



John 12:24-26 (NKJV)

²⁴Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

Introduction

Out of the 25 recorded “Most assuredly, I say to you” by Jesus in the Gospel of John, this is the 17th time. And whenever Jesus says it this way, we need to pay a very close attention. We must listen and think carefully because this is important!

These words of Jesus apply to everyone who wants to follow Him. He tells us that the way to save our lives is to lose them for His sake and the gospel’s. And He was talking about saving or losing our lives eternally. So, it is very important to understand and to apply Jesus’ words in our text. The message is: You should hate your life in this world because you want to follow Jesus, to serve Him, and to be with Him forever.

A. The Servant’s Model: Jesus laid down His life on the cross

Jesus referred to Himself as a grain of wheat who fell into the ground and died, and then bore much fruit. By giving His life as a ransom to many, we became His fruit.

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Hebrews 2:10

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

His death was an example for all of us who will be His Disciples.

John 13:15

For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

When we follow Jesus by dying daily to ourselves, we will also bear fruit and prove that we are His Disciples.

John 15:8

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

B. The Servant’s Mandate: To follow Jesus, to hate your life in this world
The first two words are “life (psyche),”

which often translated as soul (totality of the human mind, thoughts, emotions, and behavior), and the last word is “life (zoe),” which refers to eternal life.

But here’s the paradox: the way to keep your life is to hate it. The way to lose it is to love it.

Mark 8:34-35

³⁴When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.

What does it mean to love your life in this world?

- Living with (the view of) this life only
We need to examine the stories of those who followed Jesus and ask ourselves, did any of the martyrs enjoy their best life?

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JDVP & WORK IMMERSION

TRAINING FUTURE PROFESSIONALS

United Christian Academy College of Asia (UCACO) opened its doors as the partner institution of Parañaque National High School to conduct the work immersion of its 119 Senior High School students under the ABM and TVL-ICT strands from January 26 to February 5, 2026.

Work immersion is a hands-on experience designed to expose Senior High School students to actual workplaces by applying competencies from their track. It helps them develop work ethics,

technical skills, and professionalism for future careers or higher education. For ten days, the students were immersed in various seminars with topics focusing on career and moral development. Guided by UCACO's homegrown expert instructors, they performed job orders where they applied their skills and competencies.

Praise the Lord for opening opportunities to UCACO to not only equip students to become job-ready, but most importantly plant in them seeds of God's Word!

ORIENTATION

To officially open the program, the work immersion students gathered at the UCA Auditorium for the orientation. The speakers discussed about the school's general rules and regulations, as well as the central purpose of this ten-day program.



The students attentively listen and actively participate in the orientation. They also prepare the documents needed for their mock job interview.

John 14:6 (NKJV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

SEMINARS

This ten-day program was filled with seminars about various topics such as career development, values and workplace attitude, financial literacy, and work ethics and principles that will be useful as they enter in their preferred industries.



JOB INTERVIEW



Indeed, UCACOA is equipped with expert instructors that will shape both the characters and attitudes of the trainees.

JOB ORDERS

Throughout the program, the trainees engage in real-life simulations of their respective strands. They are tasked with different job orders where they applied what they have learned in their first semester. Guided by UCACOA instructors, they are able to accomplish their tasks.



Each team work hand-in-hand to accomplish their job orders and tasks while applying the OHSP standards and principles.

So they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.

Acts 16:31 (NKJV)

CULMINATING PROGRAM

The hard work and perseverance of the students paid off as they successfully completed their work immersion. They were recognized and awarded during the Joint Delivery Voucher Program (JDVP) and Work Immersion Completion Ceremony last February 6, 2026, at the UCA Auditorium.



(R-L) Rev. Dr. James Sy, Ms. Rosemarie Villacosta, Mr. John Norman Balistoy, Dr. Antonio Layacan

Certificates of Appreciation were also given to Dr. Antonio Layacan and to the seminar speakers for sharing their knowledge and expertise in various fields that were helpful to the work immersion trainees.



Holding their hard-earned certificates, the completers beam with joy reflected in their smiles for the experiences and learnings that they will surely treasure.



