



Present Suffering, Future Glory

Romans 8:18-25 (NKJV)

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Introduction

Why do negative things happen in one's life?

1. The present time is marked by sufferings because of man's fall into sin.

Romans 8:19-22 (NKJV)

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a. The whole creation suffers because of man's fall into sin.

Genesis 3:17-19 (NKJV)

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

b. Even believers are not exempted from these sufferings.

Acts 9:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

2 Corinthians 11:23-28 (NKJV)

²³Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. ²⁴From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; ²⁷in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—²⁸besides the other things,

what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

c. We need to think biblically about suffering so that we will grow through it rather than be destroyed by it.

• "For I consider" - reckon, think about, ponder

Romans 8:18 (NKJV)

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1 Peter 5:8-10 (NKJV)

⁸Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

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Rev. Morrell B. Estrellado
Associate Pastor



UCA FEATURE

Making Joyful MEMORIES IN UCA

It is with great joy that United Christian Academy (UCA), together with the whole UCA family, celebrated the school's 29th Founding Anniversary. It was a week-long celebration filled with joyful memories and fresh experiences that they will surely cherish all the days of their lives. Truly, the lives who are changed through the ministry of UCA are living proof of God's magnificent work and His unending favor upon the school. So with grateful hearts, the students express and share their memorable moments during the celebration and the insights that they have learned throughout the program.

"I am so blessed to be part of the 29th Founding Anniversary of UCA because it was really fun and I never got to experience this before. Joining Mr. and Ms. UCA, I learned how to be confident with myself and to show my talents that I've never realized in myself before. It brought out the beauty in me."

DEVINE LEE SADUESTE
GRADE 7 STUDENT | FACE-TO-FACE

"I am very blessed to be a part of the Foundation Week. My most memorable part of the Foundation Week was when I joined Mr. and Ms. UCA because it helped me boost my confidence and it helped me improve my social life. I'm very glad that I joined and it was very fun and memorable."

CHASE XANDER PINEDA
GRADE 10 STUDENT | FACE-TO-FACE

"I am really blessed to be here. My memorable moment would be when I joined The Voice because it was my first time singing in front of many people. It really helped me get over my stage fright and I am planning to do it again next year."

RISABELLA AGUILA
GRADE 9 STUDENT | FACE-TO-FACE

"The most memorable moment of the Foundation Week for me is when the Pink Dolphins won 2nd place and I joined The Voice. I thought to myself that my voice wasn't good, but I believed I could do it, and that's how I got my badge as a quarter finalist. Honestly, the Foundation Week is the best event for me because I get to make new friends and memorable moments. I will join The Moves next year."

ARRYXA JULIANA AXLIE SARMIENTO
GRADE 5 PUPIL | FACE-TO-FACE

"Ang most memorable moment ko during the UCA Foundation Week is during the fun games. Even though nahihirapan ako, my teammates kept on encouraging me to play more even though I was losing courage. Buti na lang may mga nag-encourage sa akin na friends ko."

FAYERESE YSABEL LUMANLAN
GRADE 6 PUPIL | FACE-TO-FACE

"Ang memorable moment ko sa Foundation Week ay ang fun games at iyong nakakilala ako ng mga student sa ibang grade level. Natuwa ako sa mga nag-cheer para sa akin at nagpapasalamat ako sa aking mga supporter."

ZHACKY JHON CANTUA
GRADE 6 PUPIL | FACE-TO-FACE



Philippians 4:8 (NKJV) Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

"I feel very blessed to be part of the 29th Founding Anniversary of UCA because I was able to celebrate it with my classmates and teachers. It was a special event that reminded me how blessed I am to belong to a school that values unity, faith, and fun. My most memorable moment during the Foundation Week was joining the online games with my classmates. Even though we were far from each other, we laughed, competed, and had so much fun. It made me realize that distance cannot stop us from enjoying and building memories together."



