



WELCOME back to *No Longer Strangers*, our Feast Talk series on Apostle Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Talk 1: *God Has a Plan* was a mind-blowing opening.

Talk 2: *God Has a House* will explain to you the series title – *No Longer Strangers*.

And we'll learn that it's all about God's amazing grace!

We learned last time that Paul summed up God's End-Game Plan with this line: *"To bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ"*. (Ephesians 1:10 NIV).

Again, Talk 2 will shed more light on that.

I'm excited about this Talk because it also includes this very important and crucial verse: *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* (Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV)

This should settle the age-old question (especially by our non-Catholic Brothers and Sisters) of whether we are saved by faith or by good works. And it couldn't be so crystal clear in these verses.

It is by GRACE –by God's amazing grace – that we are saved. Yes, through faith-- but even that is through God's grace, a gift!

Salvation is not first by our act of faith -- or works-- that we can boast of. Salvation is God's act. Then we necessarily respond, and both faith and good works are our expected response. So, there really should be no debate about it. We need both faith and good works -- as a response to God's gift to us!

And that's why we are all united in Christ – *No Longer Strangers* – because God's gift is for everyone – Jews or Gentiles (again, we'll learn this more in Talk 2), Catholics, Born Again Christians, even non-Christians – so that we stop boasting or claiming exclusivity of God's salvation.

I can't wait for everyone to be mightily blessed this Sunday, and to receive God's gift of hope, faith, and love – of God's amazing grace to all, especially in these most trying times in our country.

Get ready for another power-packed Feast!

Mayroong Magandang Mangyayari sa 'Yo!

Alvin Barcelona



What You Deserve

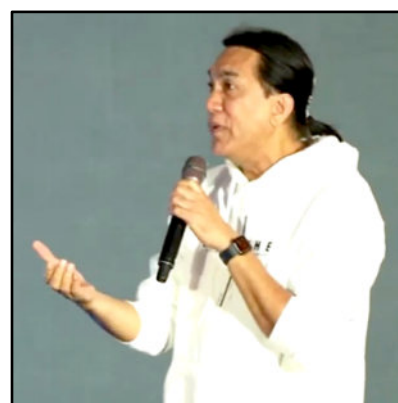
HAVE you received a blessing that you think you do not deserve?

That's the mind-boggling question Rev. Fr. Ludovico Tacdoro Jr. asked during his Homily in last Feast Sunday Mass.

Fr. Tacdoro was reflecting on the stories of people in our Readings last week who received blessings they did not seem to deserve. Who were they? And how did they respond to those who blessed them? Read on, *page 3*.

Yes, we can be undeserving of the graces we receive. The greatest is our salvation. A most intriguing question for ages now is: How are we saved?

The answer is in Talk 2 of our Feast Talk Series, *No Longer Strangers*, which Bro. Alvin Barcelona introduces on *page 1*.



Actually, we already learned initial lessons in Talk 1 of the series, titled *God Has a Plan*. If you're deserving of blessings, are the blessings you will ever receive in God's plan? Especially now that our country is in the mire of corruption issues, do we deserve the blessing of justice we beg God for? *Flashback* by Bro. Nico Narvaez and Bro. Audee Villaraza starts on *page 9*.

Those who can tell you more about deserving blessings are the beneficiaries of our Jesus Christ Cares for Cancer. They've been receiving blessings, and they need more. For updates, check out our *Mercy Ministries* section, *page 19*

So, what do you deserve?

All for God's Glory,

Randy Borromeo
Media Ministry
Executive Director





Holy Mass



Homily

REV. FR. LUDOVICO TACDORO JR, SSP

on the Gospel Luke 17:11-19

Excerpts:

ARE you blessed today?

I have another question: Have you received a blessing that you think you do not deserve? It can be a long list. It can be few. But I believe that each one of us received a blessing that we feel we don't deserve.

I'm saying this because these are the stories that we have in our Readings today. Blessings that we don't deserve, but nonetheless given to us.

The next question is: How do we respond to such great blessing that we receive through the magnanimity of God's love for us?

Let's look at the story of Naaman in the First Reading. He is the commander of the Syrian Army and he was at war with the people of Israel.

The war meant not only destruction of property, but even people's death.

At that time, Naaman was struck with leprosy.

The servant told Naaman, "There is someone who can cure. His name is Elisha. He's a prophet. You might want to visit him."

Of course, Naaman wanted to be healed. So, he went to Elisha.

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Conversions

When they met, Elisha told Naaman: "Just wash yourself in the river Jordan seven times."

