

Rev. Fidel C. Dillo
UCF Associate Pastor

1 Peter 4:12-19 (NKJV)

¹²Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴If you are reproached for the Name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. ¹⁷For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the Gospel of God? ¹⁸Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

Introduction

Believers are to endure hardship.

1 Peter 3:14-15

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- If you should suffer for righteousness sake, you are blessed.
- Do not be afraid.
- Christian are already suffering for their faith.

1 Peter 1:7 (NIV)

These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

I. Endurance in the face of suffering A. Assurance from one's proven faith

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B. Because of the powerful example of Christ

1 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

- Christ's suffering and ours

C. Endure suffering to share His glory

Romans 8:17 (NIV)

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.

- We share in His sufferings

II. Rejoicing in the face of suffering

A. Rejoice that you partake in Christ's suffering

1 Peter 4:13 (NKJV)

But rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

B. Because it tests the reality of our faith

1 Peter 4:12

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you.

Through painful trials

1 Peter 4:15-16 (NKJV)

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C. Because sufferings produce perseverance

Romans 5:1-4 (NIV)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the

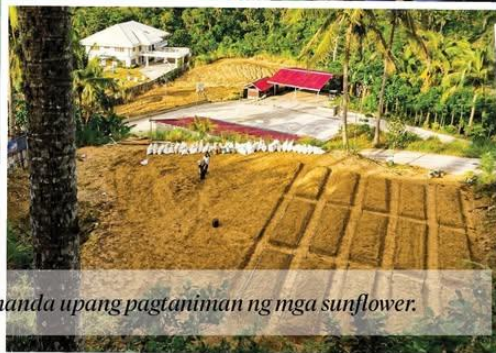


Tapat na paglilingkod

Mga larawan ni Rev. Dr. William Sy



Ang lupa sa ibabang bahagi ng Tabor ay inihanda upang pagtaniman ng mga sunflower.



Walang makahahadlang sa mga anak ng Diyos na may pusong patuloy na namamayagpag na maglingkod at magpagamit sa Kaniyang ministeryo sa UCF upang Siya ay bigyan ng papuri at luwalhati sa kabila ng ating kinakaharap na pandemya hanggang ngayon.

Kaya naman ang ilang miyembro ng iba't ibang fellowship group ay nagtungo rin sa Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center noong Mayo 7-8, Biyernes hanggang Sabado, upang tulong-tulong na gumanap sa gawaing makapagbibigay ng ibayong ganda, kalinisan at kaluguan sa lugar. Ang gawaing ito ay bilang paghahanda rin sa mga gawain ng panambahan sa mga susunod na panahon.

Ang bawat isa ay naglinis ng kada sulok ng Mt. Tabor upang mapanatiling maaliwalas ang lugar. Sila rin ay nagtabas ng mga damo, nagpunla ng lupa, at nagtanim ng mga sunflower kung saan itatayo ang isang bee farm.

Matindi man ang sikat ng araw ngunit hindi nagpapigil ang bawat isa upang gampanan ang gawaing ito na para sa Panginoon. Salamat sa Panginoon sa buhay ng Kaniyang mga anak na patuloy na naglilingkod para sa Kaniyang kaluwalhatian!



Hindi hadlang ang init ng panahon upang gumanap sa gawain ang bawat isa.



Malugod ang lahat na nagtulong-tulong sa paglilinis ng buong paligid ng Tabor.

PSALM 2:11 (NKJV)

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.



Patuloy na nagkakaisa ang mga miyembro ng *Men's Fellowship* kasama ang mga butihing pastor ng UCF sa kanilang isinasagawang linggu-linggong pagsasaayos sa Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center sa pangunguna ni Punong Pastor Rev. Dr. William Sy. Sila ay muling nagpatag ng mga kalupaan at nagpulido ng ilan pang mga daan sa parte ng gazebo at sa ibabang bahagi ng Mt. Tabor na magiging kagamit-gamit sa mga gaganaping aktibidades sa mga susunod na panahon. Kanila ring sinimula ang road widening project sa harapang bahagi ng Mt. Tabor kung saan ay kanilang binungkal ang lupa.



