

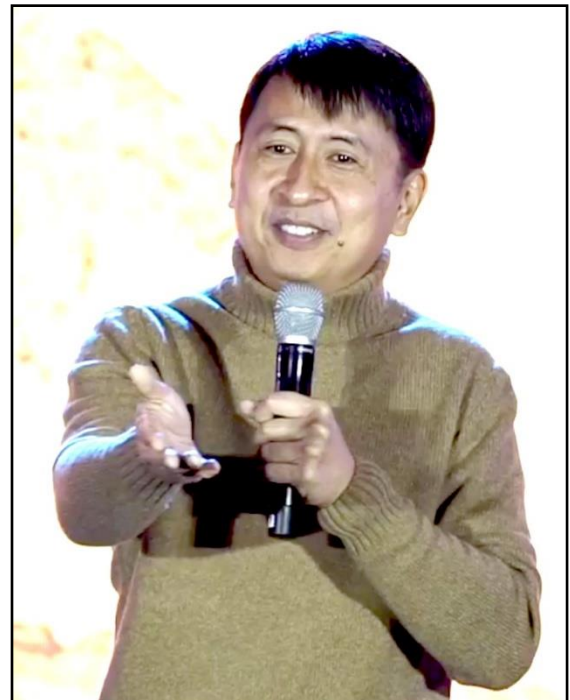


NEWSLETTER
December 11, 2022

A Special Christmas Gift for You

TODAY our main preacher is longtime devoted Light of Jesus Family servant leader, Feast Builder, motivational Coach JC Libiran.

As we shared in the last issue of *The Feast Family*, December 4, 2022, we're taking a three-Sunday break from our regular Feast talk series and we're giving you a special Christmas mini-series, *Unwrap: Receive the True Gift of Christmas* — with three talks.



Bro. JC unwraps our first gift today.
Have a merry blessed Feast.

May your dreams come true,

Bo Sanchez

Bo Sanchez



Come to a Place of Peace

IT's the most wonderful time of the year...
as the song goes.

Yes, this is truly a season of celebration that we hope to experience all year round.

But sad to say, there seems to be an expiration for this feel-good sentiment — once the Christmas season is gone. We tend to forget the true spirit of why we remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord— as if His birthday is just another season that we go through, instead of making His Presence alive and active in our lives forever.

I myself am guilty of this because there are really a lot of holidays and special events on the calendar, taking away our focus from our God.

And this is the challenge we have to face as we end the year with thanksgiving, and prepare a generous heart for the coming new year.

We can experience Christmas every day when we allow Jesus Christ to remain in our hearts all the days of our life.

We welcome you to our brand-new and special mini-series *UNWRAP: Receive the True Gifts of CHRISTMAS*.

Yes, it's a beautiful take-off from our *Exodus* series, *Special Delivery*. Now that they've been delivered, we open these blessed GIFTS in this season of ADVENT as we prepare for the coming of the Lord to be born again in our hearts!

Let's all be excited to UNWRAP and receive the TRUE GIFTS of CHRISTMAS namely: *The Gift of Peace*, December 11; *The Gift of Joy*, December 18; and *The Gift of Hope*, January 8, 2023

Our prayer as we journey together is to gain wisdom, strength, and courage to finish this year strong and to start the new year right.

Today, join me in unwrapping the *GIFT of PEACE*...

Live Life Wholeheartedly,
JC Libiran



LETTERS

Ready, Anytime You Are!

THAT's what we usually say when we are done dressing up and all set to go with a companion for an appointment: "Ready, anytime you are!"

That's what our Lord Jesus must be saying to us as Advent, the Lord's Coming, comes real close now.

And today, we can also well tell the Lord, "Ready, anytime You are!"

That is, if we've learned the three lessons on preparing for Advent shared by Fr. Joel Jason at The Feast last week, *page 5*.

Our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez, introduces our main preacher today, Coach JC Libiran who also helps us in our Advent preparation as he opens an exciting Christmas gift for us. Don't ever miss this, *page 1*.

