

VOICE OF THE VISION

No matter what situation we are in,
let us rejoice in the Lord and focus on
His promises as children of God.



PRESSING ON OF THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER: *Guarding Oneself*



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Philippians 3:1-3 (NKJV)

¹Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe. ²Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! ³For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Introduction

Press on means:

- Move on, persevere, push forward
- It needs force for us to do.
- It needs focus for us to succeed.

Pressing on as a believer of Christ is not just once in a lifetime, but it is our life as we are still here on earth.

How do we press on?

1. By guarding ourselves
- Guarding ourselves is the first step.
- We guard ourselves from anything that will lessen our force and focus to press on.

How do we guard ourselves?

- By rejoicing in the Lord (v. 1)
- By heeding to the Word of God (v. 1)
- By avoiding false teachings (v. 2)

- By knowing our true identity in Christ (v. 3)

A. Rejoicing in the Lord

As we rejoice in the Lord, it places and keeps us in the presence of Christ.

We know that whatever trial or circumstance may come, we are overcomers and more than conquerors in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:35-39

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.

When we are rejoicing in the Lord,

our focus is on His words and promises, and not on the trials and circumstances of life.

How to rejoice in the Lord?

- By dwelling in His Word (**John 15:11**)
- By having the right perspective (**2 Corinthians 6:10**)
- By accepting that trials and problems are part of our journey in the Lord (**1 Peter 4:12-13**)
- By putting our trust in the Lord (**Psalms 5:11**)
- By focusing on God alone (**Habakkuk 3:17-18**)

B. Heeding to the Word of God

Heed – to pay careful attention

- The Bible was written to instruct us and help us in pressing on for Christ.
- If we fail to study and do what the Bible tells us, we will fail in our trials and fall to false teachings.
- When we study and obey the Bible, only then that we show that we love God.

John 14:21

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by

My Father,
and I will love
him and manifest
Myself to him."

John 15:10

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

How to heed to the Word of God?

- Read the Bible
- Study the Bible
- Obey what the Bible says

C. Avoiding false teachings

Beware of the following teachings:

1. Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die. Ignore the trials and problems of life. Life is to be enjoyed. Do your own thing. You only live once (YOLO).
2. Discipline and control yourself. Take care of your body and mind. The abuse of mind and body is a waste. Live as long and contribute as much.
3. Don't go overboard. Enjoy life, join in, and do what you want but do it within reason. It is all right to join and indulge occasionally, just don't do it too often and hurt yourself.

TESTIMONIES

UCA, HOME OF *changed lives*

For the past two decades, United Christian Academy (UCA) has been a home of changed lives brought about by the Lord's unwavering and unending favor to the school. With a thankful heart, UCA students and parents extend their utmost gratitude to the school as one family.

The school was established many years ago in fulfillment of the Lord's vision to UCF—to build a strong academic institute. Throughout the years, the mighty hands of the Lord used this ministry not just as an academic institute but also as a gateway of evangelism where families can be reached out with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Moreover, UCA promises quality education, academic excellence, spiritual development, and holistic growth.

UCA students and parents share their personal experience about how the school changed their lives and the lives of their children.



Mrs. Esperanza Diaz | Mother of Hannah Diaz



The advantage of studying in UCA is that it has an alternative way of learning which is the distance learning program, wherein parents and students have preferences based on their specific situation or circumstances.

There are many reasons why I chose UCA. First is that I believe in the mission and vision of the school. The program has been designed to prepare the students in the future, using a holistic approach in building and making them as light and hope starting to their family, next to the community, and above all, our country, by helping them to develop integrity rooted from having an intimate relationship with God and addressing every aspect of life. Moreover, the amount of the tuition fee compared to face-to-face learning here in Saudi Arabia is much more reasonable which has been a great help to defray other family expenses.

The changes I observed with my daughter are that she developed discipline and became more organized in accomplishing all the tasks assigned to her. She better understood the way her teachers deliver and teach the lessons with various strategies which she found efficient. More importantly, UCA strengthened her spiritual foundation.