Ipinagpatuloy ng mga kalalakihan ang pagsesemento ng mga daan sa Mt. Tabor.

Sinimulan na ang pagpapalawak ng daan sa harapang bahagi ng lugar.



Ang lupa sa baba ng Mt. Tabor ay nilinis at pinatag bilang paghahanda sa pagsesemento nito.



Nakakapagod man ngunit random ng bawat isa ang saya sa pagganap sa gawaing ito.



Purihin ang Diyos sa kalakasang nanggagaling sa Kaniya!

EXODUS 23:25 (NKJV)

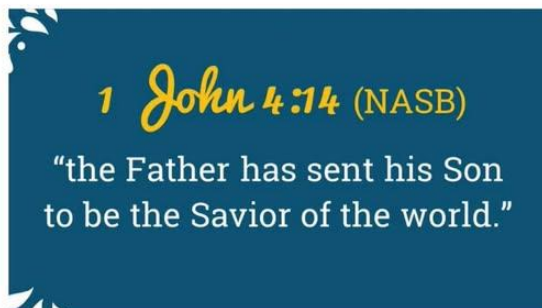
"So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you."

Widening the reach of His Word

Photos by UCA Online



For its first Youtube live Chapel Service, Rev. Dr. Sy leads the sharing of God's Word in the Online Chapel Service.



Students raise their questions and comment their insights by replying to the live chat.

In order to mold students to be the best version of themselves, their learning should not only be focused about academics, rather it should also include spiritual learning and growth. And in United Christian Academy (UCA), although the new normal of learning and teaching shifted to online platforms such as

the UCA Online, it did not hinder the school to continue teaching students about the Word of God.

One of the activities of UCA Online is their weekly Chapel Service. This was previously held through Google Meet, but UCA Online has recently launched their Chapel Service in Youtube last May 3, Monday,

which will be live every Monday at 3:00PM. This is led by School Head Rev. Dr. James Sy. Through this Chapel Service, students are able to learn different topics about the Bible and how to walk a life that is pleasing and holy to the Lord. Students are also given the opportunity to ask questions and clarifications, which

Rev. Dr. Sy readily answers. Another advantage of launching the Chapel Service in Youtube is that students and even other viewers worldwide can watch the services anytime and anywhere, reaching more people who are seeking the Lord.

Praise God for this opportunity to reach more people with His Word!

UCA ONLINE GARDENIA TOUR

UCA holds Gardenia Virtual Tour

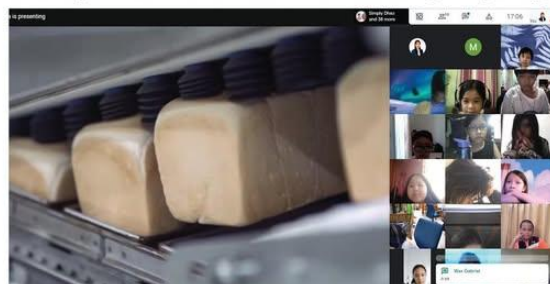
Photos by UCA Online

As school turns into distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, UCA found an exciting and interactive way for its students to enjoy a virtual tour by attending Gardenia's School Nutri-Tour last May 6, Thursday, through Google Meet.

Considered as one of the top education field trip destinations, Gardenia was generous enough to share its bread-making process and food-manufacturing practices to the UCA students. The said company also encouraged the students to keep their bodies well and fight the virus by living healthy and consistently washing their hands. Praise the Lord for a fun-filled and educational virtual tour!



Students from Grades 1-5 attended the said tour and gained fun experiences and learnings.



The students during the Virtual Plant Tour were given the opportunity to have a look at Gardenia's bread-making process



Students were also taught proper hygiene



During the healthy eating lecture, students were taught how to take good care of their health.



