

#### Romans 1:13-16 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup>Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles. <sup>14</sup>I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. 15So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. 16For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

#### Introduction

The Gospel (The Good News)

- It is the Word of God.
- That Jesus has come to save us from the penalty of sin
- Jesus died on the cross.

### I. Our part in responding to the

#### A. We must confess Jesus is Lord. Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

9If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

#### B. We must repent and be forgiven.

#### Acts 3:19-21 (NKJV)

19Repent therefore converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

- Time of refreshing
- Time of restoration of all things

#### II. The power of the Gospel delivers people.

#### A. From the wrath of God

#### Romans 5:9 (ESV)

Since, therefore, we have now been

justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

#### From willful spiritual ignorance

#### Hosea 4:6 (NKJV)

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

#### 2 Thessalonians 1:8 (NIV)

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

#### C. From the darkness of false religion

#### Colossians 1:13-14 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

- Delivered us through His blood

#### 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

### III. The power of God to save us

#### 1 Corinthians 1:18-19 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup>For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

### A. Shows the grace of God

#### Acts 14:3 (ESV)

So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Signs and wonders confirmed the truth of the Gospel.

# Be protected, get vaccinated

With nearly two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began and continuous increasing cases, cautions to better protect oneself from the virus must be undertaken. The best solution to this is getting vaccinated. Although some people are having second thoughts on getting vaccinated because they are worried about its side effect on their body, there have been expert studies and clinic trials that were conducted to ensure its safety and effectivity. Here are some of the myths about COVID-19 vaccines and the truth behind them.

#### MYTH

The COVID-19 vaccine is unsafe because it was quickly developed.

#### **FACT**

The vaccines have been proven to be both safe and effective. They went through the same rigorous Food and Drug Administration process as previous vaccinations, meeting all safety standards despite being developed in record time. There were no steps that were skipped. Clinical trials and safety reviews took about the same amount of time as they did for other vaccines.

#### MYTH

Once I receive the COVID-19 vaccine, I no longer need to wear a mask.

#### FACT

Wearing of masks, handwashing, and physical distancing still remain as a necessity in public spaces until we reach herd immunity, wherein most of the population has already been vaccinated. However, fully vaccinated people can meet with other fully vaccinated people without wearing masks.

#### **MYTH**

I already had COVID-19 and have recovered, so I do not need to get a COVID-19 vaccine anymore.

#### **FACT**

COVID-19 infection may provide some natural protection or immunity against reinfection with the COVID-19 virus. However, it is unclear how long this protection will remain. People who have already had COVID-19 should get a COVID-19 vaccine since reinfection is probable, and COVID-19 can cause serious medical consequences.

United Christian Academy (UCA) has been selected as the first school to be a vaccination facility for Moderna vaccine for children ages 12 to 17 years old in NCR. Registration is available online, while the vaccination date will be announced on the second week of October.

# moderna

The Moderna vaccine has been shown approximately 94.1% efficacy in protecting against COVID-19, starting 14 days after the second dose.

#### MYTH

The COVID-19 vaccines do not work because you can still get COVID-19 after vaccination.

#### FACT

Vaccine protects most people from becoming ill with COVID-19, with efficacy ranging from 66% to 100%. When fully vaccinated people are exposed to the COVID-19 virus, a tiny fraction of them will develop COVID-19. These are known as vaccine breakthrough cases. When you are vaccinated and get COVID-19, however, the symptoms are milder.

#### MYTH

Children cannot get severe symptoms with COVID-19, so they do not need a COVID-19 vaccine.

#### FACT

While all children are susceptible to the COVID-19 virus, the majority experienced just minor symptoms or none at all. However, with the delta variant, this has resulted in an increased number of cases among children. The delta variant is approximately twice as contagious as earlier variants and has the potential to cause more serious illness.

Vaccines save lives. Let UCA help you.
Protect your children by getting
them vaccinated!

### SCAN ME TO REGISTER!



For more details, contact us at 0917-100-7345 (Globe) 0918-985-1287 (Smart) UCF Members can register their children and relatives, too!

#### Mark 12:33 (NKJV)

"And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

# Honoring teachers' hard work

ver the years, we have seen the hard work, perseverance, and guidance of our dearest teachers in United Christian Academy (UCA). Especially this time that UCA is continuously going through the pandemic, teaching and imparting their knowledge and wisdom to their students through thick and thin are wholeheartedly appreciated. Indeed, it is a noble work for UCA teachers to not only help every student academically but also spiritually.

To commemorate the Teachers' Day, the teachers and staff gathered and had a simple but wonderful celebration last October 5, Tuesday, feasting on good food while having a great time together. The UCA students also gave their warm greetings, love, and gratitude for their teachers through online chats and during their Google Meet sessions.

Here are some of the students' greetings for their dearest teachers.



po, Teacher Raiza and us. I enjoy having Google Meet po. Andreu Encarguez Grade 4

Happy teacher's day, Sir Cyr! Thank you for making learning both fun and interesting for us. We love you so much and we are grateful that you are our teacher. You have been nothing but patience and understanding to us.