There was no assurance. Naaman did what he was told and he got healed. He was grateful.

If we look at the bigger picture of what happened, Naaman was an enemy. He was invading Israel. Nevertheless, Yahweh healed him.

Naaman may not deserve to be healed but Yahweh cured him through the prophet Elisha.

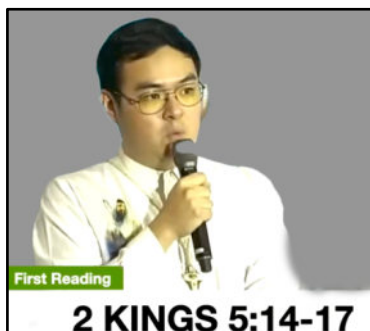
How did Naaman respond? From then on, he worshipped the Lord Yahweh. He responded from paganism to that of worshiping Yahweh.

We go to the story of the Apostle Paul.

At first, Paul (originally Saul) was a Pharisee. He was after the early Christian community called The Way. Paul persecuted its members. (One time, he was going to Damascus to arrest followers of Jesus, bringing a letter from the high priest of Jerusalem giving him authority take Christians as prisoners. On his way, he heard a voice saying, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting." -- Acts 9)

This encounter was the turning point of Paul-- once the greatest Pharisee of his time, he became the apostle evangelizing the Gentiles.

(Following his conversion, Paul preached about the Gospel on the new Kingdom with Jesus as the new King. So, Jewish authorities saw Paul as a troublemaker out to establish a new sect contrary to the Jewish teachings. He was arrested and jailed. Later, he died by decapitation in Rome in 64-65 AD ordered by the emperor then, Emperor Nero. For his pivotal role in spreading Christianity and his martyrdom, the Catholic Church later canonized Paul as saint.)



First Reading: Second Kings 5:14-17

14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

15 Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and, presenting himself, said, 'Now I know that there is no God anywhere on earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' 16 But Elisha replied, 'As Yahweh lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. 17 Then Naaman said, 'Since your

answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, since your servant will no longer make burnt offerings or sacrifice to any god except Yahweh.

Jesus Heals the Samaritans

In the Second Reading, we read that while Paul was in jail, he was trying to assure and to motivate Timothy who was now the leader of the church of Ephesus.

He told Timothy: "Be steadfast in faith because during persecution, you must be a role model for the people of Ephesus."

It was very ironic to see a person behind bars motivating the person who was free.

St. Paul told Timothy: "I was once a persecutor of Christians but I am grateful to God for having called me to speak and to proclaim the Good News."

St. Paul was grateful that he endured the labor and pains for the sake of the Gospel. He didn't deserve to be an apostle but he was called by God. And what was his response?

He said: "Even in the point of suffering, I will continue to proclaim the Good News."

That was his response of gratitude for being called an apostle.

Now let's go to the story of the Ten Lepers. Those with leprosy, especially Samaritans, should be physically distant from the others. At that time, it was considered a divine punishment or a curse to be touched by a leper.

That is why the lepers were shouting on top of their voices for Jesus to hear them. They could not come near and be in contact with anyone. Any person who had contact with a leper would be defiled and wouldn't be able to enter the Temple of Jerusalem.

Jesus heard them and healed them. Later, one Samaritan leper returned to Jesus. He did not deserve to be healed because Israelites were at odds with the Samaritans-- that's why they were at the outskirts of Israel. They were even called dogs. No one should come near them-- but Jesus did. He came to them and healed them.



Second Reading: Timothy 2: 8- 13

Be mindful that the Lord Jesus Christ is risen again from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel. Wherein I labour even unto bands, as an evildoer; but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation, which is in Christ Jesus, with heavenly glory. A faithful saying: for if we be dead with him, we shall live also with him. If we suffer, we shall also reign with him. If we deny him, he will also deny us. If we believe not, he continueth faithful, he cannot deny himself. Sing joyfully to God, all the earth; make melody, rejoice and sing.



God Calls Us

The Samaritan knew that he did not deserve to be healed. But when he realized that he was healed, he did not go to the priest anymore. Instead, he went to Jesus to thank Him. The Samaritan was so grateful that he converted to be a disciple of Jesus.

All of these stories are stories of blessing that we don't deserve. But God is so faithful in giving us the blessings that we need.

Like Naaman, let us continue to glorify the Lord, to worship Him.

Let us continue to do as the Samaritan did. Always return to God. Whenever we receive any blessing, let's visit the church first. Let's thank the Lord first. Just like the Samaritan did.