Engaging activities were also done during the Virtual Nutri Tour

JOSHUA 24:15 (NKJV)

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

UCA continues its mission

United Christian Academy (UCA) is remarkably a breakthrough on the horizon as the institution follows its God-given direction and embraces the use of technology in giving quality Christian education. With its mission to be a gateway of evangelism, UCA still stands in truth to bring students in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. This mission continues even in the midst of pandemic. Months have passed and S.Y. 2020-2021 is about to end.

Various programs and activities are held to share the Word of God and to let the students experience the great love of Jesus. Also, UCA aims to reach out the parents of these students as part of the mission of UCA. With that, they have shared how UCA Online served as a blessing in this pandemic.

“

I am thankful to UCA Online for developing a system that is easy to use. Also, the school is very considerate to the needs of the students.

”

Mrs. Katrina Cariaga
Grade 8 Parent • Bacoar, Cavite

UCA Online offers value for money.



4.72 out of 5

UCA Online makes learning possible despite the pandemic



4.85 out of 5

I can access UCA Online 24/7.



4.55 out of 5

“

We are indeed blessed how you accommodate and assist us from the beginning, how you value and teach students with God's Word.

”

Mrs. Joan Rivera
Kinder and Grade 2 • Salmiya, Kuwait

I can communicate with the school staff and personnel through various modes.



4.79 out of 5

I would recommend UCA Online.



4.61 out of 5

“

I am thankful to UCA because they are adding fun and excitement in the school days of my children even online.

”

Mrs. Karen Tadeo
Grade 1 & 6 Parent • Parañaque, Metro Manila

UCA Online platform is easy-to-use.



4.61 out of 5

I enjoy learning at UCA Online.



4.74 out of 5

I believe that UCA truly cares for its students.



4.87 out of 5

“

UCA offers the most convenient and practical online learning program. UCA's video lessons are the most efficient way to deliver lessons to students at the comfort of their home.

”

Mrs. Carol Villafranca
Grade 2 Parent • Parañaque, Philippines

“

UCA has given my kids a chance to study despite the pandemic. Because it's online, I have more time with them while learning.

”

Mrs. Michelle Guevara
Nursery & Grade 2 Parent
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

“

UCA Online is an interactive distant learning. It has a solid and well-presented course syllabus. Also, my kids are learning while having fun.

”

Mr. Adrin Toribio
Grade 1 & 10 Parent • Imus, Cavite

I am given sufficient time to finish my activities.



4.83 out of 5

I can access UCA Online anywhere I am.



4.63 out of 5

UCA takes my request and situation into consideration.



4.87 out of 5

“

All is well. Keep it up! You make my life easier when it comes to online schooling. More power to the whole family of UCA.

”

Mrs. May Lagua
Kinder Parent New Riggae, Kuwait

“

I love the friendliness of UCA. Also, the activities, and video lessons are very engaging.

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Rhaizza Legaspi
Grade 9 • Las Piñas City

In the coming years, UCA grow according to the will of the Lord reaching all over the earth with one mission of bringing students and their families to the Kingdom of God.

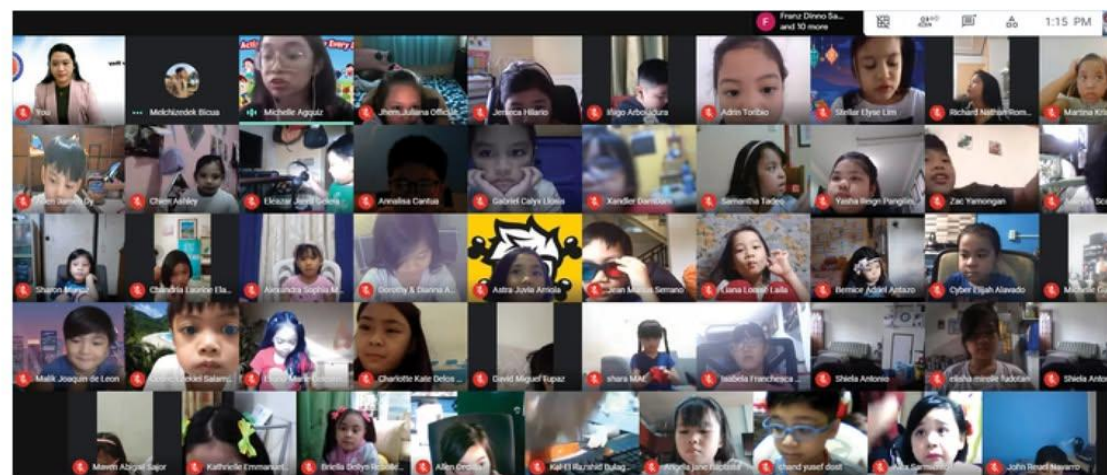
ROMANS 12:2 (NKJV)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

