



Jesus meets our Needs

John 6:1-14 (NKJV)

¹After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. ³And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" ⁶But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. ⁷Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." ⁸One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" ⁹Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. ¹⁰And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹¹So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." ¹²Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. ¹³Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

Introduction

Looking back, I was ordained pastor

on the year 2002, a day before my 21st birthday. I remember as a young pastor, I struggled just to come up with my Homiletics (sermon). But whenever I pray to God and ask for His message, His Spirit leads me to various passages and scriptures. So, I looked at the files and counted the sermons and it numbered 255 files from August 12, 2012 to present. I lost the other sermons from 2002 to 2011 and it cannot be recovered. Looking at these numbers, I know that I am inadequate. But God reminded me of the story of a boy who has two small fish and five barley loaves. He gave it to Jesus and Jesus multiplied it to feed five thousand men not including the women and children. After they were full, they gathered 12 full baskets of fragments from the bread.

Jesus uses inadequate people who surrender what they have to Him to meet the needs of others.

After their ministries in John 5, they went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee on a boat (Bethsaida - home of Philip, Andrew, and Peter). But, the crowd saw them and followed them on foot. When Jesus saw this, He felt compassion for them.

v. 2 - Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

But these people weren't following Jesus because they recognized Him as the Son of God who could save them from their sins. Some were fascinated just seeing the miracles. Others needed miraculous healing for themselves or their loved ones. But overall, their reasons for following

Jesus were misguided and superficial.

vv. 5-7 - ⁵Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" ⁶But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. ⁷Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

In this case, although Jesus could have called for manna to rain down from heaven, He didn't do that. Why not? Jesus used this miracle and those that follow to train the twelve disciples. Jesus asked Philip (6:5), "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?" The other gospels report that the disciples had asked Jesus to dismiss the multitude so that they could go buy their own food. But, Jesus pointedly told the disciples (Mark 6:37), "You give them something to eat!" Here, John added (6:6), "This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do."

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Rev. Dr. James C. Sy
Administrative Pastor



It was 29 years ago when the Lord put in the heart of His servant Rev. Dr. William Sy the mission and vision of United Christian Fellowship—to establish a strong academic institute that will meet the basic needs of the people. From what started as a mere vision, United Christian Academy (UCA) now continues to provide not just quality education, but holistic development and academic excellence.

Despite the challenges that the school has faced, the favor of the Lord to UCA is evident. And after almost three decades, the Lord is faithful in giving His provision, wisdom, and favor to the school, and now UCA is able to reach more families even from different parts of the world.

UCA is more than just a four-storey building, but it is a ministry that God has built that serves and continues to be a gateway of evangelism—reaching the lost sheep and preaching to them the Gospel of Jesus Christ, sparking a change in their lives.



UCA THROUGHOUT THE YEARS



1997 | CLASS OPENING



2000 | INAUGURATION

With faith and trust unto the Lord, Rev. Dr. Sy wholeheartedly obeys the Lord and establishes UCA in 1997.



2016



2018

Years after years, UCA continues growing in numbers, from 500 students in 2016 to 1,000 students in 2018.



2020 | UCA ONLINE

It is during the pandemic that UCA Online is established and utilized for distance learning.



2023-2024 | OPENING OF CLASSES

In the coming years, UCA will continue to grow and expand its territory, widening the reach to more people.

John 5:24
(NKJV)

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

GETTING READY FOR EXCITING CELEBRATION

Are you ready to join in the fun and joyful celebration of God's faithfulness and lovingkindness to United Christian Academy (UCA) for 29 years? Exciting activities, challenging booth games, and friendly competitions await the whole UCA family in the school's 29th Founding Anniversary!

In preparation for the upcoming cheering competition and group games, each team was given time to practice their yells, chants, and cheer dance. It is also an opportunity for the students to get to know their teammates and their leaders to build relationship, foster teamwork, promote sportsmanship, and develop coordination within their teams.

CHEERING PRACTICE

Prepare to be amazed in the upcoming cheering competition on August 4, Monday. Before the start of the Foundation Week, each team gathered and memorized their chant and dance that represent their respective groups.



Despite their differences in age and grade level, they were able to interact and collaborate with each other because of the family-like relationship instilled in the students.



CONTESTS SCREENING

Through orientation and screenings, the contest participants and their parents were reminded of the guidelines and schedule of the competitions, as well as the requirements that must be met. Both the face-to-face and distance learning participants attended the said orientation last August 2, Saturday.

Truly, the Lord is continuously faithful to the school just as He has been faithful from the very beginning. And in the coming years, many people will witness and experience His lovingkindness through the ministry of UCA. Praise the Lord!



There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:1
(NKJV)

Empowering individuals toward success



With the provision and guidance of the Lord to the ministry He has called and built, UCA College of Asia (UCACOA) continues to hone individuals to become professionals in their chosen career paths.

