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In whatever circumstance we are in, let us always remember to offer our praises and thanksgiving to God.

Psalm 100:1-5 (NKJV)

¹Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! ²Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. ³Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His Name. ⁵For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

Introduction

The gates into the presence of God are always open.

- The familiar song of Psalm 100 is an invitation for the Israelites to enter into the presence of God.
- They were told to "shout for joy and come before Him with joyful song" (v. 1-2).

I. Enter the gates with praise and thanksgiving because of God's invitation.

A. Serve the Lord with gladness (v. 2).

- Serve with gladness from the heart.

1 Samuel 12:24 (NIV)

But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

- Come before His presence with singing because in the presence of God:

- There is peace.
- There is love.
- There is fulness of joy.

Psalm 16:11 (NKJV)

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

B. Know that the Lord, He is God (v. 3).

- God is a Spirit.

John 4:24 (NKJV)

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- God is all-powerful.

1 Chronicles 29:11 (NIV) (King David praising God)

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;

You are exalted as head over all.

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

C. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving (v. 4).

- Proclaim God's greatness.

Psalm 66:5-8 (NIV)

⁵Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind! ⁶He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him. ⁷He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations—let not the rebellious rise up against him. ⁸Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.

- Thanksgiving of praise

- Offer up yourself.
- Present your body.

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

c. Sing a new song.

Psalm 96:1-2 (ESV)

¹Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! ²Sing to the Lord, bless His Name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

D. Be thankful to Him (v. 4).

Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- We give thanks for Your wondrous works.

Psalm 75:1 (NKJV)

We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.

- One leper turned back, praising God.

Luke 17:15-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

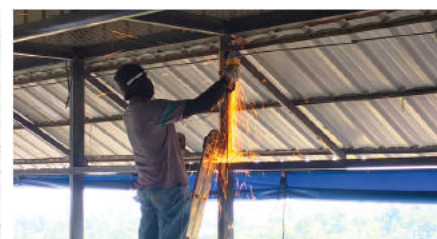
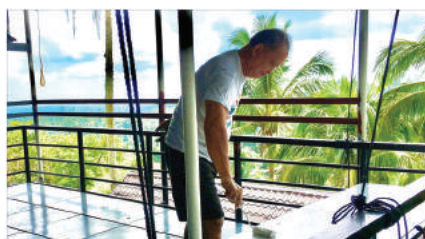
Pagpapala at pagpapalago ng Panginoon

Ang katapatan ng Diyos ay patuloy na nasasaksihan ng Kaniyang mga anak sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center. Sunod-sunod na pagbabago at pagsasaayos sa lugar ang nagaganap at bumubuhos rin ang Kaniyang pagpapala rito. Tunay na ang lugar na ito ay hindi lamang kapahingahan ang dulot, bagkus ito ay daluyan rin ng pagpapala at kapayapaan sa buhay ng Kaniyang mga anak.

Pagsasaayos ng mga railing



Ang mga metal na railing ng viewing deck ay muling isinaayos at pininturahan ng kalalakihan. Hangad nito ang kaligtasan ng mga taong bibisita sa lugar.



Pagsasaayos ng front desk



Patuloy ang pagsasaayos ng front desk ng Mt. Tabor sa pamamagitan ng pagpipintura ng mga grill at dingding at pagmamasya ng kisame nito.

Pagsesemento ng daan



Sinemento naman ang ilan sa mga daan sa Mt. Tabor upang maging patag at mas ligtas. Isinasaayos din ang mga kuwartong may bitak ang mga pader sa ibabang bahagi ng Mt. Tabor.

Pag-aani ng mga tanim



Niyog



Bignay

Hitik naman sa bunga ang mga pananim sa lupain ng Mt. Tabor. Ilan sa mga naani ng ating kapatiran ay ang bignay at niyog. Ang bignay ay magagamit bilang fertilizer at maaari ring gawing fermented fruit juice. Ang niyog naman ay maaring gamitin sa pagluluto bilang mantika o panggata.

Purihin ang Diyos sa Kaniyang kabutihan at katapatan sa ministryong Kaniyang ginagamit!

Mga Awit 32:6 (MBBTAG)

Kaya ang tapat sa iyo ay dapat manalangin, sa oras ng kagipitan, ikaw ang tawagin, at sa bugso ng baha'y di sila aabutin.