UCA participates in Gardenia Virtual Tour

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*Praise the Lord for a joyous
virtual tour at Gardenia!*



UCF FELLOWSHIP

Pagmamahalang pinagbuklod ng Diyos



Isang kasiya-siya at makabuluhang pangyayari ang ginanap noong Mayo 6, Huwebes, nang gunitain ang ika-42 anibersaryo ng kasal ng ating butihing punong pastor na si Rev. Dr. William Sy at ng kaniyang maybahay na si Sis. Dely Sy.

Sama-sama ring dumalo at bumati ang ilan sa kapatiran at nagkaroon ng masayang fellowship ang lahat upang maipagdiwang ang kanilang anibersaryo.

Salamat sa Panginoon sa buhay ni Rev. Dr. Sy at Sis. Dely Sy na patuloy Niyang ginagamit upang palaguin ang ministeryos Kaniyang

ipinagkaloob at umabot sa mga kaluluwang naghahanap sa Kaniya.



Si Rev. Dr. Sy at ang kaniyang maybahay na si Sis. Dely Sy



Ang ilan sa mga kapatiran ay malugod na nagsalu-salo sa munting handa upang gunitain ang anibersaryo nina Rev. Dr. Sy at Sis. Dely Sy

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 (NKJV)

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.



Pasasalamat sa mga ilaw ng tahanan

Ang ating mga ina ay isang pagpapalang ibinigay ng Panginoon upang maipadama ang kalinga at pagmamahal na nanggagaling sa Kaniya. Sila ang nagsisilbing ilaw ng mga tahanan na handang magsakripisyo para sa ikabubuti ng kanilang mga pamilya. Kaya naman, ilan sa ating mga kapatiran ang nagbigay ng kanilang mga buong pusong pasasalamat sa kanilang mga nanay at asawa bilang pagdiriwang ng "Araw ng mga Nanay" ngayong Linggo.

"Nagpapasalamat ako sa Lord dahil binigyan Niya ako ng mapagmahal, masipag, matiyaga, at maarugang mama. Halos lahat ata naka'y mama na. Iba ang heart ng mama ko. Alam din yan ng iba. Marami akong natutunan kay mama. Siya ang nagpakilala sa amin sa Lord noong maliliit pa kami. Every night, nagpe-pray kami. Ang sinasabi niya sa amin, 'hindi baleng hindi kayo masipag sa bahay basta marunong kayong makisama at masipag kayo sa ibang bahay.' Kapag nawawala na ang pasensya namin, palagi niyang pinapaalala ang Galatians 5:22. Happy Mother's Day sa the best kong mama! I love you at patuloy ka pang pagpalain ng Lord."