**Grade 10 Class** 

Happy Teacher's Day to all! Thank you so much for taking care of our children. God bless you all!

> Mrs. Miya Marzo **Grade 5 Parent**

Teacher Mita, thank you for being a great teacher. Happy Teacher's Day! Jason Miranda Grade 3

Thank you for sharing your time and wisdom.

Mrs. Rhazzel Legaspi Grade 6 & 10 Parent

Happy and blessed Teacher's Day po, Teacher Karen. May the Lord continue to use you in all your endeavors for His glory. God bless you!

Mrs. Joan Rivera Grade 1 Parent

You all deserve appreciations po. Thank you also, teachers, for all the time effort, sleepless nights and patience, guidance, and love that you are giving to our kids. We love you!

> Mrs. Denise Rebolledo Grade 2 & 3 Parent

Happy Teacher's Day to all our heroes! God bless you all **UCA** teachers

> **Ginalyn Chavez Grade 3 Parent**



Students surprised their teachers during Google Meet sessions. Others made greeting cards to show their love and appreciation, Others visited personally their teachers to give presents.

Praise God for using UCA teachers to touch the lives of the students! May God continue to work upon your lives and use you to reach out to more souls.















James 2:5 (NKJV)

Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

# Reaching out through UCA Online

United Christian Academy (UCA) continuously develops educational programs that give more opportunities for other students who are financially challenged this pandemic. With this, UCA established a Coordinating Center at UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center.

UCA Online learning program provides Grade 7 and Grade 11 students with full scholarship grants, giving them equal chance to quality education. Spearheaded by Ms. Sheriewyn Lourdes Vallido, UCF inhouse trainee-workers started giving out flyers and informing the nearby residents of Barangay Casile regarding the free scholarship program of UCA starting last October 1, Friday.

Moreover, UCA Coordinating Center held its first students' orientation for its new enrollees last October 9. For a more practical way of learning in rural areas where internet connection is limited and scarce, UCA launched UCA Online On-the-Go wherein video lessons and activities are already uploaded in an OTG that they can use on their mobile phones or other computer devices even when they are offline.

Above all, UCA take this as an evangelism opportunity for the students and their families to know God in their lives. A weekly chapel service will also be held for the students and their families every Saturday where there will be sharing of God's Word and a live praise and worship.

Praise God for His faithfulness in the ministry of UCA as it expands its reach to be a gateway of evangelism to the lost souls!



Parents of the enrolled students attended the orientation at UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center. As the program coordinator, Ms. Sheriewyn Lourdes Vallido shared how UCA Online started during the pandemic. She also discussed the setup of the distance learning and how useful and convenient it is for the students.





After the fruitful student's and parent's orientation, Ms. Vallido together with the in-house trainee-workers assisted the students on how to access UCA Online. Questions were also answered that will help them to have a successful online education.







The UCA students and parents from Cabuyao, Laguna with the Mt. Tabor in-house trainee-workers and Ms. Vallido



#### **ENROLLMENT**



After a few days of connecting to the community and handing out of flyers, inquiries started to come in and produced favorable responses from parents. Having convinced and decided, parents enrolled their children where Ms. Vallido's assitance is of help.

#### CHAPEL SERVICE



Being a Christian school, it is the utmost priority of the school to bring the students in the knowledge of Christ, teach them how to build relationship with Christ, and live according to His Word. Chapel service will also be held at Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center.

Praise the Lord for opening a door of reaching out to the lost. Praise His Name because His plans are beyond what we can think of. Hallelujah!

Jude 20-21 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

## **UCA receives RECAST grant**

espite the pandemic that is happening in the world, United Christian Academy (UCA) believes that students deserve to receive quality education that is both affordable and accessible.

With the challenges brought upon by this crisis to students, such as poor internet connectivity and financial insufficiency, among others, it is the time for academic institutions to step up in providing not only quality education but also better assistance and services to students.

In the past weeks, UCA has been preparing for the Fund for Assistance to Private Education (FAPE) Recertification program that will take place on October 12, Tuesday, making the administration busy in preparing the needed documents and its staff for the evaluation day. This certification allows UCA to receive scholarship grants from FAPE for their students

who need it the most.

On the other hand, UCA also joined the Rethinking Education, Championing and Accelerating School Transformation (RECAST) Program issued by the Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC).

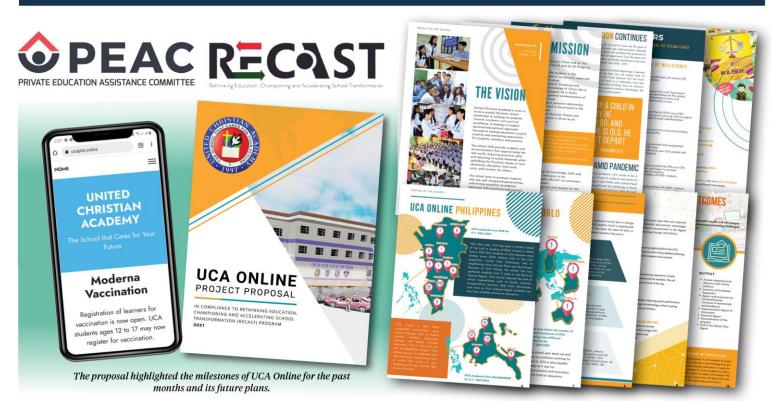
Last June 29, PEAC called for proposals from different schools in collaboration with The Inteligente Publishing, Inc. The RECAST is a program of assistance aiming to provide funding support to private school in transitioning to online learning.