Last July 31, Thursday, UCACOA proudly held its 20th Commencement Exercise of the Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP) for Bookkeeping NC III and Contact Center Services (CCS) NC II. This scholarship program is provided in partnership with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) with the support from Parañaque City

District II Representative Hon. Brian Raymond Yamsuan. A total of 25 Bookkeeping NC III graduates and 40 CCS NC II Batch 1 and 2 graduates were recognized for successfully completing and satisfying the competencies set by their courses.

Truly, the Lord is abounding in grace as He opens opportunities for people to receive free training and education through UCACOA. Not only are they instilled with knowledge and skills, but most importantly with the Word of God. Praise the Lord for His provision to UCACOA and to its students!

Opening Ceremony

TVET Focal Person Rev. Ryan Christian Tabay opened the program with thanksgiving to the Lord for this milestone. UCACOA President Rev. Dr. James Sy congratulated the graduates and reminded them to be good citizens. Hon. Yamsuan also graced the ceremony to express his admiration to the graduates and to provide an inspirational message.



(L-R) UCACOA President Rev. Dr. James Sy, Hon. Brian Raymond Yamsuan, UCACOA Founder Rev. Dr. William Sy, and Ms. Dely Sy



Handing of Certificates

As a symbol of their hard work and perseverance to complete their courses, the graduates went on stage to receive their Certificates of Training and National Certificates.



Witnessed by their loved ones, the graduates' are recognized for this milestone and achievement. The venue is filled with joy as everyone celebrated and expressed their support to the graduates.



Pledge of Loyalty

Raising their right hand, the graduates pledged their loyalty to UCACOA by committing to uphold its values and principles.

Photobooth

Holding their certificates and colorful props while wearing their best smiles, the graduates together with their loved ones posed to take souvenir photos as remembrance of this momentous day.



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17
(NKJV)

Pagsunod sa direksiyon ng Panginoon



AGRITOURISM

Sinimulan nang magtanim ng kalamansi, sili at kamatis ang mga manggagawa bilang parte ng pagsasaayos ng lugar sa Mt. Tabor. Ang ilan ay naghanda rin ng lupang pagtataniman.



Sa anomang panahon na nagdaan, ang Diyos ay tapat at patuloy ang pagbibigay inspirasyon sa kaniyang mga anak upang patuloy na palaguin ang Kaniyang ipinagkatiwalang lupain sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center sa nagdaang linggo.

Sama-sama pa rin ang kapatiran upang maipanalangin ang bawat isa at idulog sa Panginoon ang mga susunod pang gawain ng panambahan. Patuloy din ang pagtatanim sa paligid ng Mt. Tabor bilang paghahanda na maging angkatan ito ng iba't ibang gulay at makatulong sa kapatiran sa mga susunod na panahon.

Purihin ang Diyos sa mga gawaing may hangaring makatulong sa pangangailangang pisikal at espirituwal ng Kaniyang mga anak!



Tulong-tulong ang bawat isa na maitanim ang bagong mga seedling at inaasahang maging malusog na mga halaman sa susunod na mga araw.



PRAYER MEETING

Ang kapatiran ay patuloy na nagtitipon upang idulog sa Panginoon ang mga gawain ng panambahan para sa mga ministeryo ng UCF. Dito rin ibinabahagi ang kanilang mga naranasang pagkilos ng Diyos sa kanilang mga buhay sa nagdaang mga araw.





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REV. DR. WILLIAM SY
BIRTHDAY FEATURE

Buhay ng isang lingkod ng Diyos



Sa murang edad ay nagsimulang sumunod si Rev. Dr. William Sy sa tawag ng Diyos na maglingkod sa Kaniya. Tulad ng iba, nagsikap si Rev. Dr. Sy upang magtagumpay sa mundo at mayroong mga pangarap din na nais niyang tuparin ngunit kaniyang natuklasan na lahat ng ito ay may hangganan lamang. *"Kapag nandoon ka na pala sa Panginoon, ang mga pangarap mo ay pinapalitan ng Diyos ng katotohanan."*

Bilang Ama

Sa Kaniyang pagsunod sa Panginoon, kasama niya rin ang kaniyang maybahay na si Sis. Dely Sy na nagbunga ng apat na lalaking anak. Kaniyang naitaguyod ang pamilya bilang haligi ng tahanan habang tinatahak ang landas at direksyong ibinigay ng Diyos.

Bilang Lingkod ng Diyos



Sa pagtugon ni Rev. Dr. Sy sa tawag ng paglilingkod, ang Diyos ay tapat na kumikilos sa kaniyang buhay



Bilang Misyonaryo

Isa sa mga naunang ministryong kinabilangan ni Rev. Dr. Sy ang pagsasagawa ng misyon sa iba't ibang probinsya upang makapagbahagi ng Salita ng Diyos. Matataas na bundok, masisikip na daan at maaalon na dagat ay hindi hadlang sa kaniyang pagsunod sa ipinapagawa ng Diyos.