More important, when we receive the blessing that we don't deserve, be like St. Paul. Continue to proclaim the Good News even in the face of the challenges, even in the face of the persecution, even in the face of imprisonment for the sake of the Gospel. Whenever we receive blessing that we don't deserve, this is a sign that we must continue spreading the Good News.

Let everyone know that God is faithful. Let everyone know that God listens to the cry of His people. Let everyone know that God continues to bless us. Like St. Paul did, let us continue to proclaim the Good News-- because God has called us, even if we are not worthy of His calling.

As we continue with this Mass, let us pray-- that we may always go back to that encounter with the Lord. At times, we don't deserve our life, our work, our family, and the opportunities given us. But He continues to bless us. Always be grateful to the Lord for the many blessings that we receive in life.

In the Name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to Yahweh, for he has performed wonders, his saving power is in his right hand and his holy arm. (R)

The Lord hath made known his salvation: he hath revealed his justice in the sight of the Gentiles. He hath remembered his mercy his truth toward the house of Israel. (R)

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Sing joyfully to God, all the earth; make melody, rejoice and sing. (R)
my works." (R)

Worship!



SIS. AMBRY RAMOS:

I sense a rising of faith in the room.
In the Gospels of Matthew and John,
Jesus said these words: *“I am the Resurrection and the Life
and through me all things are possible.”*

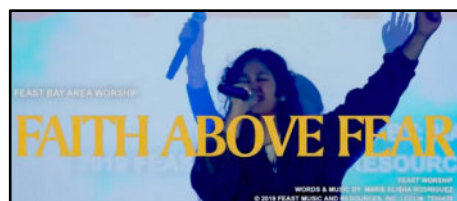
My friend asked me once: “Do you believe this?”
And that question changed my life forever. It’s the very
same question that Jesus asked Martha: “Do you believe
in this?”

In our world today, we’re very much in a state of anxiety and fear.
Because we find ourselves in situations that seem to be impossible to overcome.
We tend to forget that we serve a God who reigns over the impossible. The God
who said, *“Let there be Light,”* and light pierced through the Heaven down
the Earth. The God who made streams flow in the desert and hides us under
His wings.

This is our God.

And as we enter into Worship, I feel God asking us the same question: *“Do you
believe in me? Do you believe that I am God?”*

*So, Father, we offer You our hearts this moment, this very day... With great
faith, not just in Your goodness but in Who You are: You are God!
We offer everything to You. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.*



NOVENA TO GOD'S LOVE DECLARATION OF ABUNDANCE

BRO. NICO NARVAEZ:

Good morning! Welcome to our brand-new series, *No Longer Strangers: A Deep Dive into Ephesians*. But before that, let's pray our favorite prayer at The Feast. Let's raise our hands up to the sky:



TODAY, I RECEIVE ALL OF GOD'S LOVE FOR ME.
TODAY, I OPEN MYSELF TO THE UNBOUNDED, LIMITLESS,
OVERFLOWING ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S UNIVERSE.



TODAY, I OPEN MYSELF TO GOD'S BLESSINGS, HEALING, AND MIRACLES.
TODAY, I OPEN MYSELF TO GOD'S WORD SO THAT
I BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS EVERY DAY.



TODAY, I PROCLAIM THAT I AM GOD'S BELOVED. I AM GOD'S SERVANT.
I AM GOD'S POWERFUL CHAMPION.
AND BECAUSE I AM BLESSED, I AM BLESSING THE WORLD. IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN.

Talk INTRODUCTION



BRO. NICO NARVAEZ:

Talk 1 of our new series, *No Longer Strangers*, is titled *God Has a Plan*.

St. Paul is known for writing letters for specific local home churches.

For example, he wrote *Corinthians* for the local home church in Corinth. He also wrote *Romans* for the local home church in Rome. He also wrote *Philippians* to Philippi, which is part of Greece now.

St. Paul also wrote *Ephesians*, but this is a different story. Top Biblical scholars worldwide believe that *Ephesians* is St. Paul's greatest theological masterpiece.

EPHESIANS 1:1-12 NABRE
"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the holy ones who are [in Ephesus] faithful in Christ Jesus: ' grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Why is that? I'll give you an Apple analogy.

The Apple Computers group holds two conferences every year.

The first one is the Product Release Conference.

For example, this is where they will release iPhone 17 which is the average user. Later on, Apple will release 17 Pro Max for more professional and heavy users. Just like how *Corinthians* was specifically written for the local home churches in Corinth.