WORK IMMERSION COMPLETERS (TVL-ICT STRAND)

John 14:6 (NKJV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."



UCF LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Pagsunod sa naisin ng Panginoon

Isang gabi ng kasiyahan, pasasalamat sa Panginoon at pakikinig ng Kaniyang Salita ang naranasan ng mga manggagawang dumalo sa *Leadership Training* noong Enero 30, Biyernes, sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church.

Bilang mga tinawag ng Diyos at nagnanais na sumunod sa Kaniya, mahalaga na ang mga anak ng Diyos ay mayroong matibay na pundasyon at kaalaman sa Kaniyang Salita. Sa pangunguna ng ating mga butihing pastor na sina Rev. Dr. William Sy at Rev. Dr. James Sy, kanilang ibinahagi ang mga kinakailangang alamin at isabuhay ng mga tagasunod ni Kristo. Isang paalala ito na bilang mga tinawag ng Diyos, ang bawat isa ay dapat mamuhay katulad ng ating Panginoong Hesus.

Purihin ang Panginoon sa isang gabi ng pagpapala mula sa Kaniyang Salita at kagalakan kasama ang kapatiran ng UCF!



Session

Isang gabing puno ng pagkaunawa sa Salita ng Diyos ang nasaksihan ng bawat isa na kanilang isabuhay sa kanilang paglalakad sa Panginoon. Tunay na naging paalala sa kapatiran ang mensahe ng Diyos.



Ang presensiya ng Panginoon ay bumalot sa Kaniyang mga anak na buong pusong nag-alay ng kanilang mga pasasalamat, papuri at pagsamba.

Praise & Worship



Fellowship

Ang pag-ibig at kagalakang nagmumula sa Diyos ay naranasan ng kapatiran mula sa pagtitipon sa masarap na hapunan at pagkukumustahan bago magsimula ang gawain.

So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Acts 16:31 (NKJV)



Thirteen (13) of the UCA College of Asia (UCACOA) Bachelor of Technical-Vocational Education (BTVTEd) graduates officially took their oath of profession last January 31, Saturday, at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City. The ceremony, which was led by the Professional Regulatory Board for Professional Teachers, served as their public pledge to uphold the ethical standards, integrity, and responsibilities of professional teachers.

It is truly through the favor, guidance, and blessing from the Lord that this significant milestone was made possible. This achievement will be used for His glory and expansion of His ministry!



The whole UCA and UCF family rejoices as this milestone marks the beginning of the fulfillment of the mission and vision, and the expansion of God's ministry for His glory.



Their families are equally joyful to witness them become the respectable professionals that they are now.

Praise God for His favor upon UCACOA
FOR ITS 100% PASSING RATE IN THE LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS LAST SEPTEMBER 2025!

John 1:12 (NKJV)

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His Name.

UCF BIBLE RACE 2026

ISANG PAMILYANG KAY KRISTO ANG KAGALAKAN



Ang pag-ibig at kagalakan mula sa Diyos ang siyang naranasan ng bawat isa sa pagdalo sa UCF Bible Race 2026 noong Enero 31 hanggang Pebrero 1, Sabado hanggang Linggo, sa Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center. Ito ay bilang paggunita sa National Bible Month tuwing Enero na nagbibigay kahalagahan sa Salita ng Diyos.

Ang kabuuan ng dalawang araw ay napuno ng samu't

saring mga karanasan mula sa mga magpupuri, kainan, palaro at session na lalong nagpatibay sa relasyon ng bawat isa bilang kabahagi ng pamilya ng UCF. Naging oportunidad din ito upang sila ay mataniman ng Salita ng Diyos.

Tunay na ang Diyos ang nadakila sa programang ito at ang Kaniyang pag-ibig ang naranasan ng bawat isa. Purihin ang Diyos dahil Siya ang tinapay ng buhay!

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Ang Ngalan ng Diyos ang Siyang naitaas sa buong lugar sa sama-samang pag-awit at pagsayaw ng mga papuri at pagsamba sa ating Diyos na buhay. Tunay na ang presensiya ng Diyos ang siyang naranasan ng bawat isang tunay na lumalapit sa Kaniya.