Mr. Eric Diaz
Father of
Hannah Diaz



In choosing a school, I am looking for the one which has a high standard and quality education to offer my child to help her grow in every aspect of her life and yet reasonable with regards to financial issues and concerns. UCA meets those requirements through the different strategies and approaches in teaching which are remarkably helpful for my child to understand the lessons. Also, the teachers are very much willing to assist my child as the need arises. Lastly, UCA is a great help in financial needs.



Hannah Diaz
UCA Grade 9 Student



What I learned from UCA is to always put God first in all things. The difference between UCA and my previous school is that in UCA, the teachers are always willing to help their students with their inquiries and try their very best to make the tasks of their students more convenient. I also like how they arrange activities that will help us have fun and will help us learn more about our subjects. I want to stay in UCA because it is more fun here and above all, it is the school that cares for my future.



DIAZ FAMILY OF KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

**Truly, UCA
cares for the
future of its
students.
Praise the
Lord!**

**Psalms 16:1-3
(NKJV)**

¹Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust. ²O my soul, you have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You." ³As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."

Pagsunod sa tawag ng PAGLILINGKOD

Ang buhay ni Punong Pastor Rev. Dr. William Sy bilang lingkod ng Diyos ay hindi naging madali, ngunit ito ay hindi naging hadlang upang siya ay magpatuloy sa tawag ng Diyos sa kaniya upang maglingkod. Iba't ibang karanasan ang humubog at nagpatibay sa kaniyang pananampalataya upang makasunod sa kalooban ng Diyos. Iba't ibang dako na rin ng bansa ang kaniyang nilakbay upang maipalaganap ang Mabuting Balita ng kaligtasan.

Taong 1982, unang naglunsad ng malawakang krusada si Rev. Dr. Sy kasama ang iba pang mga pastor at manggagawa ng Panginoon kung saan kaniyang sinimulan ang pangangaral ng Salita ng Diyos sa mga siyudad ng Kalakhang Maynila. *"Mayroon kaming grupo ng mga evangelist. Kami ang nagsasalita sa mga entablado. Para makapagtipon kami ng mga tao noon, mayroon kaming eight-millimeter film na ang palabas ay mga pelikulang Kristiyano. Kapag narinig nilang may pelikula, madaming pumupunta. Ginagamit namin ang platapormang iyon para malawakan ang ebanghelismo. Tapos kapag mayroong tumanggap sa Panginoon, may mga usher na nagdadadal para sa kanila, kinukuha ang pangalan nila at pina-follow-up sila ng simbahan."*

Matapos nito ay sunod-sunod na misyon na sa iba't ibang probinsya ng bansa ang sinuyod ni Rev. Dr. Sy kung saan inaabot na sila ng dalawa hanggang tatlong araw sa lugar upang makapagbahagi ng Salita ng Diyos sa bawat probinsya. Ang patuloy na pagsama ng Panginoon ang tanging naging sandigan ni Rev. Dr. Sy upang kaniyang magawa ang tungkulin bilang lingkod ng Diyos. ***"Karamihan sa misyon, may gumagaling kapag pinagdarasal at iku-kuwento na sa iba na pinagaling sila ng Diyos. Doon na magsisimulang magtipon ang mga tao. Doon na rin madalas nagsisimula ang ministry."***

Kasabay ng pagsunod ni Rev. Dr. Sy sa Panginoon, hindi rin nawala ang pangamba niya sa katagumpayan ng bawat misyong kaniyang ginagawa. *"May isang misyon kung saan hinarang kami at pinababa sa kotse. Nahalata kong NPA sila kasi nakasuot sila ng military uniform pero nakasuot ng tsineslas at may dalang mga baril. Dinala kami sa bundok at nakapanayam kami sa daan. Espiya daw ako. Pero ang katotohanan, ang ginawa nila ay holdap dahil kinuha ang pitaka ko."* Sa mga panahong iyon ay iniligtas pa rin sila ng Panginoon at sila'y pinalaya matapos ang ilang oras na pagdakip sa kanila.