Ephesians is the second kind of conference that Apple does. It's called WWDC or Worldwide Developers Conference. This is where Apple releases its software updates, just like iOS26.

(<https://www.google.com/search?q=apple%27s+worldwide+developers+conference>)



The Cosmic Plan

So, why is *Ephesians* like WWDC? Because St. Paul is addressing the bug fixes and the software updates needed by all of the churches. Just like in the software updates, Apple, doesn't talk about just the iPhone or the Mac but about every single Apple device-- and that's like what *Ephesians* is.

While the other letters address the concerns of a local home church, *Ephesians* declares God's cosmic and eternal plan from the very beginning of history to its ultimate completion -- the software of the universe.

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of history to its ultimate completion.**



What is the cosmic plan?

The unity of everything under Jesus.

Let's read Ephesians 1:1-12:

EPHESIANS 1:1-12 NLT

¹ May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. ² All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.

⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

⁹ God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan.

¹⁰ And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

¹¹ Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God,[c] for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

¹² God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God."

God's View

I want to share a personal story. I was debating if I should even share this because it's really personal to me. I shared this with three close friends of mine.

When I was growing up, I had this deep insecurity that I didn't have any talent, that I didn't have any kind of gift, and that my parents didn't have anything to be proud of me. Disclaimer: My parents never pressured me.

What I felt was self-imposed because my siblings, my cousins, and the children of the friends of my parents were all achievers. They were honor students.

If they were not good at academics, they were good at sports. If they were not good at sports, they were good at music. They were excellent. I know only five guitar chords and I still get confused. I can play *Ang Huling El Bimbo* because that's the only one I know how to play. In sports, I play only chess, and my Ninong would let me win all the time because I was a kid. I had low grades in school. The highest grade I got was 83. That was the best effort already. The lowest grade I had was 70. The subject was Public Speaking.

What's my point? I hope you don't take this as bragging. I just really want to show you how good God is. In the view of that little boy, he was a loser.

But in God's view, He said: "I have other plans for you. I have a different plan for your life."

The very same insecure kid who didn't have any talent and got a 70 in Public Speaking is the very same person preaching the Word of God to you today.

I hope you're clapping for God because that's not me. That's really Jesus.

God has a plan for your deepest insecurities. God has a plan for the family that hurt you. God has a plan for the work that you hate so much. God has a plan for the friendships that betrayed you. In every single problem that you have, God has a plan for you.

**Worriers take on
the worm's view.**

perspective, in God's perspective, the biggest mountain is as small as a pebble. The biggest ocean is just a raindrop. The biggest tree is just a blade of grass.

The big problem that you're thinking of right now is just a speck in the universe.

God has a plan, and God is in charge. Ultimately, God always wins.

In a worm's view, a raindrop looks like an ocean.
A blade of grass looks like a big tree.

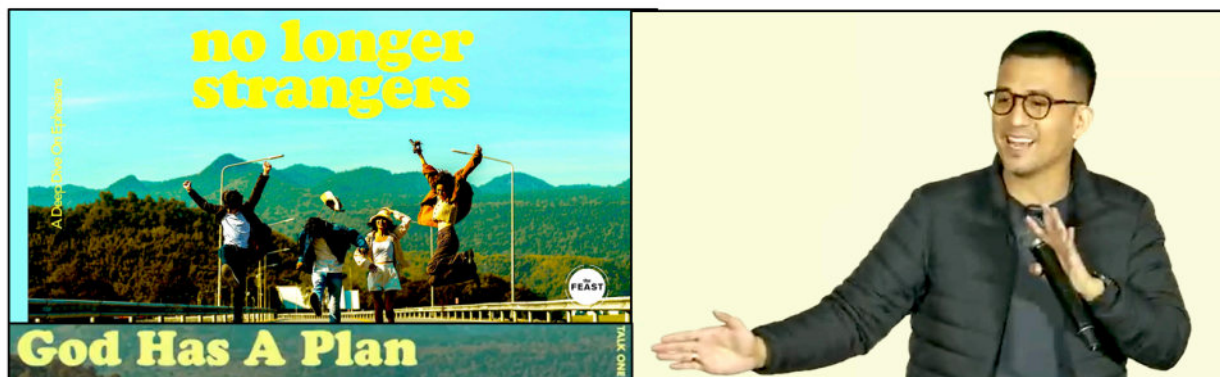
But in the worshipper's

**Worshippers take on
the eagle's view.**

**God has a Plan.
God is in charge.
And in the end, God always wins.**



Talk



BRO. AUDEE VILLARAZA:

Last Sunday, I preached and I attended some meetings. At around 3:00 P.M., my wife, with our kids, and I rushed to Feast Fisher Mall Malabon because we wanted to attend their 9th Founding Anniversary celebration. Its Feast Builder is Bro. Randel Serrano. We support him.