And on October 6, Wednesday, UCA received the good news that it has been selected as a recipient of the RECAST grant, being one of the only two schools in NCR to be granted such. The formal awarding of the grant will be held on November 17, 2021. The funding support from PEAC will be used for the further enhancement of UCA's official site.



**RECAST** is granted to schools that are committed to rethink education. transform their educational services using technology, and level up their delivery of quality education for their learners.

As a recast grantee, UCA was qualified for its favorably reviewed proposal on an innovative delivery of online learning.



### Praise God for His favor to the school that He has called!

1 John 5:2-3 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

# Leading children to His Kingdom

t is essential for children to already be introduced to the Word of God as young as they are because it is at this time that they are not only developing physically, emotionally, and mentally, but also spiritually. Children should be guided with teachings and principles that they will live by as they grow older and more mature.

United Christian Academy (UCA), being an academic institution built by God, serves as a gateway of evangelism so that students at the very young age will also come to know Him, and in time, be able to also share His goodness to their loved ones. God is truly faithful because UCA became a way for many students to open their hearts and minds to the knowledge and love of God.

UCA continuously organizes evangelism programs as opportunity to win souls for Christ, including weekly Chapel Service. UCA started its first Chapel Service for Academic Year 2021-2022 last October 7, Thursday, which was premiered in the official Youtube channel of United Christian Fellowship (UCF).





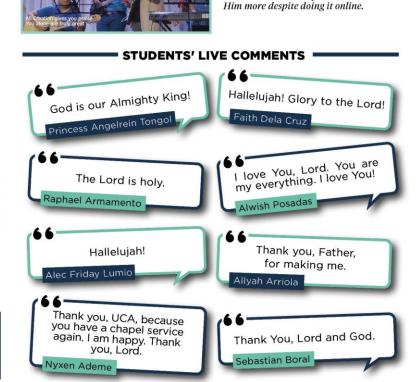
The UCF Praise and Worship Team led the students in singing and dancing praises and worship to the Lord. Through this program, the students were able to worship God and know







After the Chapel Service, each class had a sharing session regarding the topic discussed during the chapel Service. Aside from this, they also got on their feet and danced to praise songs and finished activities related to the God's wonderful creations.



### **Every Thursday at UCF Official Youtube Account**

**Pre-School to Grade 3** 

Grades 4 to 12

1:00-2:00 PM

2:00-3:00 PM

1 John 2:5-6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup>But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. <sup>6</sup>He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked

# Lupang pangako, patuloy na pinagyayaman

arami mang mga pagsubok ang pinagdadaanan ng mga anak ng Diyos, hindi nito mapipigil ang bawat isa na magpatuloy na magpagamit para sa Kaniyang kaluwalhatian. Patuloy na binibigyan ng Panginoon ng karunungan ang mga lingkod Niya upang mapagpatuloy ang gawain ng Diyos. Kaya naman ang mga manggagawa sa Mt. Tabor ay walang tigil sa pagkilos para sa ikauunlad ng ministeryo ng Diyos.

### Paglilipat ng halaman

Ang mga in-house trainee worker ay tulong-tulong na naglipat ng mga Purple flower sa plot area kung saan mas magiging malapit ito sa bee house. Ang Purple flower ay isang uri ng bulaklak na nakakaakit sa mga bubuyog. Sa pamamagitan ng bulaklak na ito, nakakakuha ang mga bubuyog ng nectar at pollen na kanilang nagagamit para sa paggawa ng pulot pukyutan.



### Pagtatabas ng damo



Ang kababaihan mula naman sa Ladies' Fellowship ay masayang nagtungo muli sa Mt. Tabor nitong Biyernes hanggang Sabado upang tumulong. Sila ay nagtabas ng mga damo at naghanda ng mga masasarap na putahe para sa bawat-isa.

### Pagtatayo ng Greenhouse



Maliban dito, ang plot ay kanila ring isinaayos bilang paghahanda sa paglipat ng chicken coop sa nasabing lugar at pagtatayo ng greenhouse dito.



### Pagkakabit ng solar panel

Ang mga kalalakihan mula sa Men's Fellowsip naman ay nagkabit ng mga solar panel sa iba't ibang bahagi ng Mt. Tabor. Ang mga solar panel ay nakakabit sa mga ilaw sa taas ng mga poste. Sa tulong nito ay hindi na magiging problema ang pagkawala ng ilaw tuwing gabi lalo na sa mga daan.