Sa kabila ng mga pagsubok na pinagdaanan ni Rev. Dr. Sy sa paglilingkod sa Panginoon, hindi siya humintong magpagamit bagkus ay lalo pang umaalab ang kaniyang puso upang sumunod sa kalooban ng Diyos. ***"Madaming maganda at masamang bahagi sa mga naging karanasan ko pero kapag binuod mo, sulit naman. Hindi siya nakakapanghinayang. Mas lalago ang pananampalataya mo. Maaalala mong ginawa ng Lord iyan noon kaya bakit hindi naman Niya gagawin ngayon? Palaki nang palaki ang pananampalataya mo hanggang sa dumating ang oras na alam mong kayang gawin ng Lord iyon. Magbabago na ang pananaw mo—ang hindi mo kaya, alam mong kaya ng Lord."***

"Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips. ⁵O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.

Psalm 16:4-5
(NKJV)

BIBLE MONTH FEATURE

Celebrating the significance of the Bible

What a great way to celebrate the new year and life than to start it with the Lord and His Word. Every January, we celebrate Bible Month as a way of giving importance to the Bible and reminding everyone of continuously reading and meditating it. As Christian believers and followers, it is notable to study it as we seek God in our lives (Matthew 4:4).



2 Bible Conference

On January 26, 2020, UCF held its first ever Bible Conference, wherein the pastors openly answered all the questions of the congregation regarding the Word of God. Participants also won Bibles and other exciting prizes after winning the fun games as they discover the Bible together.



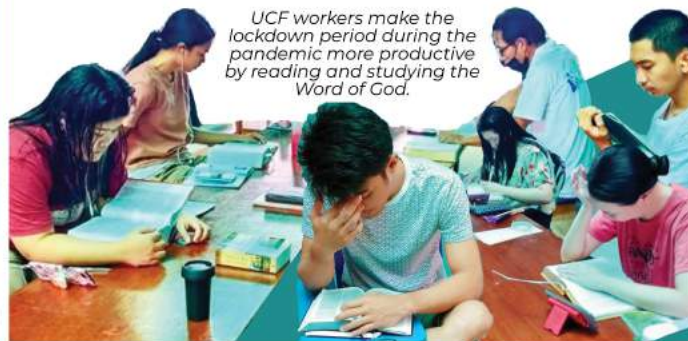
BIBLE CONFERENCE 2020

1 History of the Scripture

"¹⁶ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, ¹⁷THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE, THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK."
2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 (NKJV)

In the old times, the stories in the Bible were disseminated by word of mouth across the centuries and its origin is still cloaked in mystery. Remember all the apostles, prophet, disciples, and even Jesus? They used to gather in various places teaching the parables and truth of the Lord.

Eventually, scholars accessed the collection of 66 books written by more than 40 authors which was gathered, canonized, and made into what we call now as the Bible. It is the inspired Word of God to His called and chosen servants from the Old Testament to the New Testament with one purpose of bringing back His people, the lost sheep, into His kingdom (Matthew 28:16-20).



UCF workers make the lockdown period during the pandemic more productive by reading and studying the Word of God.

Scripture is written by men but breathed out by God.

3 Did you know?

Apostle Paul was not one of the original 12 disciples of Jesus, but he was one of the most prolific contributors to the New Testament, handpicked by God to replace Judas. He actually wrote 13 books in the Bible.



The **Bible** is the best-selling book in the world with about 100 million copies sold annually.

4 Today in Philippine History



The **National Bible Day** in our country was first declared and celebrated in November 1982 by former President Ferdinand Marcos. On January of 2017, Former President Rodrigo Duterte signed into law the declaration of National Bible Day under Republic Act 11163, proclaiming it to be celebrated on the **last Monday of January**. Even the constitution gives importance to the Word of God and states, "It is the policy of the state that the government shall aid and encourage the development of the moral character and spiritual foundation of the Filipino people."

Psalm 16:6-8 (NKJV)

⁶The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance. ⁷I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. ⁸I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

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5 Riddle Game

When I was tasked with what seemed impossible, I didn't just refuse and frown. I marched the people around Jericho and the walls came tumbling down.

Who am I? _____

I led Israelites out of Egypt and went up Mount Sinai alone. I came back down with the 10 Commandments written on two tablets of stone.

Who am I? _____ 

I was created so Adam wouldn't be alone. The way that God made me was by using Adam's rib bone.