By 7:00 P.M., we were already going home. I was already bone-tired. I couldn't wait to get home, take a shower, and just plop on the bed. But on our way home, we encountered a procession of the Black Nazarene. If you're Filipino, you know what a procession looks like, right? You got all those floats; you got all those images of the Black Nazarene.

Imagine a sea of people covering an entire street. We were stuck there for 5-8 minutes. At first, it wasn't bothersome-- until the crowd started pushing their way towards our car. My wife, my kids, and I started panicking. Do you remember that scene in the *Jurassic Park* movie where the dinosaurs started bumping the vehicles? That's exactly what it looked like. The people were just bumping and pushing our car.

It's funny how quickly holiness can turn into hard-headedness. One moment, I was praising the Lord. The next moment, I'm clutching the steering wheel and saying, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know how slowly they're walking."

In moments when you get stressed, pray for the Holy Spirit to speak.

At that moment, I felt the Lord speaking to me. It's as if He told me this is what a real Church looks like. Church is not always calm and peaceful.

Faith is the same. Sometimes, faith comes in the form of a woman who pushes her way through a crowd just to touch the robe of Jesus. Sometimes, faith comes in the form of a man who climbs his way to a tree to see Jesus. Sometimes, faith comes in the form of a mom in tears because her son hasn't come home. Sometimes, faith comes in the form of a worker who is trying his best to be kind and righteous, even though he's in a toxic workplace.

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‘Messy’ Church

What I'm trying to say is that sometimes, faith comes not dressed in Sunday's best, but in the form of survival.

It's as if the Lord was telling me at that moment: "You need to see this. Not so that it would make you angry, but that you would understand that sometimes, our faith is messy."

Why am I sharing this story? Because 2,000 years ago, that was what the Church looked like. Actually, this is still the same Church.

Sometimes, our Church is also messy. Sometimes, you're sitting there, you're blessed, you're inspired, and you say, "Praise God."

But the moment you hit the parking lot and you hit traffic, you start complaining. And I am preaching this to myself.

Yes, Church is sometimes messy.

But in the middle of all that chaos in the early Church, in the middle of all that mess, there was one guy named Paul who wrote a letter and he opened the letter this way...

He said: *To the holy ones who are in Ephesus (that's the name of the place) faithful in Christ Jesus...*

EPHESIANS 1:1 NABRE

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the holy ones who are [in Ephesus] faithful in Christ Jesus..."

Now, if you notice that text, you might say that that might be a typo. But that's not an accident that *Ephesus* is in brackets...

Scholars believe that Paul was not addressing a single church. He's addressing all the churches that he was building at that time.

So, it was like saying, "Dear all churches..."

If you put this in a modern context-- let's imagine that this is a modern email-- this is what it would look like:

To: Everyone who loves Jesus

CC: All home churches

Subject: Please stop fighting

To: Everyone who loves Jesus

CC: All home churches

Subject: Please stop fighting.

Why stop fighting? Because we're family. I like that message.

Family is so warm. It's so

welcoming when you say, "You're family."

You are family.

St. Paul said the Father "destined us for adoption" Eph 1:5 NABRE





What We Need

Here's the truth: It's nice to post togetherness, but when it comes to living it out, that's the challenge. It sounds good-- on paper-- until the friend beside you starts bickering with you, until somebody rejects you, and until somebody cancels you.

Among us, how do we differentiate one from the other, one who follows Christ? How do you know if this person is a Christ follower?

Jesus said:

"The world will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." (John 13:35 NIV).

JOHN 13:35 NIV
"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Jesus is not saying you need to look like each other. You need to think alike. You need to agree all the time.

What Jesus is saying is that we-- you and I-- we just need to love one another.

Paul said in Ephesians 4:2-3:

EPHESIANS 4:2-3 NLT
"Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's fault because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourself together with peace."

I agree with Paul. Unity is not automatic. Unity doesn't just fall from the sky, and then, you're in harmony. Unity requires sacrifice. Unity requires forgiveness. Unity requires humility.

It was hard for me to prepare this topic. Due to the state of affairs in our country, we are a divided nation. Why? Because we have different political affiliations. We've got different belief systems.