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1 Juan 2:15-16 (MBBTAG)

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# Kalaguan ng ministeryo ng Diyos

Ang katapatan ng Diyos ay patuloy na yumayakap sa Kaniyang ministeryo na siyang nararanasan ng Kaniyang mga tapat na lingkod. Sa kabila ng pagod ay mas lalong naglalaan ng oras ang bawat manggagawa sa bawat yugto ng *Bible Study on the Air* (BSOTA). At sa pagpasok ng ika-pitong *season* nito ay isang bagong mukha ng BSOTA *setup* at mga bagong kasama sa programa ang matutunghayan.

Nitong Linggo, Oktubre 3 matapos ang Sunday





Ang bagong setup ng BSOTA ay sa panambahan ng UCF isinagawa. Mula sa disenyo nito hanggang sa upuan ng mga pastor ay isinaayos para sa mas komportableng diskusyon.

Ang mga live audience sa BSOTA habang nakikinig sa diskusyon ng mga pastor patungkol sa paksa ng pagbibigay. Sila ay naghanda rin ng kanilang mga tanong patungkol rito.

Worship Service, ay isinagawa ang shoot ng bagong episode ng BSOTA na pinangunahan ng UCF Multimedia Head na si Rev. Ryan Christian Tabay at Voice of the Vision Editor-in-Chief na si Sis. Sushmita Murillo kasama ang iba pang miyembro ng Multimedia Department. Simula sa mga ilaw, props at set design hanggang sa mga teknikal na equipment ay tulong-tulong na inihanda at isinaayos ng bawat isa.

Isang masiglang diskusiyon sa pagitan ng mga pastor ang nangyari at naging interaktibo naman ito dahil sa mga *live audience*. Ito ay bahagi rin ng bagong *setup* ng BSOTA kung saan ang mga manunuod ay binigyan ng pagkakataon upang magtanong patungkol sa paksa. Ang mga manunuod ay nanggaling sa iba't ibang *fellowship group*.

Tunay nga na patuloy na lalaganap ang Salita ng Diyos dahil sa Kaniyang dakilang kalooban at ganap na pagsama sa lahat ng gawain.







Ang unang BSOTA setup

noong Marso 2019 kung kailan

unang napanuod muli ang

programa sa gitna ng krisis



season noong Hulyo 2020



Ang BSOTA setup sa Mt. Tabor Church and Re-Creation Center sa ika-anim na season ng programa



Ang bagong BSOTA setup at bagong nitong programa para sa pagsisimulang muli ng ika-pitong season

Purihin ang Diyos sa Kaniyang katapatan sa ministeryong Kaniyang tinawag at patuloy na ginagamit upang Siya ay maitaas at mapapurihan!

#### 1 Juan 2:15-16 (MBBTAG)

<sup>15</sup>Huwag ninyong ibigin ang sanlibutan o ang mga bagay na nasa sanlibutan. Ang umiibig sa sanlibutan ay hindi umiibig sa Ama. <sup>16</sup>Ang lahat ng nasa sanlibutan, ang pagnanasa ng laman, ang pagnanasa ng mga mata, at ang pagmamalaki sa buhay na ito ay hindi nagmumula sa Ama kundi sa sanlibutan.

# Pagbabahagi ng kabutihan ng Diyos

ilang mga tinawag ng Diyos, isa sa ating mga tungkulin ay ang ibahagi ng Kaniyang Salita saan man tayo D naroroon. Hindi sapat na tayo lamang gumaganap sa iba't ibang mga gawain sa panambahan. Nararapat na ating isagawa ang kalooban ng Diyos sa buhay ng bawat anak Niyang patuloy na nagtitiwala at sumusunod sa Kaniya. At iyon ay ang makapagdala ng mga kaluluwa sa paanan ng Panginoon.

Kaya naman kaisa ang mga estudyante ng UCF Theological Seminary (UCFTS) sa pagpapatotoo sa iba pang mga tao lalo na sa kanilang mga mahal sa buhay kung paano nila naranasan ang pagmamahal, katapatan at kagalakang nanggagaling sa Panginoon. Ito ay sa pamamagitan ng kani-kanilang Home Bible Church.







Ang Home Bible Church (HBC) ay isang programang binuksan muli sa mga mag-aaral ng UCFTS upang kanilang pangunahan ang pagbabahagi ng kanilang patotoo at Salita ng Diyos sa kanilang mga kaibigan, kamag-anak at pamilya. Ito ay pamamaraan upang sila rin ay makakilala at makaranas ng kabutihan ng ating Diyos.

Hindi mapipigilan ng pandemya na magpatuloy ang mga anak ng Diyos na gawin ang kalooban ng ating Panginoon. Kaya naman nagpapatuloy ang bawat isa sa kani-kanilang HBC na hindi lamang limitado sa face-to-face kung hindi ay sa pamamagitan din ng iba't ibang online platform upang maabot ng Salita ng Diyos ang iba pang mga ligaw na tupa na nasa malalayong lugar.









