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## Joshua



TAKE HOLD OF  
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

### TODAY'S MESSAGE

## The R-Rated Story of Rahab

JOSHUA CHAPTER 2

### 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*

# The R-Rated Story of Rahab

## JOSHUA CHAPTER 2



### SPEAKER

**Pastor  
Larry Pabiona**  
GCF Senior Pastor

“

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Every Christian today, not only Rahab, has an R-rated story behind them: “R” for redemption. While it is tempting to see Rahab as the hero of our story, in every Biblical narrative, God is ultimately behind all this – who always keeps His promises and Word. See God’s hand within the four basic movements of the story:

### Rahab’s Kindness (Joshua 2:1–7)

Why did Rahab help the two spies at the risk of her own life? Because before all this, she had trusted in the true God that Israel worshiped.

### Rahab’s Profession of Faith (Joshua 2:8–11)

Bible scholars say this is one of the most amazing professions of faith in the Bible. Look at its components:

1. She acknowledged the character of God:  
*I know that the LORD has given you the land,*
2. She acknowledged the helplessness of humankind before God and apart from God: *...the fear of you has fallen upon us... For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea... our hearts melted.*
3. She finally names God Himself, clearly honors Him, and acknowledges faith in Him: *...for the LORD your God, He is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath.*

### Rahab’s Plea for Help (Joshua 2:12-21)

No matter how we see women of ill repute, we can always commend her love of family and her faith that God would deliver all of them.

### Rahab’s Blessing (Joshua 2:22–24)

When the grace of God enters the most unlikely person’s life, the blessing is such that it goes far beyond even their earthly life:

1. Rahab would become the ancestor of Jesus, one of three foreigners in His lineage (Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth). She would also be one of four scandalized women in His lineage (Tamar, Rahab, Bathsheba, and Mary). Foreigners were regarded as outcasts, then and now. Praise God for loving outcasts and Gentiles like us.
2. Rahab would be included in the “Faith Hall of Fame” of Hebrews 11, alongside the status of Sarah (Hebrews 11:31). Praise God whose grace overcomes the scandals in our lives.
3. Rahab would be cited as an example of saving faith being proven by works, alongside the status of Abraham (James 2:25). Praise God for His redemptive ways, who lifts up the despised so that future generations call them blessed (Luke 1:48; 52).

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Unless we recall that we’re all former Rahabs, unworthy and unforgivable by God, we tend to see everyone else, Christian or not, as unworthy and unforgivable.

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## SERMON SERIES

Joshua: Take Hold of  
What God Has Given

# Rahab: Isang Kwento ng Katubusan

## JOSHUA CHAPTER 2



### SPEAKER

**Pastor  
BJ Sebastian**

Head of  
Disciple-Making  
Ministries

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makita natin ang  
ating kapwa na ganito  
din – di-karapatdapat  
at di-mapapatawad.  
Sa ganitong paraan,  
magiging handa tayo  
na gamitin ng Diyos  
upang abutin kahit na  
yaong sa tingin natin  
ay malayo sa Kanyang  
pagliligtas.

”

Ang lahat ng Kristiyano ay may kwento na “R” rated (“Redemption”); isang kwento ng pagtubos ng Panginoon. Habang si Rahab ang parang bida ng kwentong ito, sa lahat naman ng kwento sa Biblia, ang tunay na bida ay ang ating Diyos na laging tapat sa pagtupad ng Kanyang mga pangako. Makikita natin ang kamay ng Diyos sa apat na bahagi ng kwento ni Rahab:

### 1. Ang Kabaitan ni Rahab (Joshua 2:1–7)

Bakit kaya tinulungan ni Rahab ang dalawang espiya kahit na mapanganib para sa kanya? Ito ay dahil sa kanyang kataka-takang pananampalataya sa Diyos ng Israel.

### 2. Ang Kapahayagan ng Pananampalataya ni Rahab (Joshua 2:8–11)

Isa itong kamangha-manghang pananampalataya sa Panginoon. Tignan natin ang mga sangkap nito:

- Kinilala niya ang karakter ng Diyos: *“I know that the LORD has given you the land”*
- Kinilala niya ang kawalang pag-asa ng mga tao na hiwalay sa Diyos, sa harap ng Diyos: *“...the fear of you has fallen upon us... For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea... our hearts melted.”*
- Kinilala niyang tunay na Panginoon ang Diyos, binigyang parangal at pinaniwalaan: *“...for the LORD your God, He is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath.”*

### 3. Ang Kahilingan ni Rahab na Tulungan Siya (Joshua 2:12–21)

Kahit na siya ay naging talipandas, nararapat lang na bigyang pugay ang kanyang pagmamahal sa kanyang pamilya at ang kanyang pananampalataya sa pagliligtas ng Diyos.