SIMRA SHAIKH
GRADE 5 PUPIL | ONLINE (JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA)

"I am blessed to experience a sense of being associated at UCA's 29th Founding Anniversary. My memorable moment during the Foundation Week is the booth games. All of the games were fun and all the teachers were so nice. I also experienced joining in The Moves. I was happy to share my little skills in dancing. Next time, I want to learn and develop my skills to join again. Thank you for letting me be a part of the Foundation Week."



ANDREA JAZMIN EVANGELISTA
GRADE 6 PUPIL | ONLINE (GENERAL TRIAS, CAVITE)

"I'm very blessed to be part of UCA's 29th Founding Anniversary dahil nagkaroon ako ng chance na maging leader ng group namin. Natutunan ko kung paano maging leader which is something that I feared before."



ABIGAILE CASTRO
GRADE 12 STUDENT | FACE-TO-FACE

"As a parent, it is always a joy for me to see my children so involved in every school activity. That is why we are so blessed to be part of UCA's 29th Founding Anniversary. I will always show my support to the school knowing that my kids are enjoying and having lots of fun here. My most memorable moment is watching my kids perform on stage showcasing their God-given talents to everyone. Thank you, UCA, for this great opportunity."



HARLENE GOMEZ
PARENT OF THREE UCA STUDENTS

"I'm very blessed to be in UCA! And I am so grateful that God put me in such a great team. I'd say that I was really meant to be Red Eagles because it perfectly matches my personality. No other school has fun games and awesome booth games!"



STELLAR ELYSE LIM
GRADE 6 PUPIL | FACE-TO-FACE

"My favorite moment during the Foundation Week was watching all the participants and all of the events. I'm very blessed in the Foundation Week because we got many chances to experience more things and especially join more contests."



SOFIA PAULENE GOMEZ
GRADE 8 STUDENT | FACE-TO-FACE

"As a new student, I feel honored to be a part of UCA's 29th Founding Anniversary celebration. Even though I'm still new, I feel welcomed and included in the UCA family. I can already see how special this school is. The warm welcome from the teachers and students made me feel at home, and it's exciting to have such meaningful moments in my school journey. I'm especially grateful for the chance to join The Voice. It was an unforgettable experience and it is a great way to share my talent. Being part of this event made me feel more connected, and I'm excited to create more memories here."



ALTHEA KATE PERIN
GRADE 5 PUPIL | ONLINE (UNITED ARAB EMIRATES)

"I am so blessed to be part of UCA's 29th Founding Anniversary this year because this was my first time celebrating it as a face-to-face student. I enjoyed the whole week of activities because I got to be a member of Yellow Lions, and I was able to play the booth games and fun games. The most memorable moment for me was winning 1st Runner-Up and the People's Choice Award with my sister for The Moves. I praise the Lord for this wonderful blessing. I love UCA!"



BENJAMIN GOMEZ III
GRADE 2 PUPIL | FACE-TO-FACE

"We had a wonderful experience at UCA's Founding Anniversary! It was our first time attending and we were so impressed in the flow of activities even though it was online. Our family especially loved participating in My Family's Got Talent. Even though we didn't win, we had an amazing time performing and making memories together. We've been so happy with our children's experience so far. They truly enjoyed the activities and we are so grateful how the school is helping them grow closer to God. Thank you for making our family feel so welcomed!"



JERALIE LEGASPI
PARENT OF TWO UCA STUDENTS

**PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE JOYFUL
AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES IN
CELEBRATING HIS FAITHFULNESS TO UCA!**



Let all that you do be done with love.

1 Corinthians 16:14
(NKJV)



UCACOA OPENING OF CLASSES

WELCOMING A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

For many years, UCA College of Asia (UCACOA) has been built upon a meaningful, God-led purpose. The institution not only establishes students' careers but ultimately aims to mold them into goal-oriented individuals who discover their God-given gifts and talents, becoming equipped citizens in the society and living a purposeful life.