**Purihin ang Paninoon** sa Kaniyang pagsama sa Kaniyang mga anak upang mas marami pang kaluluwa ang makakilala sa Kaniya!











2 Thessalonians 3:4-5 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup>And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. <sup>5</sup>Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.



# Y2 S7 E01: IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

Aired on October 6, 2021

Ang mga lingkod ng Diyos ay dapat maging huwaran at modelo para sa iba. Kapag gumawa tayo ng isang bagay at mayroon tayong dishonest gain, masisira ang Pangalan ng Diyos dahil sa atin.

Rev. James C. Sy, ThB, CEdM, EdD Panelist (Administrative Pastor)

Sabi sa Proverbs 21:26, "He covets greedily all day long, But the righteous gives and does not spare." Ang mga matuwid at mga anak ng Diyos ay patuloy na nagbibigay. Ang mga bagay na ibinibigay nila ay patuloy nilang iniisip na para sa kapurihan ng ating Diyos.

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



Kung sinasabi natin na tayo ay mga Kristiyano na nabago ng Panginoon, dapat ang ating kaisipan at puso ay nabago na rin. Tayo dapat ay nagbibigay na rin hindi dahil may kapalit, kung hindi dahil iyon ang ugali ng ating Ama.

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

"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:35 (NKJV)



Ang salvation ang napakalaking gift na ibinigay sa atin na hindi mapapantayan ng kahit anumang regalo, pera o kayamanan sa mundong ito. Sa Diyos nagsimula ang pagbibigay kaya iyan ang magandang gayahin ng mga tao.

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

Tayo ay stewards. Tagapangalaga lang tayo ng lahat ng nakikita natin at mayroon tayo. Ipinagkatiwala sa atin ng Diyos ang mga bagay na ito para alagaan at gawin ang mga dapat na gawin sa mga ito. Katulad sa pagbibigay, dapat hindi natin ito ipagdamot dahil hindi talaga natin ito pag-aari.

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

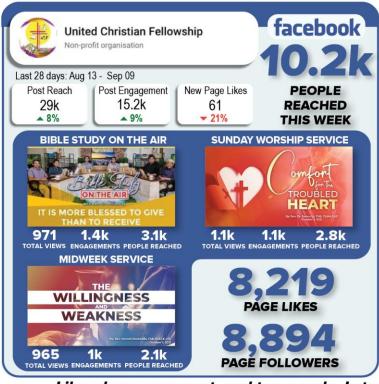


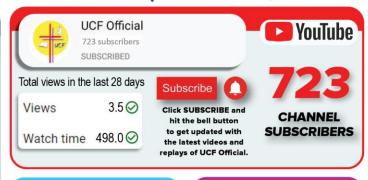
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Sa panahon ngayon, hayaan natin na ang buhay natin na pansamantala lang sa mundong ito ay ipagamit natin sa lahat ng pagkakataon.Magbigay tayo sa abot ng ating makakaya at maglingkod tayo sa Panginoon upang patuloy nating maisagawa ang ministeryo ng Diyos—ang paggawa ng mabuti.

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

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# It is more blessed to give than to receive

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#### Acts 20:35 (NKJV)

"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

When we give, we act as God does. As God's people, we should be givers not only during the Christmas season, but also as a way of life.

#### John 3:16 (NKJV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

#### Genesis 1:27 (MBBTAG)

Nilalang nga ng Diyos ang tao ayon sa Kanyang larawan. Sila'y Kanyang nilalang na isang lalaki at isang babae.

#### Mateo 7:7 (MBBTAG)

"Humingi kayo at kayo'y bibigyan; humanap kayo at kayo'y makakatagpo; kumatok kayo at kayo'y pagbubuksan."

#### Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)

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

#### Luke 14:12-13 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup>Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind."

#### Givers are blessed because they are freed from the destructive sin of greed.

Perhaps Paul is contrasting himself with the false teachers that he has just warned them about wolves who come in to feed on the flock rather than to feed the flock. Throughout the Bible, false teachers are denounced for being greedy and covetous.

But Paul's example shows us that:

A. Elders are to set the example of being free from greed.

• Free from the love of money

#### 1 Timothy 3:3 (NKJV)

Not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous.

### Must not fond of sordid gain Titus 1:7 (NKJV)

For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money.

#### 1 Peter 5:2 (NKJV)

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly.

#### Matthew 19:20-21 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup>The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

#### Ephesians 4:28 (KJV)

Let him that stole steal no more: but

rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

#### 1 Timothy 6:10 (NKJV)

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

B. Greed is a sin that destroys the greedy person.

#### Colossians 3:5-6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup>Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.

C. The solution to overcoming greed is to work to provide for your own needs and to give to provide for the legitimate needs of others.

#### Ephesians 4:28 (NKJV)

He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with the one who has need.

When he was in Ephesus, Paul had been an example both of hard work and generosity. He had made tents to meet his own needs, and from any surplus, he had helped support the men who worked with him in the Gospel. Apparently, he also had enough funds to help some in the church who were needy.