Bro. Jezreel Murillo para kay

Sis. Nina Murillo



"Unang natutunan ko sa aking mama ay ang pananampalataya sa Panginoon. Ang aking ina ang unang nagbukas sa isipan naming magkakapatid kung paano mamuhay ang isang Kristyano. Pangalawa ay ang pagiging disente at pagkakaroon ng maayos na pakikitungo sa mga taong nakapaligid sa iyo dahil pinagpapala ang taong marunong magpahalaga at magnahal sa kaniyang kapwa. At ang huli at isa sa mga pinakaimportanteng bagay na bumuo sa pagkatao ko ay pagiging masinop—masinop sa gamit, sa pera at sa bahay. Nadala ko ang sarili ko sa tamang paraan dahil sa mga aral na bagamat memoryado ko na ata ang bawat linya ng aking ina dahil sa araw-araw na pagpapaalala niya sa amin, ito rin ang naging tinig sa aking isipan na madalas alam kong tama dahil sinabi ng aking ina. Tunay ngang pinagpapala ng Diyos ang mga anak na marunong makinig at sumunod sa magulang!"



Sis. Jona Mae Jimenez para kay

Sis. Vivian Jimenez

"Nagpapasalamat ako sa Panginoon dahil binigyan Niya ako ng isang mapagmahal, mabuti at matapang na ina—In short, the best mom. Simula noon hanggang ngayon ay patuloy akong natututo sa mga experience at advice niya. Thank You, Lord, for her life. Truly, she is our light. Praise the Lord!"

Sis. Ivy Cabus para kay

Sis. Vivian Jasareno



"I would like to thank our Lord for giving me a partner that inspires me every day; a wife who is truly amazing in all things that she does. Siya rin ang ginamit ng Diyos upang makilala ko ang Panginoon at ma-born again. To my wife, thank you for everything that you have done in our lives at sa lahat ng sakripisyo at pagmamahal mo sa ating pamilya. Also, I hope and pray that God will use you more despite all that is happening right now—to be the light and salt into this dark and tasteless world. Happy Mother's Day!"

Bro. Francisco Viernes para kay

Sis. Chichi Viernes



"Lubos akong nagpapasalamat kay God dahil binigyan Niya ako ng maunawain at mapagmahal na asawa. Dahil naidala niya ako kay God. Dito rin kami ikinasal sa UCF. Dahil doon, mas nakilala at naranasan ko ang pagmamahal ni God sa aming buhay. Dahil din doon ay mas minahal ko ang asawa ko. At proud ako sa asawa ko dahil sa pagmamahal at pag-aaruga niya sa mga anak namin."

Kahit pagod siya sa trabaho, may time pa rin siya sa mga bata kaya ipinagpapasalamat ko kay God na siya ang nakasama ko sa buhay. Siya lang ang mamahalin ko habambuhay, sa Pangalan ni Jesus, wala nang iba."

Bro. Arjay Nadonza para kay

Sis. Nenette Nadonza



"Gusto kong mag-thank you sa strongest mama in the world. Mama Elizabeth, salamat sa lahat ng sacrifices mo para sa family natin. Alam kong sobrang dami mong pinagdaanan at na-overcome na pagsubok sa buhay that is why you're the strongest mama for me. Thank you for being very patient when it comes to me and thank you dahil sinusuportahan mo ako sa lahat ng mga ginagawa ko. I am so blessed because you are my mama. At ang advice na hindang hindi ko makakalimutan na laging sinasabi sa akin ni mama is less talk, less mistake. Hayaan mo mama-master ko rin iyan. I love you so much ma. Happy Mothers Day to you and all the mamas out there. God bless you all."

Sis. Elyna Dolotina para kay

Sis. Elizabeth Dolotina



"Nagpapasalamat ako sa Lord sa buhay ng mama ko dahil isa siya sa mga ginamit ng Lord para mapunta kami sa UCA kung saan namin nakilala ang Panginoon. Salamat sa Panginoon sa pagtawag sa amin at lubos kaming nagagalak na makitang involved na rin si mama sa ilang gawain ng panambahan. Isa sa mga natutunan ko kay mama ay kung paano pahalagahan ang lahat kahit ang mga simpleng bagay na natatanggap namin dahil hard-earned money and effort ang ibinuho nila just to provide everything that we need. Happy Mother's Day!"