Last academic year, UCACOA successfully produced its first batch of Bachelor of Technical-Vocational Teacher Education (BTVTEd) graduates, marking its first commencement as a CHED-certified institution. With a vision to continue transforming students' lives for a better future, the school officially opened its classes for A.Y. 2025-2026 last August 11, Monday. UCACOA held a class orientation during the first two days of the week, welcoming students and providing essential information as they begin their journey in the BTVTEd program—paving the way for a wide range of career opportunities uniquely designed for them.

As another academic year unfolds, the favor of the Lord will surely be experienced, as He continues to use the institution as a channel for drawing lost souls back to Him—helping students find their purpose and live a life anchored in the promises of the Lord.

CLASS ORIENTATION



UCACOA President Rev. Dr. James Sy explained key points about the students' decision to choose UCACOA, reminding them of the school's main purpose and the reason it was established.



As future teachers, the students attended a seminar about safe spaces, ensuring their security and equality in the workplaces.



OPENING OF CLASSES



During their first week of class, UCACOA professors provided an introduction to the subjects they will be offering for the first semester.



Romans 3:23
(NKJV)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God



Katuparan ng pangitain ng Diyos



Ang UCF Mt.Tabor Church Re-Creation Center ay isang ministeryo mula sa *vision and mission* na ibinigay ng Diyos sa Kaniyang lingkod na si Rev. Dr. William Sy. Ang lugar na ito ay pinagdadausan ng iba't ibang gawain ng panambahan.

Nasa puso ng mga manggagawa ang makasunod sa direksiyong ibinigay ng Diyos upang ang Mt. Tabor

ay maging lugar kung saan marami pang kaluluwa ang makakakilala sa Kaniya. Sa nagdaang linggo, kabi-kabilang pagsasaayos ang isinasagawa rito tulad ng pagpapaunlad ng *agritourism* at konstruksiyon para sa pagpapalawak ng panambahan.

Purihin ang Panginoon sa pagtatayo ng lugar kung saan naipapahayag ang Salita ng Diyos sa mga nawawalang tupa!

CONSTRUCTION

Nagtayo ng mga poste ang mga manggagawa bilang parte ng isinasagawang pagpapalawak ng harapang bahagi ng panambahan.



Nilinis rin ang mga naipong putik sa bahagi ng trail 3.

FELLOWSHIP

Matapos ang isang produktibong araw, ang mga manggagawa ay nagsalo-salo sa masarap na miryenda.



Puno ng galak ang puso ng bawat isang tumulong at nakiisa sa gawain kasama ang kapatiran.

Panibagong mga pananim tulad ng sili at kamatis ang itinanim ng mga manggagawa. Naghanda rin sila ng lupang gagamitin sa mga pananim.

AGRITOURISM



As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)

Present...

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2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

d. The fact of suffering does not undermine the fact that God has a plan and that He will accomplish His plan.

- The creation was subjected to futility "in hope."

Romans 8:20-22 (NKJV)

²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

- The analogy of birth pains; the outcome is the hope of new life.

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

a. The future glory is not totally revealed to us yet, but it includes

the revealing of all that God has promised for us.

2 Thessalonians 2:14 (NKJV)

to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- "Glory" - includes all of God's promises to bestow on us the unfathomable riches of Christ

Ephesians 3:8 (NKJV)

To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

b. The future glory includes the full renewal of creation to its original perfection and purpose.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

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

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (KJV)

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

c. The future glory includes our freedom from sin and its corruption, including the full redemption of our bodies.

- Freedom from sin

Romans 8:21 (NKJV)

because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

d. The future glory is guaranteed by our present possession of the

Holy Spirit, the first fruits of our redemption.

- Privileges of being God's adopted children

Romans 8:23-24 (NKJV)

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Romans 8:15-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness

with our spirit that we are children of God,

3. Keep your eyes on the future promised glory and you will preserve in present sufferings with hope.

Romans 8:25 (NKJV)

But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

Challenge

The key of persevering in suffering with hope is to keep your eyes on the promised future glory.

Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

SERMON NOTES

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

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