UCA welcomes students

Another school year means another year of learning, making new friends, and developing one's skills and attitudes. With the wisdom and guidance from the Lord, students will be honed not only in the academic aspect but also spiritually.



The class advisors facilitate the student orientation in their respective classes.

To start the S.Y. 2020-2021, United Christian Academy (UCA) conducted its Students' Orientation. Meanwhile, UCA College of Asia held its Students' Orientation on August 12, Thursday. The orientations were conducted thru Google Meet, facilitated by their respective class advisors. The teachers were enthusiastic and engaging while facilitating the orientation to ensure that the students fully understand the topics being discussed.

Aside from orienting the students regarding the school policies and code

of conduct, it was also an opportunity for the students to introduce themselves and get to know their classmates better. Students were also given activities to start off the school week, such as memorizing Bible verses.

With the upcoming foundation week celebration, various activities were also introduced to the students, which they can happily join. This will be a great avenue for them to showcase their talents and skills.

Here are some of the feedbacks of the students regarding their orientation.



Interactive presentations, comprehensive topics, and fun discussions are what made the Students' Orientation an exciting way to start the school year.

Maganda po ang orientation. The slides, topics, audio, and camera of the teacher were well-prepared.



Jane Lopez
Grade 9 Student
(Kuwait)

It was fun and lovely even though it is online. We do not have to worry about some hackers or problems when having a Google Meet session since the school secured that Google Meet is safe for us to use.



Monlyn Mahjoub
Grade 9 Student
(Kuwait)

Ang naging experience ko po sa UCA Orientation po ay masaya. Naintindihan ko ang lahat ng diri-discuss dahil itina-isa na i-explain ng teacher namin ang kaniyang discussion. Malinaw din po ang paggamit ng Google Meet. Marami rin po akong nakilalang bagong mga classmate.



James Anthony Jackson
Grade 11 Student
(Philippines)

My experience in Google Meet is good because I can hear my teacher and classmates. I feel happy that I can see people from different countries. I also like UCA because the teachers and students are nice to me.



Andreu Encarquez
Grade 4 Student
(Kuwait)

All the points necessary for this year were explained well. Questions were confidently answered. For the most part, it was informative and helped us to understand how this year will be played out.



Andre Jamena
UCACOA Student
(Philippines)

Para sa akin, maganda na nagkaroon kami ng student's orientation lalo na para sa mga students na hindi binabasa ang terms and condition. Marami akong nalaman kung ano ang dapat ko gawin at hindi ko dapat gawin. Para sa akin, very helpful ito.



Keanne Claire Obingayan
Grade 11 Student
(Philippines)

Napakaganda po ng programa ng UCA Online na students' orientation dahil nagkaroon po ako ng chance na makilala ang mga bago kong classmates and malaman kung ano at paano ang mangyayari sa buong school year na excited kaming magaganap.



Cherry Hann Tanjusay
Grade 8 Student
(Philippines)

Our UCACOA Orientation was a great insight for me as I start my freshman year. It taught me a lot about how I should approach the expectations of my course by providing informative orientation such as explaining policies and its standards.



Arianne Alejandro
UCACOA Student (Philippines)

Proverbs 15:29

The Lord is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous.

God is faithful in UCA

UCA THROUGHTOUT THE YEARS

United Christian Academy (UCA) is one of the visions that God has given to Rev. Dr. William Sy 25 years ago. In 1998, he responded to the call of establishing an academic institution that will mold students' intellect, moral values, and most especially their spiritual life.

Throughout the years, UCA was able to continuously train faculty members, produce globally competitive graduates, and develop effective modes of learning for its students. With the grace of the Lord, UCA continues to grow not only in its physical structure but also in providing quality education, catering more students each year.

Furthermore, UCA has been recognized as a premiere private school in Parañaque City, garnering certificates and accreditations from various government institutions.

1997


UCA was established with only 10 faculty members.


2004

Department of Education (DepEd) granted UCA with Government Recognition Certificates for Nursery/ Kindergarten Course, complete Elementary Course, and complete Secondary Course as compliance to the requirements of DepEd.


2011

UCA has been certified by the Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) to be an Educational Service Contracting (ESC) school that offers tuition fee subsidies and scholarships for financially-challenged students who wish to study in a private school. Continually, UCA receives re-certification from PEAC due to the school's commitment of providing quality education for students.