Sis. Samantha Iniego para kay

Sis. Cristina Iniego



"I am very thankful to the Lord for mama's life, but I am most thankful for her endless and enduring love for us. Mom has always been my role model to be a good, bright, and loving person. She taught me how to put my confidence, and that I should always trust in the Lord every time I struggle in any circumstances."

Sis. Princess Costales para kay

Sis. Mayet Costales



"Nagpapasalamat ako sa Panginoon dahil nagkaroon ako ng isang ina na mapag-aruga at handang magsakripisyo para sa mga pangangailangan namin at higit sa lahat dahil nakilala niya ang Panginoon na naging way upang madala at makilala rin namin ang Panginoon sa aming buhay. Tinuro sa akin ni mama na maging malakas at maging positibo sa buhay. Tinuro niya sa aking magpahalaga ng kung ano ang meroon ako at higit sa lahat tinuruan niya rin kami magkaroon ng takot sa Panginoon at sumunod sa Panginoon. Salamat sa Panginoon sa buhay ng aking ina at Maligayang Araw ng mga Ina. God bless!"

Bro. Ed Lloyd Toledo para kay

Sis. Lolit Toledo



"Lahat nalang ng paraan para maitawid ang pang araw-araw na pangangailangan ng pamilya ay aming ginagawa at dito rin sinusubok ang tatag ng relasyon niyo bilang mag-asawa. Nagpapasalamat ako kay Lord sa buhay ng aking asawa bilang nanay ng mga anak namin. Lahat nalang ay ginagawa niya upang sila ay mabuting mapalaki nang may disiplina at may takot sa Diyos. At nagpapasalamat din ako sa kaniya bilang isang ilaw ng tahanan na gumagabay sa mga anak namin at sumusubaybay sa mga pangangailangan namin sa pang-araw-araw. Ngayon ay isang espesyal na araw para sa iyo. Happy Mother's Day at ganoon din sa lahat ng mga UCF mothers. God bless you!"

Bro. Rey Tanjusay para kay

Sis. Rechie Tanjusay



Purihin ang Diyos sa buhay ng ating mga ina!

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Bible Study ON THE AIR Episode Highlights

Y2 S5 E7: FORGIVENESS

Aired on May 5, 2021



"Mas madaling magpatawad kaysa magtanim ng sama ng loob dahil kapag tayo po ay hindi nagpatawad, ibig sabihin dala-dala natin ang burden ng kasalanan, guilt, bitterness at anger. Kaya mga kapatid, tayo po ay magpatawad dahil ito po ay utos ng Diyos at ito ay makabubuti sa atin."

Rev. James C. Sy, ThB, CEEdM, EdD
Panel (Administrative Pastor)

"Dapat una, aminin natin na may mali tayo. Pangalawa, dapat may ma-restore ulit na relasyon. Ang purpose ng forgiveness ay upang mapanumbalik ang relasyon. Kaya tayo lumalapit sa Panginoon dahil ina-admit natin sa Panginoon na tayo ay nagkasala at humihingi tayo ng kapatawaran. The relationship cannot be restored without forgiveness."

Rev. William G. Sy, ThB, CEEd, EdD
Host (Head Pastor)



"Napakasarap ng buhay kapag tayo po ay nagpatawad dahil kapag tayo ay nakapagpatawad, ang buhay natin dito ay mapayapa. Gayundin, mapayapa ito dahil mayroon tayong Panginoong Diyos na puwede din po tayong patawarin."

Rev. Morrell Estrellado, BSECE, ThB, MDM
Panel (Associate Pastor)

"Human forgiveness is analogous to divine forgiveness. Ang kasalanan natin bilang tao ay pinatawad ng Diyos so therefore, ang conclusion natin lagi dito ay, 'If God forgave you, therefore, you should also forgive others.' Mismong si Hesu Kristo pa ang naging Tagapamagitan upang tayo ay makabalik sa ating relasyon sa Panginoon."