Hindi sa galing ng pag-awit o pag-indak nagagalak ang Diyos, kung hindi Siya ay nakatingin sa puso ng Kaniyang mga anak na buong puso't kagalakang nagpupuri sa Kaniya.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

**Romans 12:1
(NKJV)**

GROUP CHEERING

Nagpakitang gilas ang bawat grupo sa pagbuo ng kani-kanilang mga cheer kung saan nila naipamalas ang kanilang pagkamalikhain at pagkamakwela.



Pinaghandaan mabuti ng bawat grupo ang kanilang mga cheer na talagang ikinatuwa ng mga manunuod.

GROUP GAMES

Napuno ng galak at tawanan ang lugar sa paglahok ng mga grupo sa group relay game. Ang galing at pagkakaisa ng bawat grupo ang siyang naipamalas habang nagsasaya kasama ang pamilya ng UCF.



Matthew 4:4
(NKJV)

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

AMAZING RACE

Iba't ibang mga hamon ang inihanda sa kabuuan ng Mt. Tabor kung saan nasubok ang kooperasyon, diskarte at ang kaalaman sa Bibliya ng bawat grupo. Naging nakakapagod man sa pisikal, ngunit ang puso ng bawat isa ay puno ng kagalakan na mapagtagumpayan ang bawat palaro habang sinasariwa ang kagandahan ng likha ng Diyos sa Mt. Tabor.



Tiyak na puno ng mga masasayang alaala ang baun-baun ng bawat isa kasama ang pamilya ng UCF.



Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 2:15
(NKJV)

FLAG PARADE

Taas-taas ang makukulay na bandera, ang lahat ay nagmartsa sa kabuuan ng Mt. Tabor habang umaawit at idinedeklara ang katagumpayan ng mga mananampalataya dahil kay Hesu Kristo.



TORCH PARADE

Ang kadakilaan ng Diyos sa panambahang Kaniyang tinawag at sa buhay ng Kaniyang mga anak ang siyang idineklara ng bawat isa sa torch parade. Sa pagsindi ng bawat torch, buong pagnanampalataya ang mga anak ng Diyos na ang pangako Niya ang Kaniyang tutuparin.



Ang puso ng bawat mananampalataya ay puno ng pasasalamat at pagmamahal sa Diyos dahil Siya ay dakila at tapat noon, ngayon at magpakailanman. Nagkaisa ang lahat sa pananalangin na mayroong pag-asa at pananampalataya.

Zechariah 8:17
(NKJV)

"Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate," Says the Lord."

GROUP SESSION

Sa pangunguna ng ating mga butihing pastor, ang bawat *fellowship group* ay nagtipon upang maikisa sa mga *session* na nagsilbing gabay sa kanilang paglalakad sa Diyos. Naging oportunidad din ito upang masagot ang kanilang mga katanungan patungkol sa pagsunod sa Kaniya.



Ang binhi ng Salita ng Diyos ang naitanim sa puso ng Kaniyang mga anak, at ang Diyos ang Siyang magpapatubo at magpapalago nito.



Mahalagang mensahe ang baun-baon ng bawat isa patungkol sa ating Panginoong Hesus na Siyang tinapay mula sa langit na nagbibigay ng buhay sa sanlibutan.



FELLOWSHIP

Masayang nagsalu-salo ang lahat sa mga masasarap na putaheng inihanda habang sinasariwa ang kanilang mga karanasan sa buong programa, at ganoon din ang kabutihan at kadakilaan ng Diyos sa kanilang mga buhay. Ang puso ng bawat isa ay napuno ng kagalakan na makasama ang pamilya ng UCF.



Ang pag-ibig ng Diyos na naranasan ng bawat isa ang kanila ring naibabahagi sa mga tao sa paligid nila.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:1
(NKJV)



Sa buong araw ay nagkaroon ng pagsasama-sama ang kapatiran kasama ang mga bagong dalo sa gawain. Masayang kwentuhan at bagong alaala ang kanilang pinagsaluhan sa bawat bahagi ng Bible Race at tiyak na babaunin nila sa kanilang pag-uwi.



