 1:6)
- Umasa sa Kapangyarihan ng Diyos (Joshua 1:7–8)
- Umasa sa Presensya ng Diyos (Joshua 1:9)

HAMON

Ang mga pangakong ito kay Joshua at sa bayang Israel ay para sa kanila at sa kapanahunan nila. Ngunit mayroon ding mga walang-hanggang prinsipyo na maaari nating makuha dito at isagawa sa ating mga buhay.

- Sa dakilang komisyon na ibinigay sa atin ng Diyos (Acts 1:8), kailangan pa rin nating tumawid sa mga lugar na hindi pamilyar sa atin at talunin ang mga kalaban ng Kanyang mga layunin.
- Sa ating paghayo at pagsunod sa dakilang komisyon, dapat pa rin nating isandig ang ating kumpiyansa hindi sa ating sariling kalakasan, kundi sa pangako, katapatan, kapangyarihan, at presensya ng Panginoon. ■

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By **JP Kabuhat**
DMG-2
Ministry Head

Updates Regarding Our Recently Commissioned Pastors

Last year, Pastor Larry Pabiona commissioned youth pastor Mikee Sosmeña and prayed for the three apprentice pastors, MM Etcubañez, Chico Barretto, and Eggie Abelardo. We should see this as concrete evidence that God is not finished with our church just yet.

Our Young Adult (YA) pastors Chico and Eggie have been preparing and preaching through the "Clear the Air" series (YA version), as they're now preparing for the Sermon on the Mount sermon series. YouthLIVE began a sermon series on the

book of Ruth two Saturdays ago, and Pastor Mikee has now finished preparing the entire sermon series weeks before they started! Pastor MM, while juggling his responsibilities as DMG-2 Ministry Coordinator and other roles, has been getting involved with the Frontline Ministry (GCF's campus outreach). He plans to increase his presence at universities in the near future.

These pastors are mentored and trained by Pastor Larry, Pastor BJ Sebastian, and myself, among many other pastors and elders. Part of their mentoring is the preparation of their sermons with feedback and evaluations after. They are now putting into practice how to plan the presentation of God's Word, create an outline, examine grammar, research important terms, and derive theological insights. To top it all off, Pastors Mikee, Chico, and Eggie are all currently attending seminary. Pastor MM is also well on his way, having completed his application last January. Teaching God's Word can spell the difference between life and death, preparing to teach it must be treated with this high level of reverence. It is the duty of every pastor, in this fallen world full of deceit, to seek greater competence in the proper observation, interpretation, and application of God's Word.

Please keep our young pastors in your prayers today and throughout the week. May they be sustained by God and may His joy fill their hearts, as they pastor our young people in GCF. ■

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM • English
10:30 AM • English
3:00 PM • Filipino
5:30 PM • English

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM –
Ortigas Community Worship
(for Ortigas residents and employees)

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

Via 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

10:30 AM

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

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

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)

CARELINK Classes

SUN

- ➔ **How To Grow Class**
Build a good foundation in your Christian life
12:00–2:00 PM • Room A303
Register via gcf.link/HowToGrow
- ➔ **Membership Class**
Learn the importance of being a member of a local church
12:00–2:00 PM • Room B302-B303
Register via gcf.link/Membership
- ➔ **Spiritual Gifts Class**
Discover your spiritual gifts and how you can serve
12:00–3:00 PM • Fellowship Hall
Register via gcf.link/SpiritualGifts

KidsLIFE Christian Education 1 Training

SUN

Be trained to teach and disciple the next generation
March 3, 10, 17, 24 • 1:00 PM
Room B405, GCF Ortigas
Register with Teacher Angel at **0917 532 7768**

SHAKING HANDS Forum Series

SAT

March 9 • 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN
Room BM07–08, GCF Ortigas
Topic: Work and Life Transitions
Register via gcf.link/ShakingHands

Building Bridges:

Fostering Strong
Relationships with In-Laws

SAT

March 23 • 8:30 AM – 12:00 NN

Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas

Register via gcf.link/BuildingBridges

HOLY WEEK 2024



Good Friday Service: Seven Last Words

March 29 • 5:00 PM

Live on-site and online

Resurrection Sunday Services

March 31 • 10:30 AM and 5:30 PM

Live on-site and online

**No Traditional Service on March 30 (Sat)
and No 3:00 PM Service on March 31 (Sun).*

Do you need someone to talk to?



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

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!

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Questions about GCF Ortigas?



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