Rev. Victorio G. Lamarca, BCE, ThM
Panel (Associate Pastor)



"Gaano man daw kalalim ang sugat, ito po ay napaghihilom ng panahon. Ibig sabihin habang tumatagal, naghihilom ito. Pero kailangan pa rin po natin ithingi ito ng kapatawaran sa ating Panginoon sapagkat kapag hindi tayo nagpatawad at humingi ng tawad, hindi rin tayo patatawarin ng Panginoon."

Rev. Ricardo B. Jacob, BSME, ThB
Panel (Associate Pastor)



"Tayo ay image and likeness ng Diyos, so kung ang Diyos ay mapagpatawad, tayo rin mismo dapat na naging anak Niya na pinatawad nang minsan at nalinis ng dugo ni Kristo, kailangan tayo rin po ay magpatawad ng mga taong nagkasala po sa atin."

Rev. Ryan Christian Tabay, ABMC, MDM
Panel (Associate Pastor)



"Mayaman po sa habag ang Panginoon, so ang kahabagang ito ay pinalawak. Pinamalas po sa atin at pinatawad tayo sa ating mga kasalanan. Ang mahalaga po dito ay magpatawad din tayo sa mga taong nagkasala sa atin."

Rev. Fidel C. Dillo, ThB
Panel (Associate Pastor)

UCF ONLINE (FACEBOOK STATISTICS & YOUTUBE UPDATE) As of May 8, 2021

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Insights

Last 28 days : Apr 9 - May 6 ▼

People Reached **44,638** ▲ 3%

Post Engagements **20,164** ▼ 15%

Page Likes **152** ▼ 74%

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- Saudi Arabia
- India
- United Arab Emirates
- Brazil
- Vietnam
- Canada
- South Africa
- Pakistan
- Australia
- United Kingdom
- Kuwait
- Qatar
- Nigeria
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BIBLE STUDY ON THE AIR



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Present suffering, future glory

by Rev. Morrell Estrellado
May 6, 2021

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Why do negative things happen in your life? The present time is marked by sufferings because of man's fall into sin. It is stated in Romans 8:19-22, ¹⁹"For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of

God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

The whole creation suffers because of man's fall into sin. It is written in Genesis 3:17-19, ¹⁷"Then to Adam He said, 'Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': 'Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. ¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

All believers suffer because of man's fall into sin, as stated in Acts 9:16, "For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." It is also written in 2 Corinthians 11:23-28, ²³"Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. ²⁴From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; ²⁷in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—²⁸besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. Isaiah 53:3 says that "He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

We need to think biblically about

suffering so that we will grow through it rather than be destroyed by it. "For I consider" means reckon, think about, and ponder. Romans 8:18 states that, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." It is written in 1 Peter 5:8-10, ⁸"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. It is said in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, ¹⁶"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

The fact of suffering does not undermine the fact that God has a plan and that He will accomplish His plan. The creation was subjected to futility "in hope". Romans 8:20-22 says that, ²⁰"For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now." The analogy of birth pains; the outcome is the hope of new life.

The future will be marked by glory for believers as God fulfills all that He has promised us. First, the future

glory is not totally revealed to us yet, but it includes the revealing of all that God has promised for us. It is written in 2 Thessalonians 2:14, "To which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." Glory includes all of God's promises to bestow on us the unfathomable riches of Christ. Ephesians 3:8 says that, "To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Second, the future glory includes the full renewal of creation to its original perfection and purpose.

Third, the future glory includes our freedom from sin and its corruption, including the full redemption of our bodies, as stated in Romans 8:21, "Because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

Fourth, the future glory is guaranteed by our present possession of the Holy Spirit, the first fruits of our redemption. The privileges of being God's adopted children as written in Romans 8:15-16, ¹⁵"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.' ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."

Keep your eyes on the future promised glory and you will preserve in present sufferings with hope. It is written in Romans 8:25, "But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance."

The key of persevering in suffering with hope is to keep your eyes on the promised future glory. It is said in Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

1 SAMUEL 12:24 (NKJV)

Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.

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we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Conclusion

In times of suffering

God is our comforter


2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NKJV)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Romans 8:35-39 (NKJV)

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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