One that bothers me is the talk about earthquakes --or the talk about "The Big One." We've seen the signs-- earthquakes happening in Cebu, in Davao.

Now, we're asking: "*When* will it happen in Manila?"

It's sure to happen. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand that the Earth is moving. It's like Mother Earth is stretching, and so are the tectonic plates. Right now, the pressure is building up. We are in the ring of the path of the Big One. And one day it will come, and Manila will be hit. Metro Manila will undergo a shaking.

It bothers me. Are you concerned about what happens to your family that you leave behind? What happens when you're the victim? What happens now that we're all here in one venue, and it starts to shake? What are we going to do about it? But we're praying that it doesn't happen.



Forces That Unite Us

We need to look at it more than just science, more than just seismology. After all, we are all followers of Christ, aren't we? We need to look at this in a spiritual sense. History will tell you that this is not the first time it has happened.

In the Bible, we read that there was great distress when there was so much sin all over the world. What happened, as we read in *Genesis*? There was a great flood so that sin would be wiped out. After the great flood, there was a renewal or rebirth.

This has happened over time.

Remember the great exile of the Israelites from Egypt? There was a great struggle in the desert until they went to the Promised Land.

I've got to think like this: This is called the Principle of the Pendulum. You know what a pendulum is? A pendulum is a ball that swings. If the pendulum is swinging to the extreme left and then right, that's when you see floods, earthquakes, fire, and all these natural disasters happening. It simply means that this is already the extreme, and the only way to get out of this extreme is when there is, finally, balance.

What is God trying to tell us? Maybe it's an indication that He's trying to strike a balance in our dark world where there's so much corruption, evil, bickering, and wars all over.

Think about this: The calamities that we go through are not meant to destroy us. What if they're meant to unite us? What if they're meant for you to start seeing that the person beside you is your brother or your sister?

There are two strong forces that unite us.

1. Calamity

Isn't it true that when there's a calamity, people start opening their doors to strangers? They start sheltering people. They start sharing what they have. That's what the early Church looked like. Everybody did not have any need. Why? Because everybody shared.

2. Jesus

The person beside you might have different preferences in life. Maybe one even supported a different candidate. But why is it that whatever you are, you're okay to sit beside each other? Because you both love Jesus. Jesus is what unites all of us.

But why do we have to wait for a tragedy for us to unite? Why don't we start uniting now under the banner of Jesus?

No Skill?

I came from Tacloban this morning.
I arrived at 6:30 A.M.

Last night, I preached to the young people of Tacloban. Faith is so much alive in that area.

When I was done around 7:00 P.M., I asked if I could be brought to the place where I was to stay. There was still so much time before my bed time. So, I could not stop my imagination from playing around. Being a father, I started worrying about the family I left behind. I started thinking of what would happen if there were a big quake and I could not be with them. We live on the 6th floor of a condominium. We're on the topmost floor...

I started graphically thinking... Have you ever had that moment when your imagination takes you to the worst-case scenario? It really affected me. It traumatized me. But it was also at that moment when I felt the Lord was speaking to me. The Lord was so strong last night. Before I fell asleep, I had a vision.

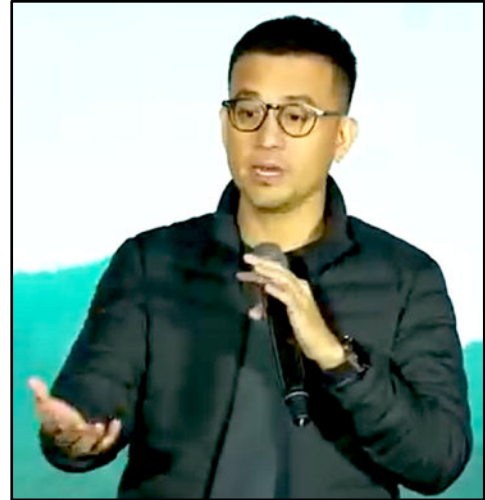
Normally, I don't really have a vision that I would profess to people. But I truly believe that the Lord sent me a message so that I can communicate it with everybody here, and even those watching online.

In that small room, I suddenly had a mental picture of what we needed to do. In my head, I was out on the street. I was not with familiar people. I was with strangers, and I was praying over them. I was ministering to them.

In short, I believe that the Lord wants to send us out onto the streets, to speak Jesus over people, to pray for people who don't ask for it but need it, for people that you don't even know.

