

# VOICE OF THE VISION



## Grace and Truth through Jesus Christ

**John 7:53-8:11 (NKJV)**

<sup>53</sup>And everyone went to his own house.

<sup>1</sup>But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup>Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup>Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, <sup>4</sup>they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. <sup>5</sup>Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" <sup>6</sup>This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. <sup>7</sup>So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." <sup>8</sup>And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup>Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. <sup>10</sup>When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup>She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

### Introduction

How did Jesus deal with sinners who have been caught in the very act of sin?

Maybe you are wondering whether the message is for you or not, but the Bible tells us that God knows every

sin of thought, word, and deed that we have ever done!

The scribes and Pharisees judged this woman according to the Law, which clearly condemned her, but Jesus showed her both grace and truth.

**John 1:17**

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

### A. All of us are sinners and stand condemned by God's holy law.

According to Jewish law, to hold a trial for execution (death penalty), the witnesses of two to three person must be established. The witnesses must have seen the sin committed in their presence, or it would not hold up in a Jewish court.

Most likely, the story of the adulteress was setup by the scribes and Pharisees to trap Jesus and to accuse Him. Either He would agree that the woman must be stoned, thus damage His reputation as the Savior of sinners and would later get Him into trouble with the Roman authorities (the Romans do not permit Jews the right of capital punishment); or He would show her mercy, thus proving that He did not uphold the Law of Moses and was condoning sin.

I say that this was a trap because you cannot commit adultery alone. Where was the man who committed sin with her? Why did they bring only one sinner to Jesus? Also, the adulteress was dragged by the religious people into the temple where Jesus is at that time teaching. She was publicly humiliated and is waiting for her execution.

Like the adulteress, whenever we commit sin (in secret or openly), we are also caught in the act of sin and stand condemned.

**Hebrews 4:13**

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Like the religious leaders, whenever we see or know someone sins, we immediately judge and become self-righteous, overlooking the fact that we are just as sinful. They weaponized the Scripture (the Law) to judge others, but not themselves.

**Romans 3:23**

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

This story tells us that the adulteress who sinned openly, the scribes and the Pharisees who were self-righteous, or the people who went with them were all sinners.

### B. God's grace and love does not condone sin.

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# UCA PROMOTES SAFETY & AWARENESS



The heart of UCA is to promote holistic education to its students, teaching them not only academics, but also developing in them the awareness and preparedness for all possible calamities like The Big One.

According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), the country experiences an average of about 20 earthquakes per day. The danger in an earthquake is that it is unpredictable, meaning it can happen anytime and anywhere. To get ready for this,

UCA conducted its Earthquake Awareness Seminar and Drill last August 29, Friday. This shall prepare the students, as well as parents and school staff, of the guidelines, safety protocols, and evacuation plans in case such situation arises. Through seminars, the nature and possible effects of earthquakes were discussed by the teachers.

Apart from all the physical preparations, it is God and His protection that we can trust, for He is faithful to fulfill His promises to His children.

## EARTHQUAKE SEMINAR

The pupils and students of UCA attended a short seminar about earthquakes. The students learned the cause and effect of this calamity to us and to our surroundings—a natural disaster that everyone must be prepared for. This seminar is a way to inform students of the school's evacuation plan and to practice the Drop-Cover-and-Hold.



Earthquakes can happen anytime and anywhere, and knowing how to Drop-Cover-and-Hold can help you and your family wherever you may be.



The online students listen and actively participate in the seminar. It is an insightful and educational time for both the students and parents.



## EARTHQUAKE DRILL

With their hands on the napes, the students successfully applied everything they have learned from the seminar to the earthquake simulation. In totality, it only took 1 minute and 35 seconds for all the students, parents, and staff to safely evacuate from the school premises, achieving a new record!



Being aware of the safety protocols before, during, and after an earthquake can help save one's life and even other people.



At a young age, students are taught essential life-saving skills for their personal safety and development.



### UCACOA UPDATE

## UCACOA ATTENDS WORLD SKILLS ASEAN

Another one-of-a-kind and exclusive opportunity was given to the UCACOA College of Asia (UCACOA) students when they attended the WorldSkills ASEAN Manila 2025 last August 28, Thursday, at the World Trade Center, Manila.

This avenue is an achievement for UCACOA because students are exposed to real-world applications of their chosen fields. A better understanding of the technical-vocational field is given to them which is an advantage as they continue with their course Bachelor of Technical-Vocational Teacher Education (BTVTEd).



They seize each opportunity and participate in various activities to hone their skills.

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*

Ephesians 6:10  
(NKJV)





UCA ROBOTICS ORIENTATION

## ROBOTICS CLUB OPENS FOR STUDENTS



**U**CA prepares its students for 21st century skills through advanced technology. Ms. Raena Christine Tabay spearheaded the orientation of UCA Robotics Club last August 28 at the UCA Auditorium, welcoming students from Grade 3 to Grade 12.

The orientation focused on the expectations throughout the school year. Each student will be engaging themselves to different technical skills, such as design and programming

robots, critical-thinking, problem solving and collaboration. There will be a total of 12 sessions with two exhibits to showcase the outcome of their learnings. It will be a hands-on activity that will hone the students' creativity and prepare them to the actual impact of robotics in their daily lives.