# 2. Givers are blessed because they are being conformed to the image of the Lord Jesus.

#### Luke 12:15 (NKJV)

And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

#### Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup>Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth

and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

#### 2 Samuel 24:24 (NKJV)

Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

Jesus Himself is the embodiment of giving, in that He left the splendor and glory of heaven to come to this earth, not as a mighty king, but as the lowly baby of the stable in Bethlehem. He came to give Himself as the sacrifice for our sins.

But take note:

- No amount of giving or self-sacrifice will get you into heaven. Before you can give anything that pleases God, you must first receive God's free gift of eternal life.
- Receiving God's salvation in Christ is the starting point for becoming a giver, because it is the starting point of being conformed in your character to the Lord Jesus.

#### Ephesians 2:9 (NKJV)

Not of works, lest anyone should boast.

#### Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV)

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

#### 3. Givers are blessed because they have deep and enduring relationships with others.

 Givers are invariably people of faith, because you have to trust in God to give away money that you easily could spend on yourself.

1 John 3:17 (NKJV)

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

• People of faith are people of prayer, because it is through prayer that we receive from God's bountiful supply.

### 4. Givers are blessed because they will reap eternal rewards.

Heaven is not the reward for being a giver. Heaven is God's free gift based on Christ's giving of Himself on the cross. But those who have received God's gift of eternal life will reap rewards in heaven in proportion to their stewardship of money in this life. Unlike our investments in this uncertain world that can be lost in a market crash, our investments in heaven are secured from every source of loss.

#### Galatians 6:8 (NKJV)

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

#### Proverbs 31:8 (NKJV)

Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die.

#### Matthew 6:34 (NKJV)

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

#### John 15:13 (NKJV)

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

#### Lucas 18:30 (MBBTAG)

"Tatanggap siya ng higit pa sa panahong ito. At sa panahong darating, tatanggap siya ng buhay na walang hanggan."

#### Malachi 3:10 (NKJV)

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it."

#### Matthew 6:3-4 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup>But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

#### Conclusion

#### Mga Taga-Roma 15:1-3 (MBBTAG)

"Tayong malalakas sa paniniwala ay dapat tumulong sa mahihina at huwag ang pansariling kasiyahan lamang ang ating isipin. <sup>2</sup>Sikapin nating lahat na itaguyod ang kapakanan ng ating kapwa para sa kanyang ikalalakas. <sup>3</sup>Sapagkat maging si Cristo man ay hindi naghangad ng sariling kasiyahan subalit nagpaubaya; tulad ng nasusulat, "Ako ang binagsakan ng mga pag-alipusta na sa iyo ipinapatama."

#### Proverbs 21:26 (NKJV)

He covets greedily all day long, but the righteous gives and does not spare.

#### Matthew 16:26 (NKJV)

For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

#### 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup>But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 9As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup>Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you

have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

#### Proverbs 19:17 (NKJV)

He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given.

#### 2 Corinthians 6:14 (NKJV)

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?



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MIDWEEK SERVICE

# The willingness weakness

by Rev. Morrell Estrellado October 7, 2021



#### Matthew 26:36-46 (NKJV)

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the

disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." <sup>37</sup>And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. <sup>38</sup>Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." <sup>39</sup>He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying,

"O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." 40Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." 43And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. 44So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup>Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betraved into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

#### Introduction

Are you willing or are you weakening?

## I. Temptation can be overwhelming.

A. Jesus brings His disciples with Him for support.

#### Matthew 26:36-37 (NKJV)

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." <sup>37</sup>And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

B. Jesus is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death.

#### Matthew 26:38 (NKJV)

Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

### II. Prayer is key in overcoming temptation.

A. Jesus prays while the disciples sleep.

1 John 4:17 (NKJV)

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

#### Matthew 26:39-41 (NKJV)

<sup>38</sup>He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." 40Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

B. Jesus prays for the Father's will to be done.

#### Matthew 26:39,42 (NKJV)

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<sup>42</sup>Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."

C. Jesus persists in prayer.

#### Matthew 26:43-44 (NKJV)

<sup>43</sup>And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. 44So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

A. The disciples arise unprepared for temptation.

#### Matthew 26:45 (NKJV)

Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners."

B. Jesus rises ready to face His betrayer.

#### Matthew 26:46 NKJV

Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

#### Challenge

1. Watch and pray so you do not fall

Ang puwede lang magturo ay

iyong may karanasan, iyong

Siya mismo ang nakaranas.

Kapag hindi mo naintindihan

iyan, nagbigay ka ng pera sa

mali. Umattend ka ng seminar

at ang kinuha mo lang ay iyong certificate pero wala ka naman

talagang natutunan. Dito sa

simbahan wala kang binigay na

pera, walang inisyung certificate. pero dahil iyong Salita ng Diyos

ang namamayagpag, iyong

espiritu mo ay may natutunan,

natanggap mo iyong anointing,

natanggap mo iyong wisdom na galing sa Diyos.

Ang point of view ng tao ay mali.

Ang gusto mo lagi sabihin lang

sa iyo kung ano iyong totoo,

tapos bahala ka na magdesisyon kung ano ang gusto mo. Pero ang point of view ng Diyos ay

'Ako ang daan'.