Bro. JC is among the "young guys" Bro. Didoy Lubaton said we are welcoming to serve as preachers in The Feast, *page 13*.

Another most welcome young preacher is Bro. Philip 'Lep' Sumera, our main preacher in last Sunday's Feast, ably teaching Talk 10 of our *Exodus* series, about how we can be so intimate with the Lord, we can just blurt out to Him, "Show me Your glory," *page 14*.

Also with this issue—in a separate package—is the continuation of our *Special Report* on the Feast Conference—also our gift to help you prepare for the Lord's Birthday party.

Yes, He's all dressed up, and yes, let's be all dressed up and tell the Lord, "Ready, anytime you are!"

All for God's Glory,

Randy Borrromeo
Media Ministry
Executive Director





FLASHBACK!

DECEMBER 4, 2022

Holy Mass

FR. JOEL JASON

On the Lighting of the Second Candle
of the Advent Wreath



FATHER, as we journey down this Advent road, we re-light the Candle of Hope and we light the Second Candle of Advent that symbolizes Peace. Grant us the courage to make peace — peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, peace in our country, and peace in the whole world.



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice, oh, Israel!
To thee shall come Emmanuel.*





FR. JOEL JASON

on the Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Excerpts...

Good morning to everyone!

We are now on the Second Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is that blessed time when we are being asked to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Siguro paulit-ulit ninyo nang naririnig ‘yan ano? Perhaps, you must have heard this several times already.

The term *advent* means *the coming*. It comes from the Latin word *adventus*—the *arrival*, the *coming*.

And so, in the four Sundays of Advent, *tinatawagan tayong maghintay, maghanda, at maghangad sa pagdating ng Panginoon*. We are called to wait, to prepare, and to hope for the coming of the Lord.

And in today’s Gospel, we heard or saw the figure of John the Baptist. *Alam ninyo, paulit-ulit nating makikita sa mga susunod na lingo si John the Baptist*. -- You know, we will repeatedly see John the Baptist in the succeeding weeks. Why? Because he is given to us as the model and figure of *Advent Waiting*.

Jesus said of John the Baptist: There is no man born of woman greater than John the Baptist.

What can we learn from John the Baptist as a model for Advent preparation and waiting?

Three Simple Lessons

We heard in the Gospel that John the Baptist said, “One mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie his sandals.”

Don’t forget that during that time, John the Baptist was already a superstar. He was big-time. *Akala nga nung iba, si John the Baptist ang mesias*.— Some thought that he was the Messiah. John the Baptist had many followers.

Lesson 1: John the Baptist Was a Humble Man

Many of the apostles, even before Jesus came, thought that John the Baptist was the Messiah.

So, John had to make many disclaimers: “I am not the Messiah. Someone is coming, mightier than me. Wait for him.”

So, to us, John the Baptist is a symbol of humility.

Pero alam ninyo, si John the Baptist, mababa ang loob, hindi mababa ang tingin sa sarili.-- But you know, John the Baptist, though humble, did not have low self-esteem. Let us not confuse *kababaan ng loob* -- *being humble*-- and *kababaan ng tingin sa sarili*-- *having low self-esteem*.

Alam ninyo, tayong mga Pilipino, ganun tayo, eh. Minsan hindi tayo bilib sa ating sarili. -- You know we Filipinos, sometimes, we don't believe in ourselves. Akala natin, “Oh, kailangan humble tayo.” -- We think we should be humble. We confuse humility with timidity.

Humility is recognizing who you are and who you are when God is with you.

Let me share with you a story of two donkeys.

Donkey 1 was the one Jesus rode on when He entered Jerusalem.

Donkey 1 told his friend, Donkey 2: “Alam mo, nakakainis yung mga tao. You know, these people are annoying. Just last week, they were clapping their hands, just last week they were shouting to me, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” But now, no one is giving me attention.”

Donkey 2 commented: “Ganun naman talaga, eh. That is how it is with us. If Jesus is not on our back, we are nothing.”

"If Jesus is not on our back, we are nothing."

Sana ganun din tayo.-- We should be like that.