Marami nang mga tao ang tumanggap sa Panginoon sa mga nagdaang misyon. Ang ilan ay nakaranas rin ng mga himala mula sa Diyos.

**"MASAYA AKONG
NAGLILINGKOD SA
PANGINOON. I TAKE IT
AS A GIFT THAT GOD
HAS BEEN USING ME.
BECAUSE AT THE FIRST
PLACE, I HAVE CHOSEN
TO SERVE GOD."**

Muli binigyan siya ng direksiyon ng Panginoon upang maitatag ang isang panambahang gagamitin ng Diyos sa malaking gawain—ang United Christian Fellowship (UCF). Taong 1992 naman noong ibinigay ng Panginoon ang vision at mission kay Rev. Dr. Sy na susundin ng iba pang mga tinawag ng Diyos sa UCF.

Dumaan man siya sa pinakagipit at pinakakritikal na mga sitwasyon ng kaniyang buhay, ngunit kailanman ay hindi niya iniwan ang kaniyang tawag. At sa pagdiriwang ng kaniyang kaarawan, patunay na ang Diyos ang naging sandigan ni Rev. Dr. Sy sa iba't ibang panahon ng Kaniyang buhay.

Bilang Punong Pastor



Tinawag din ng Diyos si Rev. Dr. Sy upang pangalagaan ang mga tupang kinatagpo rin Niya.

MALIGAYANG KAARAWAN, REV. DR. WILLIAM SY!

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."

1 John 5:4
(NKJV)

Jesus meets...

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Jesus was showing Philip and the other disciples their inadequacy to meet this need, along with His all-sufficiency.

This passage highlights the following:

- People are needy.
- The workers are inadequate to meet the people's needs.
- Jesus uses inadequate people when they surrender what they have to Him.
- Jesus Christ is all-sufficient to meet the people's needs.

A. People are needy.

There are about 20,000 people (men, women, and children) following Jesus. Many of them need healing and they are all hungry. Christians engage in ministries to meet the physical needs of the poor. But our ultimate goal is for them to come to the knowledge of the Son of God, who can save them and give them eternal life. We need to pray that the Holy Spirit will convict them of their sins so that they will see their true need for Christ to rescue them from judgment before they die.

People need to see their spiritual need for Christ; only then will they seek for their Savior.

B. The workers are inadequate to meet the people's needs.

The easiest solution was to send them away so that they could buy their own food (Mark 6:36). But Jesus wanted to teach the disciples and the people.

v. 5 - Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"

When Philip heard Jesus, he could have responded in faith, but he responded based on his inadequate resources. He even used his mental math to try to solve the problem at hand.

v. 7 - Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

Then Andrew brought with him a boy having two fish and five loaves of barley bread.

v. 9 - "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

Andrew tried to contribute but his words reflected his embarrassment to bring only a small portion which he also thought was inadequate for the great need that time.

C. Jesus uses inadequate people when they surrender what they have to Him.

While the disciples are still trying to solve this problem, Jesus presented a solution.

vv. 10-11 - "Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. "And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those

sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

Jesus calmly organized them (made the people sit down). Since they were seated, they could now be counted, and they numbered five thousand men.

Jesus used the boy's lunch (what Andrew thought was useless) and distributed them to the disciples and the disciples to the people as much as they wanted.

D. Jesus Christ is all-sufficient to meet the people's needs.

Jesus instructed the disciples to gather up the fragments (left-over bread). Twelve full baskets of fragments were left after all have eaten.

vv. 12-13 - "So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." "Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

While Philip thought of everyone receiving a little and while Andrew thought it was not enough. Jesus showed to them that He is not limited by their inadequate resources. Jesus is All-sufficient, and He can abundantly supply all that we need.

Conclusion

Today, many people still come to Jesus because they need physical healing, or they need a job, or they need Him to solve some urgent problems.

Yes, Jesus can meet those needs (because there is nothing too difficult for Him).

But, He wants us to see that we all have a deeper need. We need to be reconciled to the holy God.

Jesus provided the only way for that to happen by giving Himself on the cross (John 6:51). No matter how great your sin may be, Jesus is more than sufficient to forgive your sin and save you from God's judgment.

If you've never tasted Christ as the living bread to give you eternal life, then that is your main need. Your main need is not for Jesus to heal you, or to give you a job, or to provide you with a spouse. Your main need is to come to Jesus for eternal life. Just as you eat bread to sustain your physical life even though you don't understand exactly how it works, so you need to trust in Christ for eternal life.

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

If you have trusted in Christ, offer yourself to Him to be used to meet the needs of others. We always have many ministry needs in the church. Some are behind the scenes, servant-type jobs. The Lord wants to use you to give out the bread of life to others, whether to fellow believers or to those who don't know the Savior. Don't live for yourself. Live to be used by God and you'll be satisfied with a basket full of the Living Bread for yourself.

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