Praise God for the opportunity to teach the students technical skills that they can use in their future endeavors.

### ORIENTATION

Students looked forward to the newly-opened Robotics Club in UCA. It stirred up curiosity and desire to learn more about robots and alike. Ms. Tabay explained thoroughly the impact of learning the skills of creating robots.



Robotics is no longer just science fiction. It is part of our everyday lives.

In industries



01

Block-based programming

02

C++ programming

03

Design and program robots

04

Critical thinking

05

Problem solving

06

Collaboration



UCA MT. TABOR UPDATE

## UCA MT. TABOR STARTS FIRST DAY OF CLASS

**U**CA Mt. Tabor started its first day of class for preschool last Tuesday, August 26. Ms. Sheriewyn Lourdes Vallido spearheaded the preschool department with exciting and fun learning activities.

Students enjoyed a productive day learning in their new classroom. Even at their young age, UCA makes sure that they will have a holistic learning experience that will help them thrive in their growing years. UCA Mt. Tabor is hoping to cater more students in the coming weeks.

Praise God for His favor in opening UCA at Mt. Tabor!



Ephesians 6:11  
(NKJV)

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.



# Pangangalaga sa lupaing itiniwala



Ang UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center ay dating isang lupain na mayroong masusukal na daanan at wala pang kaayusan. Dahil sa probisyon at katapatan ng Panginoon sa buhay ng Kaniyang lingkod na si Rev. Dr. William Sy, ang lupaing ito ngayon ay nagagamit na sa maraming gawain ng Diyos.

Linggo-linggo ay nagkakaisa ang mga boluntaryo at manggagawa sa pagsasaayos ng mga pananim dito at kasalukuyang pinayayabong ang mga halamang magiging

kapakinabangan sa lugar. Ilan rin sa mga bahagi ng lupain ay isinasayos para sa panibagong *parking lot* at mas maluwag na daanan. Naganap naman ang huling *prayer meeting* na kanilang ginaganap linggo-linggo sa nakalipas na tatlong buwan. Dito sila ay nagtitipon-tipon upang ipanalangin ang bawat ministeryo ng UCF at pasalamatan ang Diyos.

Purihin ang Panginoon sa kalakasan at probisyon upang magpatuloy ang ministeryo ng Mt. Tabor!

## AGRITOURISM

Nagtanim ng kalamansi ang ilang boluntaryo habang ang ilan naman ay naglipat ng mga punlang kamatis at sili sa taniman ng *dragon fruit*. Tulong-tulong ang bawat isa upang gawing produktibong lugar ang Mt. Tabor.



## CONSTRUCTION

Ginamitan ng *backhoe* ang ilan sa mga lupang gagawing *parking lot* malapit sa panambahan. Niluwagan na rin ang daan sa *main gate* ng Mt. Tabor.



Matiyagang isinasagawa ng bawat isa ang pagbubungkal ng lupa hanggang sa pagtanim.

## PRAYER MEETING

Isang pamilyang nanalangin ang mga anak ng Diyos kasama ang ating mga pastor para sa gawain ng panambahan at buhay ng kapatiran.



Bilang paghahanda sa mas malalaking gawain, ang mga daanan ay sinimulang lawakan at patagin.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:13  
(NKJV)



## Grace and Truth...

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Jesus responded by stooping down and writing on the ground with His finger as if stalling for time. But the people continued asking Him, so He said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."

### Matthew 7:1-5

<sup>1</sup>"Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. <sup>3</sup>And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Jesus confronted the self-righteous with their own sins, but He showed mercy to those who were convicted of their sins and were repentant. He knew what was in every heart and He was always quick to offer grace to the broken.

### Exodus 33:19

Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

### Romans 9:15

For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."

The only sinless person in the temple that day who legitimately could have thrown a stone at the adulteress is Jesus who showed her mercy. And if you are heavy with your load of sin and guilt, come to Jesus and cry out for mercy, and He will not condemn you. Like the tax collector in Jesus' parable, you will go to your house justified, declared righteous before God!

### Luke 18:14

Itell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### C. God's grace is the source of a holy life.

### John 8:11b

And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

Her pardon was not dependent on her behavior. Rather, her pardon was the motivation to change her behavior. If forgiveness depends on having a perfect track record, no one could obtain it, because we all sin.

God grants forgiveness as a free gift to all who put their trust in what Christ did in dying on the cross for their sins. His free grace then becomes the motive to live in holiness to please the one who gave Himself for us.

### Romans 6:1-2

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

### Titus 2:11-12

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup>teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

God's amazing grace is the motivation to live a holy life.

### Conclusion

### Galatians 2:17-20

<sup>17</sup>"But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For I through the law died to the law that I might live to

God. <sup>20</sup>I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Like the people in the story, I also cannot throw the stone because I know that I am also a sinner. I am as guilty as the adulteress.

But Jesus, rather than condemning me, because of His sovereign grace, He loved me enough to die in my place and to offer me a full pardon. And since it cost Him so much, I can't take His grace for granted. I cannot continue to sin and say, "I'm under grace." I want to please the one who loved me and gave Himself for me.

That same grace is available to every sinner who has been caught in the act! Receive it and then go and sin no more.

## SERMON NOTES

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

### SHARE HIS WORD



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