Kung maiintindihan ninyo ang Salita ng Diy<mark>os,</mark>

into temptation.

- 2. Seek God's will, not your own.
- 3. Don't give up-be persistent in prayer.
- 4. We are all stumbling disciples lean on God's grace.



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### Midweek Service Highlights



Mahalaga po na maintindihan natin lagi ang kahalagahan ng panalangin. Prayer is important, why? Sa mga times na ganito, ito ang ating sandata. Ito ang puwede nating gamitin para tayo'y makapag-overcome.





Mas mahalagang makita natin ang kalooban ng Diyos kung bakit Niya in-allow ang mga bagay na ito sa atin ngayon. This is the perfect time for you to experience what God can do in your life.



Ang kapatiran ang magpapalakasan sa bawat isa.

> Find the opportunity to share the Word of God to others.

Rev. Morrell Estrellado

The will of God for us is to go and make disciples. Ang ninanais ng Panginoon para sa atin ay gawin ang kalooban Niya.



Minsan kasi pinipilit nalang natin ang ibang mga bagay. Kung hindi iyan kalooban ng Panginoon, kailangan mo pa bang ipilit iyan? Havaan mo na ipakita ng Divos ang kalooban Niya sa iyo.



Ang pangako ng Panginoon ay sasamahan ka Niya, kapag ikaw ay sumunod sa Kaniya.



Kaya tayo ay isang pamilya sa Panginoon. God is the head.

> karapat-dapat Siyang pagkatiwalaan kasi Siya ang nagbuwis ng buhay.

Sunday Worship Service Highlights

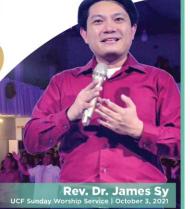
Kung tayo ang simbahan at nakatago lang tayo, bakit pa tayo naging simbahan? Dapat kapag may crisis, ang simbahan ang unang nagreresponde.

Ang mensahe po sa atin ng Panginoon ngayon ay hindi mapunta sa trouble, kung hindi masumpungan natin ang

presensiya ng Panginoon.



Hindi ibig-sabihin na binasa mo ang Bibliya, ibig-sabihin ang Salita ng Diyos ay sumasaiyo, kasi ang nagri-reveal ng Salita ng Diyos ay ang Banal na Espiritu Santo.



1 John 4:20 (NKJV)

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

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# ANSWERED PRAYERS Pagpapalang nagmumula sa Diyos

Tunay na tapat ang Panginoon sa mga anak Niyang patuloy na nagtitiwala sa Kaniya sa kabila ng mga pagsubok na kanilang kakaharapin. Sa anumang aspeto ng buhay natin bilang mananampalataya, ang Diyos lamang ang ating dapat asahan. Ilan sa ating mga covenant members ang nagpatotoo ng kabutihan ng Diyos sa kanilang mga buhay.

I thank the Lord for so many blessings. There are many reasons to be thankful for. Kulang ang pages na ito para isa-isahin ang mga kabutihan ng Panginoon. Una, nagpapasalamat ako sa Lord dahil pagkatapos ng mga pagsubok na dumarating ay lagi Siyang nariyan sa tabi ko upang gabayan ako. July 9 noong makasama namin ang auntie ko na paalis na noon papunta sa Dubai pero positive pala siya sa COVID-19. Na-quarantine kami for two weeks pero salamat sa Diyos at negative kaming lahat na nakasama niya sa bahay. Ngayon ay magaling na ang auntie ko at naghihintay na lamang ng 2<sup>nd</sup> dose ng vaccination niya at babalik na rin siya sa Dubai anytime. Pangalawa, nagpapasalamat ako sa nagdaang 21st Wedding Anniversary naming mag-asawa last September 4, 2021. Pangatlo, nagpapasalamat ako sa nagdaang Recognition Rites sa UCFTS bagamat hindi ako naka-attend sa nasabing okasyon ay nakatanggap ako ng tatlong mga award. Salamat sa Diyos sa reward na ipinagkaloob Niya. Finally, thankful din ako sa Lord sa kakaumpisa kong HBC sa bahay-ang matagal ko nang nais na makapag-share ng Salita ng Diyos sa aking mga kapitbahay. Ang Diyos ay tapat at sapat. Purihin ang Panginoon sa buhay ko. 🤧

"Nagpapasalamat ako sa Lord dahil pagkatapos ng mga pagsubok na dumarating ay lagi Siyang nariyan sa tabi ko upang gabayan ako." Marilou Dela Cruz Covenant Member

Tunay nga na kaybuti ng ating Panginoon. Tapat Siya sa mga pangako Niya. Sa nakaraang araw na ito, ang matagal na naming hinihintay na dumating ay nangyari na. Napagawa na po namin ang bahay namin after how many years po dahil tapat po ang Panginoon sa buhay ko at sa pamilya ko dahil Siya ang nag-sustain ng needs namin. Iningatan Niya po kami. Lahat po sa family namin ay safe po sa pandemic na dinaranas po natin ngayon. Papuri po sa Panginoon sa Kaniya pong kabutihan na ibinibigay Niya po sa buhay ko at sa buhay ng family ko.