2015


This was when UCA transformed into a four-story building with wider walkways, spacious rooms, and additional facilities that are conducive to learning.

2018


1000+ students were enrolled.

2017


730+ students were enrolled.

In 2017, UCA was granted a PRC accreditation in which they were able to conduct Continuing Professional Development (CPD) seminars to train the teachers in developing their skills in teaching and in honing well-rounded students in the near future.


2016


UCA has reached their long-time goal of hitting 500+ enrollees.

2020


When the pandemic unexpectedly occurred, the Lord gave another platform for UCA to continue its mission in honing and developing the skills of students and to introduce God in their lives. Thus, UCA Online was established. Face-to-face classes turned into distance learning with pre-recorded video lessons and weekly Google Meet sessions. Students' learning became more flexible since they can study their lessons anytime and anywhere.

This is all through God's faithfulness that UCA continues to celebrate its 25th Founding Anniversary. Amidst the pandemic, it is evident how God was able to turn unexpected circumstances into an opportunity for UCA to continue its mission.

2021

In honor of the 25th Founding Anniversary of UCA, a week-long celebration will be held online starting from August 16-20, Monday to Friday. Exciting booth games and programs have been prepared to commemorate this milestone, which students will surely enjoy.

Join UCA as it celebrates 25 years of God's faithfulness to this ministry. Praise God for His favor to UCA throughout the years!



Psalm 69:13 (NKJV)

But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord, in the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your salvation.



Blessing is a gift. It is a divine gift. It comes from God. It doesn't come from the world, it doesn't come from men. It comes from God.



Ang pagiging blessed is when you give up something for God, and then you are rewarded with greater things from God.

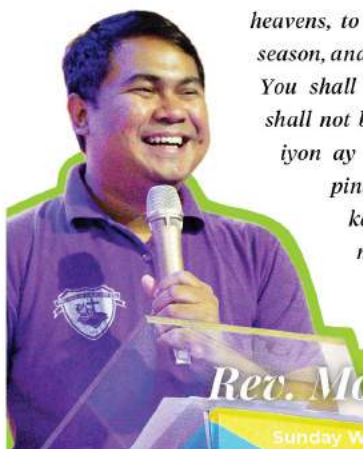
The Word of the Lord is telling us clearly what God is saying about blessings. Ano ba ang sinasabi ng ating Panginoon? God's blessing in the life of His followers is very essential. Totoong importante ang blessing na nagmumula sa Panginoon. Paano ka mabubuhay sa mundong ito kung walang pera? Kailangan mo iyon araw-araw pambili ng pagkain mo, pambayad ng Maynilad mo, pambayad ng tubig mo.

Pero ang sinabi ni Jesus sa Kaniyang Salita, in the Book of Matthew, 'the love of money'. The difference is when you love the money. It is different from having the money. Kaya the love of money is the root of all evil. Sabi ni Jesus, 'Whether you love God or whether you love mammon'. Kaya ang importante, sino ba ang mahal mo? Kung sinasabi mong mahal mo ang Panginoong Diyos sa buhay mo, Siya ang pipiliin mo araw-araw. Kung sino ang mahal mo, siya ang pipiliin mo araw-araw. Diyos o pera? Pera o Diyos? Makikita mo iyan sa buhay mo araw-araw. Ano ba ang ginagawa mo? Ano ba ang pinipili mo? Iyon ang importante na sinasabi ng Diyos sa bawat isa.

Blessing is very essential dahil kailangan mo rin iyan sa buhay mo. Pero ang blessing na ito ay kung ano ba ang sinasabi ng Salita ng Panginoon. Sayang ang pagpapala kung hindi mo naiintindihan ang tunay na pagpapala. The Scripture is teaching us several things. Ang una, ano ba ang ibig sabihin ng blessing? Blessing comes from the Greek word 'eulogia'. Anong ibig sabihin noon? Ang blessing kasi should come from God. It is a divine gift. Kapag galing iyan sa tao, galing iyan sa mundo, malalaman mo kung saan galing iyan. Paano malalaman kung saan ang blessing? Kapag galing iyan sa Lord, iyan ay hindi makahahadlang sa kalooban Niya. Kapag hindi iyan galing sa Diyos, makahahadlang iyan sa kalooban ng Diyos para sa iyo.