Who am I? _____ 

I loved God with all my heart and soul. I am a hero of faith that will stand the test of time as one of God's beloved. After all I went through, my faith and convictions remained unchanged.

Who am I? _____


I am the book from the Bible from which many people derived the phrase 'Lamb for slaughter' from.

What book am I? _____ 

Instead of going to Nineveh, I decided to bail. Thrown overboard while out to sea, I was swallowed up by a whale.

Who am I? _____ 

You might see me in the sky, by a waterfall its lower. Some say that I was first seen after a flood by Noah.

What am I? _____ 

I am a creature without legs and a tongue that has a fork. You might hear parseltongue if you found one that could talk.

What am I? _____

I am the man who went one day on top of a Joppa house to pray. And while I waited for my meat, I dreamed I saw a great big sheet. Let down from heaven and inside, fowls and creeping things did ride. The one who prayed was told to eat, for God had cleansed this "common" meat.

Who am I? _____

I am not a person nor an animal, but I have a face.

Who am I? _____

It kept him steady and others away. It kept them safe and showed the way. Once thrown down upon the ground, it came alive with a hissing sound. It hit the rock as it was told. And that was when the water flowed.

What is it? _____

On my arc, I brought two pairs of each animal.

Who am I? _____

I was known for my diverse skills as both a warrior and a writer of psalms. In my years as a ruler, I united the people of Israel, led them to victory in battle, conquered land, and paved the way for my son, Solomon, to build the Temple.

Who am I? _____

SALAMAT, Panginoon

Testimony of God's Favor

I praise God for He is forever faithful in my life. Hindi ko sukat akalain na mangyayari sa buhay ko ang mga sunod-sunod na pagpapala na ipinaparanas Niya sa akin. Bilang isang simpleng manggagawa ng panambahan, ako ay tinulungan ng aming Punong Pastor na makapag-aral ng BS Education. Sa aking pagtatapos, isang napakalaking pagpapala na iyon para sa akin. At habang ako ay naghihintay na maging isang lisensyadong guro, ako ay nagpatuloy sa aking gawain bilang isang guro ng UCA. Dalawang beses akong sumubok na makapasa at makakuha ng lisensya, pero hindi ko ito agad nakuha. Sa aking isipan, may tamang panahon para sa lahat. Habang hinihintay ko ang takdang oras, ako ay patuloy na naglilingkod sa Panginoon sa pamamagitan ng mga gawain sa panambahan ng UCF. At kamakailan lang ay dumating ang tamang panahon na ipinagkaloob sa akin ng Panginoon dahil ako ay nakapasa na sa Licensure Examination for Teachers at isa na akong lisensyadong guro. Purihin ang Panginoon dahil muli Niyang pinaranas ang Kaniyang katapatan at pagmamahal sa akin! Patuloy akong maglilingkod sa Kaniya. Lahat ng papuri at pasasalamat ay para sa ating Diyos na buhay.

Bilang aking pagbabalik-sulit sa mga ginawa Niyang kabutihan sa akin, nangako ako sa Panginoon na gagamitin ko ito sa Kaniyang ministeryo. ”

Sis. Imee Gorobat

**UCA Faculty Member
Licensed Professional Teacher**



Tunay na tapat ang Diyos sa Kaniyang mga anak na nagbigay ng kanilang buhay upang magamit sa Kaniyang ministeryo!

“Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up their names on my lips. ⁵O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.

**Psalms 16:4-5
(NKJV)**

Pusong handang magpagamit sa ministeryo



Ang mga *banner* na mayroong logo ng Mt. Tabor ay natapos na ring ikabit sa gilid ng mga daan sa pagtutulungan ng mga manggagawa. Mula itaas hanggang ibabang bahagi ay lalong nagkaroon ng buhay ang lugar dahil sa makulay na mga *banner*. Mas nakakasabik na itong pagdausan ng mga gawain tulad ng *Bible Race* at iba pa.

Ang pagsama ng Panginoon ay tunay na nararanasan ng Kaniyang mga anak na patuloy na sumusunod sa Kaniya at handang magpagamit para sa Kaniyang gawain. Mabibigat man ang gawain, ngunit ang Diyos ang nagbibigay kalakasan sa bawat isang may pusong nais Siyang paglingkuran.