"Tapat po ang Panginoon sa buhay ko at sa pamilya ko dahil Siya ang nag-sustain ng needs namin.' **Princess Eva Adan** Covenant Member

 $m{66}$  Unang una sa lahat, nagpapasalamat ako sa ating Panginoon na makapangyarihan sa lahat. Pinagaling Niya ako noong ako ay nagkaroon ng sintomas ng COVID-19 at binigyan Niya ako ng pangalawang buhay noong inatake ako sa puso. At ang lalong ipinagpapasalamat ko sa ating Panginoon ay ang tagumpay na operasyon sa aking anak na si Yunie dahil nabuntis siya sa labas ng matres. Napakabuti ng Panginoon sa aming pamilya. Pinagaling Niya kami sa aming karamdaman. Kahit sa pagsubok na kakulangang pinansyal ay nalagpasan namin. Amen!

"Napakabuti ng Panginoon sa aming pamilya. Pinagaling Niya kami sa aming karamdaman."

> **Andres Chavit Covenant Member**



Tayo ang driver ng buhay natin. Psalm 1 is one of the most profound spiritual reminders to us. Sinulat ito dahil sa atin at para sa atin. Sinasabi rito, Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful.' Tandaan natin, sinabi

nito na pinagpala ang taong hindi lumalakad at hindi nakikinig sa payo ng mga ungodly.

Now, this is very important. Kanino ka ba nakikipag-usap? Kanino ka ba humihingi ng payo? Saan ka ba kumukuha ng inspirasyon o kaisipan kung papaano mo inaayos ang pang araw-araw mong buhay. Sabi nga, kung sino ang kasama mo, ivon ka rin. Now, who drives our life becomes important in our

Who drives your life becomes important in our everyday activities kasi ito ang nagdidikta

ng kinabukasan natin.

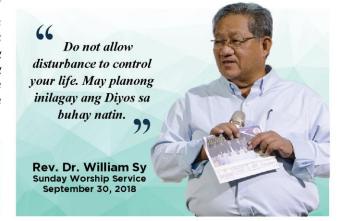
everyday activities kasi ito ang nagdidikta ng kinabukasan natin. Ang daming problemang dumadating sa atin. That is normal. Ang importante sa taong dinadagsa ng problema araw-araw ay kung papaano niya ito maisasaayos.

You begin to learn the things of this world because it is part of your preparation. Paghahanda ito sa buhay na haharapin natin. Noong ipinanganak tayo, pantay-pantay tayo. But as we go along, mayroong taong naiiwan, mayroong taong umaabante.

Success is not a divine decision. It is your divine destiny. Nilikha tayo ng Diyos upang magtagumpay, upang maging dominant at upang mamuno. Ang bawat isa sa atin ay ipinanganak na mga pinuno. We are rulers of our own little dominion kung saan tayo nilalagay ng Diyos.

Sa simula pa lang sinabi na ng Lord, 'I came to give you life and to have it more abundantly.' An abundant life is a God-given divine purpose in our life. To develop a person to be Christ-like, nagsisimula ito sa isip. That is the reason why in the Book of Colossians, it says, 'Guard your heart, guard you mind.' Ito ay sapagkat sa isip natin nagsisimula ang napakaraming magagandang bagay.

Consistency helps us accomplish our daily works. Do not allow disturbance to control your life. May planong inilagay ang Diyos sa buhay natin. May plano ang Diyos sa bawat isa sa inyo. Alam niyo kung kailan nasisira iyan? Kapag pinakialaman natin. Most of the broken life and broken dreams begin when we start to interfere with the will and purpose of God.



#### Mga Awit 5:11 (MBBTAG)

Ngunit ang humihingi ng tulong sa Iyo ay masisiyahan, at lagi silang aawit nang may kagalakan. Ingatan Mo ang mga sa Iyo'y nagmamahal, upang magpatuloy silang Ika'y papurihan.



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Psalm 63:2-3 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup>So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. <sup>3</sup>Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.

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### The power of...

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#### **B.** Brings peace

#### Ephesians 6:15 (NIV)

And with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

- The Gospel of Peace

#### John 14:27 (NKJV)

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

#### C. Brings hope

#### Colossians 1:23 (NIV)

If you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

- Be not moved from the hope held out in the Gospel.

#### D. Brings life

#### John 6:47-48 (NKJV)

<sup>47</sup>Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life.

- Eternal life given by God
- Jesus is the giver of life.

#### E. Brings healing

#### Matthew 4:23-24 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. <sup>24</sup>News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

- The Gospel performing healing and miracle

#### Challenge

The Gospel was promised

- Changing life
- Gives us the right direction Gospel is the power of God for salvation.

#### Luke 9:24-26 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup>For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. <sup>25</sup>For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? <sup>26</sup>For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

SERMON NOTES

Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.

What is God's message for you through the sermon?