This morning, I prayed randomly for three persons. I believe that vision says that the Lord wants us to return to Him, to preach Jesus to our families first. When you're done praying, preaching about Jesus to your loved ones, then go out to the streets. Imagine if everyone of us were to talk to people about Jesus?

You don't need to have a gift for preaching. You just need to have a good heart to love people. Revival doesn't start on the streets. It starts in your heart-- the moment you say: *"Lord, teach me how to love this person. Even though we have differences, I want us to be united in Your name."*





Just a Bit of Faith

Now, how do I know that the vision came from the Lord?

Sometimes, the Lord gives you a profound symbol. But in this case, I was in this room-- The Bishop's Room. The Bishop of Tacloban lent me his room. I was in a place of prayer. It was at that moment that I encountered God speaking to me.

Now, this message will not come alive if I just preach it to you. It only comes alive when you yourself say: *"Lord, I want to do that. I want to pray for people. I want to love people. I want to forgive people because that's what it takes for us to be united."*

We don't have to be afraid.

Even though you have no skill that you might not be proud of, that's okay.

Again, all we need is love.

This message is urgent. Why? Events are happening in our country right now that we can't even control. We are in this extreme season in our country.

But I have good Gospel news. It's our Jubilee Year. In the Jubilee Year, there is renewal. There is rebirth. There is recreation. We are pilgrims of hope. We can still *Hope*, and His Name is Jesus. He is our God, and He is in control.

I don't know what the Lord has planned for us. But I do know one thing: We've got to believe. As believers, we're not choosing to live in fear. We're choosing to live in faith. That's what it costs to be a believer.

Faith can save you just like it saved that woman who was bleeding for 12 years. Faith can save you in the sense that it saved the centurion's servant because he believed he had great faith.

Maybe, you have the faith of Peter. Sometimes, you don't have it all together. Sometimes, you doubt. Sometimes, you're afraid. But guess what? You still have faith.

All we need is just a bit of faith.

Jesus will meet you where you are, and He will reach for your hand and say: *"Come on up, I've got this..."*



Surrender

My friends, God's got a plan. The best part is that you're part of the plan. He's going to use you for His greater glory.

You need to just say: *"Lord, use me. Use me in the family that you planted me into, in the ministry that I'm serving in, in the companies that I'm working for. I don't know how it's going to be done, but You have a plan. I'm in it. I Thank You, Jesus."*

Reach out to the heavens. We only get to do this right now. You've been struggling so much, and you're reaching for different concerns. You're reaching for affirmation from people. You're reaching for love-- that's not even real. Maybe you're reaching for compliments from people who are also in need of compliments. You won't get it from them. Get it from God. Because God is the source of our strength, and our joy, and our hope.

"Lord, we're reaching out to You. Look at all Your children right now. We are pleading and begging that when the earthquake does come, the ground may shake, but our faith will never be shaken. Because You are our solid foundation. You are in control. You can command the wind and the waves to be still. You certainly can command this catastrophe to stop. And right now, Lord, we're pleading for our country. We're begging for Your mercy, that You would stand firm in our presence and You would take hold of everything. Of things that are shifting because You, God, You never shift. You are like the rock, a firm foundation that even though the winds come, even though the storm blows, even though the floods come, You're still there. You are the rock. Even at the bottom of it all. And so, we Thank You, Jesus. We look up, and we say: Lord, this is Your Church."

Each one, say: *Use me for your greater glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





MERCY MINISTRIES

*God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

--Matthew 5:7

JESUS CHRIST CARES FOR CANCER *Building Livelihoods*

GIVE a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.

This popular quote is mostly attributed to the Chinese philosopher Lau Tzu. Another source is Anne Isabella Thackeray Ritchie, English writer in the late Victorian era, who wrote in 1885: *If you give a man a fish, he is hungry again in an hour. If you teach him to catch a fish, you do him a good turn.* Other sources are Jewish teachings and African proverbs. --<https://www.google.com/search?q=Who+said..>

That message came to life during the Jesus Christ for Cancer General Assembly held at the Feast Ortigas Center, Robinsons Galleria, on October 15, 2025.

October, 2025
General Assembly



GUEST SPEAKER:
**PROFESSOR
ALICE LUCAS**

*President / CEO, Centro Negosyo
National Vice President / Exec. Director,
United Nations Association of the Philippines (UNAP)*

WHEN CARING BECOMES
Living.

THE FEAST ORTIGAS CENTER
Robinsons Galleria

Oct. 15, 2025
10:00 am



We were incredibly blessed to have Prof. Alice Lucas conduct a hands-on livelihood workshop for our beneficiaries and their families.