### 4. Ang Pagpapala ni Rahab (Joshua 2:22–24)

Kapag pumasok ang grasya ng Diyos sa buhay ng isang mananampalataya, ang pagpapala ay higit pa sa kanyang buhay sa lupa:

- Si Rahab ay naging ninuno ni Hesus; isa sa tatlong dayuhan sa kanyang lahi (Tamar, Rahab, at Ruth). Isa rin siya sa apat na babaeng na-iskandalo sa kanyang lahi (Tamar, Rahab, Bathsheba, at Mary). Purihin natin ang Diyos dahil nagmahal Siya ng mga itinakwil at na-iskandalo.
- Si Rahab ay napabilang sa “Faith Hall of Fame” sa Hebrews 11, kasama ng ibang babae ng Diyos katulad ni Sarah (Hebrews 11:31). Purihin ang Diyos dahil sa Kanyang grasya na nagwagi sa kanyang buhay.
- Si Rahab ay naging halimbawa ng nakapagliligtas na pananampalataya na nagresulta sa mabubuting gawa, katulad ni Abraham (James 2:25). Purihin ang Diyos sa Kanyang katubusan, na nagliligtas ng mga hinamak upang sila ay tawaging pinagpala ng mga darating ng salinlahi (Luke 1:48; 52).

## HAMON

Kailangan nating tignan ang ating mga sarili na mga dating “Rahab,” di-karapatdapat at di-mapapatawad sa mata ng Diyos, upang makita natin ang ating kapwa na ganito din – di-karapatdapat at di-mapapatawad. Sa ganitong paraan, magiging handa tayo na gamitin ng Diyos upang abutin kahit na yaong sa tingin natin ay malayo sa Kanyang pagliligtas. ■

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# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



By  
**Elder Rommel Yazon**  
Ministry Lead,  
Couples Ministry

The Couples Ministry of GCF will hold the final two sessions of *Biblical Portrait of Marriage 1* class on April 13, 2024. The class of around 15 couples (married and engaged) has been discovering God's design for marriage from the Word of God. The participants have been gaining a lot of biblical and practical insights through lively interaction. To all engaged and married couples, we encourage you to attend *Biblical Portrait of Marriage 2* later this year.

One significant aspect of married life is relating with the in-laws. Cultural, social, and economic dynamics bear heavily on a married couple's relationship with their parents-in-law. How can a couple develop healthy relationships with their in-laws? Come to the Couples Seminar **Building Bridges: Fostering Strong Relationships with In-Laws** happening on March 23, Saturday, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 NN at the Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas. Get ready to be blessed, excited, and inspired as you listen to our panel of three "battle hardened" couples.

As married couples are guided and assisted through these programs and projects, the Couples Ministry trusts in the Lord to reach these objectives:

1. To disciple couples in the area of marriage
2. To network with other ministries such as the Young Adults Ministry, Family Ministry, and Seniors Ministry
3. To develop and empower more marriage mentors
4. To enable Marriage Mentors to develop their mentees through courses and seminars
5. To evangelize non-Christian participants

Pray with us as we seek to strengthen the marriages in our church community! ■

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

If you are led to give, you may do so through the following means:

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# come WORSHIP GOD WITH US!

*Together, let's seek to know  
Christ and make Him known*

## 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

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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

## 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 Discipleship Classes

SUN

- ➔ **How To Grow Class**  
*Build a good foundation in your  
Christian life*  
12:00–2:00 PM • Room A303  
Batch 1: Mar 17, 24  
Batch 2: Jun 9, 16, 23, 30; Jul 7, 14, 21  
Register via [gcf.link/HowToGrow](https://gcf.link/HowToGrow)
- ➔ **Membership Class**  
*Learn the importance of being a  
member of a local church*  
12:00–2:00 PM • Room B302-B303  
Batch 2: Jun 30; Jul 7, 14, 21  
Register via [gcf.link/Membership](https://gcf.link/Membership)
- ➔ **Spiritual Gifts Class**  
*Discover your spiritual gifts and how  
you can serve (One session only)*  
Mar 17, 24; Jul 28  
12:00–3:00 PM • Room B302  
Register via [gcf.link/SpiritualGifts](https://gcf.link/SpiritualGifts)

## 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](https://gcf.link/BuildingBridges)

## Heart in Art



*An exhibit for the benefit of Mercy Ministry  
and Operation Compassion*

March 16 to 31

3rd Level Veranda, Robinsons Galleria

## 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 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM Services 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!

Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor  
or reach out to us at [gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)

## Questions about GCF Ortigas?



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