Itong sinabi, blessing is a gift. It is a divine gift. It comes from God. It doesn't come from the world. It doesn't come from men. It comes from God. Kapag galing iyan sa Diyos, it causes our work to succeed. Ano ba iyong sinasabing ginagawa mo? Iyong ginagawa mong mga kasalanan? Iyong ginagawa mong makasarili? Ano ang sinabi sa Deuteronomy 28:1,

"The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow." Kapag ang pagpapalang iyon ay talagang galing sa Diyos, iyong pinapagawa ng Diyos sa iyo—ang kalooban ng Diyos sa iyo—ay magagawa mo rin.



Rev. Morrell Estrellado

UCF Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship Service | November 17, 2019

When we say blessing, ano ba ang pumapasok sa ating isipan? When we say blessing, naiisip agad natin madaming pera, may malaking bahay, maraming kaibigan, malusog na pangangatawan at iba pa. Kapag sinabi mong blessing, ganoon agad ang pumapasok sa isipan ng mga tao.

May ibang pananaw ang Bibliya o si Hesus mismo patungkol sa blessing. Ano nga ba ang true blessing o what is true blessedness? Kapag sinasabi mong isa kang taong pinagpapala ng Panginoon, it is more than happiness—hindi lang dahil sa masaya ka o dahil magaan ang buhay mo o wala kang problema. Ang Lord, hindi Siya nagbibigay ng happiness. Ang binibigay Niya ay joy. Magkaiba kasi ang happiness at joy. Ang happiness ay panandalian o pansamantala lang. Pero kapag may joy at hope tayo na mayroon sa Panginoon, kahit na minsan ay may problema ka na o minsan ay magulo na ang nasa kapaligiran mo, dahil mayroon kang joy at hope sa Panginoon ay tila ba gumagaan o umaayos ang iyong kapaligiran.

Ang tao ay umaasa lang sa kaniyang sarili o sa kaniyang kakayanan. Ngunit kung ang buhay natin ay nakay Kristo, ang pag-asa natin ay sa Panginoon na mismo. Kung ang buhay mo ay nakadepende sa Panginoon, dumating man ang delubyo, dumating man ang bagyo o anumang mga sakuna sa buhay mo, ang pag-iingat ng Diyos ay laging nandiyan.

Kung nais talaga nating maging tunay na blessed o tunay na pinagpapala, dapat handa tayo na gawin ang tila ba strange o kakaiba sa mundo pero in tune naman sa Salita ng Diyos.

Ang tunay na blessed gives without expecting something in return. Nag-e-expect tayo ng in return sa Diyos at hindi sa tao. Masarap maging channel ng blessing ng Panginoon. Mas mabuti nang tayo ang nagbibigay at tayo ang tumutulong kaysa tayo ang tinutulungan. Iyon ang tunay na blessed.

Being blessed ay hindi lang dahil may nakukuha ka. Ang pagiging blessed is when you give up something for God, and then you are rewarded with greater things from God. We do good things. We give something. Isinasakripisyo natin ang buhay natin para sa pagsunod sa Panginoon dahil mayroon tayong pag-asa. Mayroon tayong pag-asa na sa huling araw ay hindi ka man magakaroon ng reward dito sa mundo pero mayroon ka pa ring nakahandang reward sa susunod na buhay sa Panginoon. Dahil sabi sa Bible, ang hope ay kapag mayroon kang inaasahan kahit wala pa. Kung gusto mong maging blessed, dapat kasama mo ang Panginoon. Follow Jesus. Kapag nagawa mo iyan, masasabi mo nang 'I am blessed.'



Rev. Ryan Christian Tabay

UCF Associate Pastor
Midweek Service | July 13, 2019

Jonah 2:7 (NKJV)

"When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple."

Bible Study

ON THE AIR


Episode Highlights

Y2 S6 E7: FACING TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS

Aired on August 11, 2021


²My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:2-4 (NKJV)



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

Dalawa ang laging nakikita ko: una, pag malayo ka sa Diyos, you're questioning God. Pero kapag malapit ka sa Diyos, it helps you to trust God more and to offer God iyong tinatawag nating faith kasi gusto ng Diyos na magtiwala tayo sa Kaniya lalo.