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Thank You!



Prof. Lucas conducts hands-on workshop for our beneficiaries and their families, teaching them how to make Filipino favorites like Tocino.

Not only can this help provide nutritious meals, but it also opens up a potential livelihood opportunity.

Above, right, even our volunteer-coordinators enjoy the interactive session!

We were also honored to be joined by friends from Shepherd's Voice Radio and Television (SVRTV). They conducted interviews with our beneficiaries and volunteers for an upcoming feature that aims to raise awareness about JCCFC and help us reach more donors.

We also thank Ms. Lucy, a brave cancer warrior, who donated essential medicines for some of our beneficiaries.

In gratitude, we prayed over her, asking for her swift and full healing.





This month's gathering was even more special as we welcomed new volunteer-coordinators and new beneficiaries into our growing family. Their presence strengthens our mission to care, serve, and support even more individuals battling cancer. A beautiful moment, truly a day filled with gratitude, love, and hope.

Yes, we are beyond grateful. As we reminded everyone during the event:

"Be thankful to Him for everything He has given us – even our trials and challenges in life."

You can be a blessing too. Help us continue supporting cancer patients and their families through any of the following ways:

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--With reporting by Lala A. Uy

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Thank You!

The Feast Family, now organized as the Feast Mercy Ministries, is a spin-off ministry of the Light of Jesus Family founded by Bro. Bo Sanchez.

Earlier named as Kerygma Family, The Feast Family is a unique online, non-physical, borderless, international community of friends who support each other's personal growth.

Partner beneficiaries of the Feast Mercy Ministries flourish because of your generous support.

Thank you for being with us. We pray that you find your daily source of inspiration from the resources that we send to you. We pray too that you may consider giving to The Feast Mercy Ministries. No gift is too small.

Thank you very much in advance for your gift. Our prayer is that God will continue to reward you as you give.

FOR EXISTING DONORS:

Thank you for the Love. Your monthly donation helps us to continue extending support to our Light of Jesus spin-off organizations, including our partner beneficiaries. Your gift will sustain our operations and, we hope, help us reach out to the persons our Lord has called us to make disciples and give them renewed hope.

Be a Feast Family member. Write or call us. Now.

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Our Partner Beneficiaries

Jeremiah 33 Foundation
is a shelter for minor girls
particularly victims
of sexual abuse.



Grace To Be Born
is a halfway home
for pregnant women
in crisis.



He Cares Mission
provides shelter
and pastoral care
for street children.

Pag-asa ng Pamilya Foundation
grants scholarships
to indigent students.



Jesus Christ Cares for Cancer
provides financial assistance and pastoral care
for indigent cancer patients.

The Light of Jesus Pastoral Care Center
ministers to those who are emotionally
and spiritually wounded.



H.A.I.L. MARY is acronym for Healthcare Assistance for
Indigents and Lepers of Mary, adopting the Blessed Mother
as the patroness of its mission to eradicate leprosy in Abra
within 8–10 years.



The Light of Jesus Disaster Recovery Ministry
provides evacuation assistance,
relief goods, financial aid, and other needs of calamity victims.

The Light of Jesus Prison Ministry
brings Jesus to the Correctional Institution for Women
to give them hope for a new life of dignity.



Anawim Lay Missions Foundation provides a home for poor elderly
who have been abandoned by their family and have nowhere else to go.

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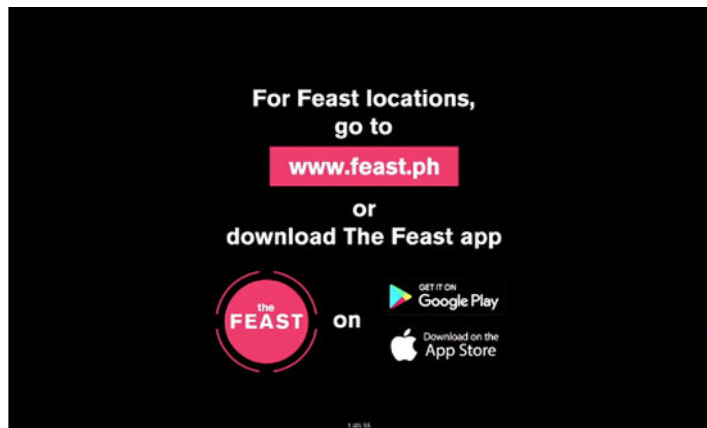
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— Matthew 28:19