Ngayong linggo, ang mga manggagawa at ilang boluntaryo ng panambahan ay buong puso at lakas na gumanap sa pagpapaganda at paglilinis ng Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center upang ang lugar ay mapanatiling maaliwalas at kapaki-pakinabang para sa mga gawain ng panamabahan pati na rin ng mga nais bumisita rito. Sa mga luntian nitong kapaligiran, malamig na simoy ng hangin at samu't saring

mga halaman at hayop, ang lupaing ito na ipinagkaloob ng Panginoon ay magbibigay kapahingahan sa bawat isa hindi lamang sa pisikal na aspeto, kung hindi higit lalo sa espirituwal. Kung kaya't walang tigil ang mga manggagawa sa pagganap sa lalong ikaaayos ng lugar na ito.

Tayo'y makiisa sa mga gawaing ito na magbibigay luwalhati sa Panginoon para sa paglago ng Kaniyang ministeryo. Ang ating pagpapagal para sa Kaniya ay hindi kailanman sayang dahil ang oras, lakas at talento natin ay ating naibibigay para sa Kaniyang gawain na may layuning umabot sa mas marami pang kaluluwang naghahanap sa Kaniya. Purihin ang Panginoon sa Kaniyang pagsama sa mga nagnanais panglingkuran Siya!

Paghahanda sa BIBLE RACE

Bilang preparasyon sa gaganapin na *Bible Race* sa susunod na linggo, ang mga *flag* ay isinaayos at ikinabit na sa kahabaan ng *bike lane*. Ang ilang mga kagamitan naman para sa mga palaro sa nasabing gawain ay isinaayos na rin. Mas lalong nagpapaganda at nagbigay ng kulay sa lugar ang mga itinatayang *flag*.



Ang *bike lane* at *obstacle course* ay handa na rin sa gawain. May mga tent na rin na inilagay sa lugar. Malakas man ang hampas ng hangin at maputik man dahil sa pag-ulan ay buong galak na nagtulungan ang lahat.

Ang ilan namang miyembro ng *ladies fellowship* ay nagputol ng matataas na damo at naglinis sa buong *obstacle course*. Tiyak na kagigiliwan ng mga dadalo ang mga aktibidad dito.

Psalm 119:114-116
(NKJV)

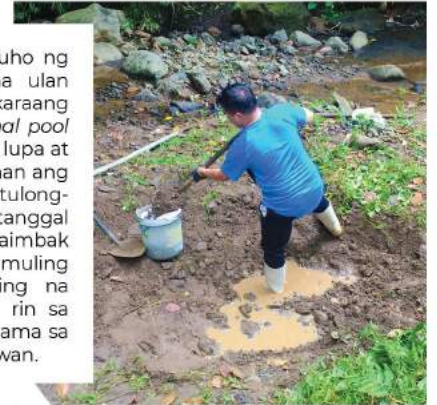
¹¹⁴You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word. ¹¹⁵Depart from me, you evildoers, For I will keep the commandments of my God! ¹¹⁶Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.



Pagtanggal ng lupa sa BAPTISMAL POOL



Dahil sa mga pagguho ng lupa at malakas na ulan noong mga nakaraang linggo, ang *baptismal pool* ay natabunan na ng lupa at mga bato. Kaya naman ang ilang boluntaryo ay tulong-tulong na nagtanggal ng mga lupang naimbak dito upang ito ay muling magamit sa darating na *Bible Race* pati na rin sa iba pang mga programa sa mga susunod na buwan.



Nagtayo rin ng poste ang kalalakihan para naman sa *parachute* at nagkabit din banderitas sa ilang mga *trail* na gagamitin sa paparating na gawain.

Pagsasaayos ng COOP



Ang mga *in-house trainee worker* at ilang boluntaryo ay sama-samang nagtanggal ng mga poste at *net* sa ibabang *coop*. Ang mga ito ay inilipat sa itaas na bahagi ng Mt. Tabor Farm kung saan sisimulan naman ang paggawa ng bahay ng mga pato na siyang sa *pond*. Ang mga *net* na ito ay hindi lamang kagamit-gamit sa paggawa ng kulungan, ginagamit din ito sa pagtatanim bilang harang.