Rev. William G. Sy, ThM, CEEdD, EdD
Host (Head Pastor)

Pag dumadaan ang isang kristiyano sa mga trial at persecution, it always helps to know what the Word of God is telling us. Doon ka kumakapit kasi sa Salita ng Diyos ka lalakas. Pag kinapitan mo ang galit mo, you can fail. But if you hold onto the Word of God, nandoon ang victory.




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

Sabi sa Matthew 26:41, 'Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Sometimes, mahina tayo. Mahina ang katawan natin. But then God gave us the Spirit to give us power to overcome temptations.




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

Itong mga trial na ito ay talagang kasama na sa plano ng Diyos sa buhay ng bawat isa sa atin. Kaya nga sinabi niya sa Jeremiah, 'For I know the plans I have for you.' Lahat yan ay ginawa ng Diyos at pinahintulatang mangyari para tayo ay maging successful at victorious.



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

I-set natin ang ating mga isip na ang mga trial na ito ay hindi tumatagal. Ito ay panandalian lamang. Dito tini-test ang ating pananampalataya sa ating Panginoon. Habang tayo ay dumadaan sa mga trial, persecution o trouble, patuloy po tayong kumapit sa Salita ng Diyos at sa Kaniyang pangako.



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

Ang mga present time na nararanasan natin, nag-su-suffer man tayo, marami man tayong mga trial, patong-patong man o sabay-sabay, hindi talaga iyan maiko-compare doon sa pangako ng Panginoon para sa iyo in the end.

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FACING TRIALS & TEMPTATIONS

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Facing trials and temptations

By UCF Pastors | Bible Study on the Air with Rev. Dr. William Sy (Season 6, Episode 7)

James 1:2-4 (NKJV)

²My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Introduction

- The word "trial" refers to all kinds of sufferings, persecutions, and troubles.
- Trials are sometimes brought to the believers' lives so that God can test the sincerity of their faith.
- Every trial becomes a test of faith designed to strengthen us.

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.

Romans 5:3-4 (NKJV)

³And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Why does God allow trials to test and try us?

I. They are allowed by God to humble, teach, and discipline us.

- Remember the Lord your God.

Deuteronomy 8:15-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵Who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; ¹⁶who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end.

Isaiah 55:8 (NKJV)

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord.

II. Trials produce perseverance and maturity.

James 1:2-4 (NKJV)

²My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

- Perseverance must finish its work so you may be mature.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Hebrews 11:17-19 (NKJV)

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," ¹⁹concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

2 Peter 1:5 (NKJV)

But also for this very reason, giving

all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge.

Matthew 5:11-12 (NKJV)

¹¹Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹²Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

III. Troubles test our faith in God's Word.

John 14:1 (NKJV)

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me."

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

James 1:12 (NKJV)

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Proverbs 30:5 (NKJV)

Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

Challenge

Maintaining a positive attitude in the midst of great suffering is the key to a triumphant Christian life.

2 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

Matthew 7:24-27 (NKJV)

²⁴"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock; ²⁵and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that

house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand; ²⁷and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Romans 8:18 (NKJV)

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.

Philippians 4:7 (NKJV)

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Romans 12:11-12 (NKJV)

¹¹Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹²rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer.

Matthew 26:41 (NKJV)

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Pahayag 3:10 (MBBTAG)

Sapagkat tinupad mo ang Aking utos na magtiis, iingatan naman Kita sa panahon ng pagsubok na darating sa lahat ng tao sa buong daigdig!

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NKJV)

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

- The troubles and trials will soon be over, but the joy to come will last forever.

- God is faithful.

- Remember the Lord your God.

- Remember your covenant to God.

Romans 8:26 (NKJV)

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

The Gates of...

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E. Worship and thanksgiving because God is good (v. 5) and God is faithful.

Exodus 34:6 (NIV)

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."

- The Lord God is merciful.

Psalms 86:15-16 (ESV)

¹⁵But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. ¹⁶Turn to me and be gracious to me; give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your maidservant.

- God is the source and perfect are His mercy, truth, and steadfast love.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (NKJV)

"Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful

God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments."

Conclusion

God remained faithful and still invited them to enter His presence.

The gates into God's presence are still open, inviting us to come and worship.

Psalms 95:1-6 (NKJV)

¹Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. ³For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods. ⁴In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also. ⁵The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land. ⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.



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