Mainit na pagtanggap, mga ngiti, at naguumapaw na kagalakan at pag-ibig ng Diyos ang dala ng kapatiran saanman sila magpunta kaya naman ramdam ng bawat pamilyang dumalo ang pagkakaisa at pagmamahalan sa pamilya ng UCF.



Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

AWARDING

Matagumpay ang bawat grupong nagsilahok sa mga palaro at taunang Amazing Race. Sa bawat laro at hamon, naipakita ang tunay na kahulugan ng pamilya sa Panginoon. Higit sa panalo, ipinagdiwang ng lahat ang pagkakaisa at ang kagalakang nagmumula sa Salita ng Diyos.



Buong kagalakang tinanggap ng mga grupo ang mga papremyo nang may ngiti sa labi, tanda ng tagumpay sa mga palaro. Hindi lamang sila nanalo ngunit may baon ring alaala ng masasayang tagpo kasama ang kanilang mga kapatid sa Panginoon.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

John 15:5
(NKJV)

BELIEVER'S DECLARATION SHOOTING

Bilang paghahanda sa nalalapit na ika-39 na anibersaryo ng panambahan, ilang mga *video shoot* para sa *audio-visual presentation* ng UCF *Believer's Declaration* ay ginanap sa iba't ibang bahagi ng Mt. Tabor kung saan ang lahat ay malugod na nakiisa.



BIBLE RACE PARTICIPANTS



ADULT FELLOWSHIP



CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS & SINGLES FELLOWSHIP



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



UCF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



UCF MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE

Mark 16:15 (NKJV)

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

PHOTOBOOTH

Kasama ang kanilang mga kapatid sa Panginoon at mga mahal sa buhay, nagpakuha ng litrato ang mga dumalo sa *Photobooth* bilang kanilang *souvenir* sa naganap na programa. Ito ay alaala ng kanilang masayang oras at nabuong mga samahan sa Bible Race.



Napuno ng masasayang alaala, tawanan, at pagmamahalan ang dalawang araw na programa kasama ang pamilya ng UCF.



"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:18-19 (NKJV)

Our Model...

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If we are living for ourselves and enjoying this life's health, wealth, and comfortable lifestyle, then we need to reexamine ourselves.

Jesus tells us about a man who was enjoying his best life.

Luke 12:19-21

¹⁹And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."

But God said to him...

²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

Jesus concluded...

²¹"So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Those in the world live as if this life is all that there is. Their aim in life is to accumulate as much money and stuff as they think these will make them happy. Their motto is, "He who dies with the most wins!" But Jesus says, "He loses."

- Living for the same things people in the world live for

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the

Father but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

What does it mean to hate your life in this world?

- To hate our lives is the same as denying ourselves to follow Jesus.

It means to die from our self-centeredness, pride, greed, and lust for the things of this world.

To hate this life is not a way to gain eternal life, but it is a characteristic of those who have eternal life.

- To hate our lives is also taking up our cross daily to follow Jesus.

It means that following Jesus is a daily struggle / activity we all choose to embrace.

To carry your cross means to give up your hope and interest in the things of this world, including self-actualization, dreams, and plans in this world because those who carry their cross accepted their lot and would be leaving this world anytime. They were dead to self.

C. The Servant's Motivation: To serve and to follow Him, to bear much fruit and to be with Him forever

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father

in My name He may give you.

If the Lord has chosen you, then that is your purpose.

John 12:26

If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

We need to reexamine our understanding of the Scriptures. Serving and following are two different things.

Many claim to serve but fail to

follow the commandments of God.

Jesus is very clear about this, "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me." There is no serving when we are not following.

Conclusion

- Jesus is our model servant who gave His life as ransom to many.
- As servants, we are to hate our lives in this world and to carry our cross daily.
- As servants, we are to serve and to follow Him so that we can bear much fruit and be with Him forever.

SERMON NOTES

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

PSALM 91:9

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