Madulas man ang mga nilalakaran ay tuloy-tuloy pa rin ang lahat sa pagtutulongan. Naikabit na ang mga kawayan na magsisilbing *frame* ng bubong ng kulungan.

¹¹⁷Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually. ¹¹⁸You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, For their deceit is falsehood. ¹¹⁹You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross; Therefore I love Your testimonies. ¹²⁰My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments.

Psalm 119:117-120
(NKJV)

UCF ONLINE (SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS UPDATE) As of January 21, 2023

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through our UCF online programs.**



The Growing Believers

Despite all the things that we have faced—the situations, difficulties, hunger, and many problems—we are still here because of the grace of our God. Kaya maganda na lagi natin itong sinasariwa sa ating mga buhay. Growth is not limited to money and physical things. Mayroon tayong hindi nakikita na kailangan natin upang tayo ay lumago.

Halimbawa ay ang emosyon natin. Dapat ang ating emosyon ay lumalago rin. Dati kapag may nang-inis sa iyo, ikaw ay bibigay na kaagad. Kailangan din ng ating emosyon ang paglago. Kailangan natin itong kontrolin. May pagkakataon sa bawat pamilya natin na hindi nagkakaintindihan. Nagkakaroon ng pag-iinit, pagtatalo at hindi pagkakaunawaan. But then again, that is not important. Ang importante doon ay nagkaroon man tayo ng ganoon sa ating pamilya, darating tayo sa punto na sasabihin nating nagkamali tayo. Pagkatapos noon, hihingi ka ng pasensya sa tao. Dapat umaamin din tayo. Importante ito sa ating paglago. Doon natin makikita kung tayo ay lumalago sa ating pag-iisip, buhay pag-aaral, buhay pagtatrabaho, buhay pagnenegosyo, buhay pagpapamilya at buhay pag-aasawa. Lahat ng ito ay parte ng paglago. Sa 1 Tesalonica 1:2-10, makikita natin ang isang simbahang kausap ni Apostol Pablo.

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DESPITE ALL THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE FACED—THE SITUATIONS, DIFFICULTIES, HUNGER, AND MANY PROBLEMS—WE ARE STILL HERE BECAUSE OF THE GRACE OF OUR GOD.

This specific church, the church in Thessalonica, had young believers. Sila ang mga bago palang na naniniwala, mga bagong mananampalataya na kakatanggap pa lang kay Hesu Kristo. At mayroong malaking nangyari sa kanila na dapat matutunan ng bawat mananampalataya.

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JAMES 2 SAYS, “FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD.” WE SHOULD HAVE A WORKING FAITH.

Paul and his companions were faithful to bring the Gospel to the Thessalonians in the midst of persecution. Even though Paul, Timothy, and Silas were being persecuted, they still brought the Good News to the people so that they might know Jesus Christ. Paul and his companions stood above all the persecution that they faced. It is because of them that the Thessalonians believed in God. The Thessalonians had only recently become Christians, and yet they remained faithful to the Lord despite the fact that the apostles were not with them. Nakasama lang kasi ng mga taga-Tesalonica sina Paul at ang mga kasama niya sa maikling panahon lamang. Ngunit ito ang punto—kahit kaunting oras lang sila nagkasama, ang mga taga-Tesalonica ay nakakilala sa Panginoon at sila ngayon ay lumago. They were just young believers. Although some of them were not young anymore, but they were growing. Importante kasi ito sa isang mananampalataya—ang paglago.

According to this passage, we can learn the key characteristics of the growing believers in the Thessalonian church. They turn to God at all times. They remember Him without ceasing the work of faith. Ang pananampalataya ay mayroong paggawa. Because James 2:26 says, “Faith without works is dead.” We should have a working faith. Ang faith natin ay mayroong ginagawa at mayroong resulta. Kaya ka may pananampalataya sa Panginoon ay dahil ikaw ay mayroong resulta—parang pananampalataya na nangyari kay Moses.

He was already in front of the Red Sea but he still had his faith to God no matter what. Maski gaano kalapad ang Red Sea at gaano kalalim ito ay naniwala siya sa Panginoon na mayroong gagawing daan para sa kanila. That is the faith that works.

Madaling sabihin na mayroon kang pananampalataya sa Panginoon pero ipakita mo. How did the Thessalonians have faith that works? First, they turned to God at all times and they turned away from their idols. It is said in 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, “For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.”

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MADALING SABIHIN NA MAYROON KANG PANANAMPALATAYA SA PANGINOON PERO IPAKITA MO.

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Rev. Morrell Estrellado

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
JANUARY 6, 2019**

¹⁰He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man. ¹¹The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy. ¹²Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**Psalms 147:10-12
(NKJV)**

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Rev. Fidel Dillo
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
JANUARY 15, 2023

“ Kung paano natin pinapakain ang ating pisikal na katawan, ang espirituwal na katawan natin ay lalo nating pasiglahin. ”

“ Huwag nating ikahiya ang pagpapatotoo sa Kaniyang Salita. Huwag natin ikahiya ang ebanghelyo. ”

“ Ang Salita ng Diyos ang nagbibigay ng direksyon sa ating buhay. ”

“ Papatunayan ng Diyos na mayroong kapangyarihan ang Kaniyang Salita. Nagsimula ito noong binago Niya ang ating buhay. Naghimala Siya at nagpagaling. ”

“ Kung hindi tayo marunong tumingin kung kanino sasama, tiyak ay mapapahamak tayo. Maging matalino tayo sa pagpili ng pakikikingan ng mga payo. ”

“ Bilang manggagawa ng simbahang ito, magpatuloy tayo na mapanatili ang Salita ng Diyos sa ating mga puso. ”

LIFE THEN, LIFE NOW

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In the Old Testament, the people of God in Israel were commanded to worship and serve the Lord their God. In this commandment from Exodus 24:1, it says “Now He said to Moses, ‘Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar.’” The Word of God commanded the Israelites to worship Him from a distance, which means they can only worship God when they gather around the sacred mountain and consecrate themselves first. In history, God established this barrier between humans—including the Tabernacle where God’s Holy Ark of Covenant was placed. The Tabernacle was a visual reminder of the separation between God and His sinful people. Because of sin, people weren’t able to freely come into His presence and worship Him whenever or wherever they want.

However, the New Testament tells us that Jesus already fulfilled the sin offerings through His death (Hebrews 9:11-14). In Romans 12:1, it states “I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, well-pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” This clearly says that by the mercies of God, which intended Christ’s death on the cross, the sin of the people may be forgiven. As His children, we are not to offer again various prescribed offerings to be allowed to enter God’s presence, but once we offer our lives to God, it is a personal sacrifice and becomes a spiritual service of worship to Him.

**Psalms 130:2-5
(NKJV)**

²Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications. ³If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. ⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope.

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⁶My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning—Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. ⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord; For with the Lord there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. ⁸And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.

Psalm 130:6-8 (NKJV)

Pressing on of...

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4. Join a religious organization, undergo its rituals, adopt its beliefs, and live the best you can. This will give you a strong image of yourself and confidence that God will accept you. Just be good as you can and God will accept what goodness you are able to build up.

What is wrong with these teachings?

- They are self-centered.
- They take away the focus from God and His Word.
- They are self-righteous.
- They promote indulgence and extravagance.

True teaching is the one that leads us to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His **salvation by grace alone.**

Any other teachings are false.

Romans 10:3-5

³For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. ⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them."

Matthew 5:19-20

¹⁹Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by

no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

1 Timothy 6:3-5

³If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, ⁴he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, ⁵useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.

D. Know our true identity in Christ

Who are we in Christ?

- We are children of God.
- We are to be true worshippers.
- We are to be true believers who have

no confidence in the flesh.

What is the basis of our worship?

- The basis of our worship is the Spirit of God. To worship God, we must have the Spirit of God living in us.
- We don't worship God externally by rituals and ceremonies. We worship Him with a clean and pure heart, free from all sins and defilement.

John 4:23-24

²³"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Challenge

- Press on.
- Guard ourselves.
- Focus on God.

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