Hindi naman mababa ang tingin natin sa ating sarili. We actually don't look down on ourselves. But you realize that your life is yours-- but it is not about you.

What is it about? It is about Christ.

And then when Christ is with us, we are *someone*. Kapag kapiling natin ang Diyos, when we are with the Lord, we become something or someone.

During Advent we say, “*Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.*”

Because without God, we are nothing. But with God, we become His children. So, this Sunday, with John the Baptist, let's learn the value of humility.



Lesson 2: John the Baptist Was a Happy Man

Kapag sinabi ko na happy, hindi ‘yung tawa ng tawa. -- When I say *happy*, it's not about laughing and laughing. What I mean is John the Baptist was someone who was. He knew the things that really matter.

His address was in the desert. Ano ang suot niya? -- What did he wear? Camel hair. Ano ang kanyang diet? -- What was his diet? Insects and locusts.

So, John the Baptist showed us that you can live a simple life and still be happy.

Ipinakita niya na ang kaligayahan ay hindi katumbas ng kasaganaan. -- He showed that happiness is not equal to abundance. Ang kasaganaan nakakapagbigay ng ligaya. Abundance gives happiness. But do not confuse *kasaganaan* with *kaligayahan* dahil hindi lahat ng masagana, masaya. Because not all abundant are happy. Pero kung ikaw ay tunay na masaya, pwede ka paring maging maligaya kahit na hindi ka laging masagana.-- But if you are truly happy, you can still be happy even if you are not abundant.

You know, this Sunday, there is something that we can learn from John the Baptist: Learn when to say, "*Enough*".



Reading I: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.² The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,³ and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall decide ⁴ but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.⁵ Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.⁶ Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. ⁸ The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. ⁹ There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. ¹⁰ On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.



Be Happy We Have *Enough*

According to a maxim in a parable: “When you discover and when you know what is your *enough* —when you discover your *enough*, you will stop chasing and running after the *more*.”

Have you discovered your *enough*? Do you already know how to say, “This is *enough*?”

In another parable, there are two siblings who have abundant harvest from their farm. They divide the harvest equally: 50% each.

Now, every night, the younger sib thinks: “I am alone in life. My brother has a family. It is not right to divide the harvest 50-50. He should have more than what I get.”

So, every night, he takes his share and puts it in the barn of his brother.

Now, the older brother, on the other hand, thinks: “My brother is a single man. He has no one with him. Me, I have a family. There will be people who will be helping me. He should have more. What I have is enough.”

So, every night he gets his share and brings it to the barn of his brother.

So, both brothers are wondering how come their supply does not dwindle... Until one night, in the darkness of the night, as they bring their share of the harvest to the barn, they bump into each other... And they realize what's been happening.

And according to the story, God witnesses what happened, and right there and then, God establishes His first church.

Why? Because where people say “*Enough*,” and “What I have more than enough is for my brother and my sister,” God is there. God will be with them.

So, like John the Baptist, ‘yun ang gawin natin sa linggong ito-- this is what we do this week.

Let us be happy to know we have *enough* -- especially since we have the God who is *more than enough*.



Lesson 3: John the Baptist Was a Holy Man

Why is John the Baptist holy? Hindi naman dahil sa palagi siyang nagsisimba.-- It's not exactly because he regularly goes to church. A holy person is someone who realizes that his life is not about him.

I will say something right now that might shock you.

Pero pag isipan niyo ng mabuti-- but think about it well--and you will discover its truth.

Our goal in life should not be our happiness. Our goal in life should be our holiness.

Holiness is the first casualty. But when holiness is your goal, when you pursue holiness, happiness will pursue you. That is spiritual physics. That is the law of the Spirit.

Kapag happiness at happiness lang ang hinahanap mo, itatapon mo ang holiness. When you're searching for happiness and happiness alone, you will throw away holiness.



Reading II: Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters:⁴ Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ⁹ but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.,⁶ that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁷ Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.⁸ For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs,





Be Ready for the Lord's Arrival

Here's the last parable that I would like to share with you.

A nursery teacher starts an activity for her students.

She says, "Okay class, we have many balloons. Take one balloon and write your name on it."

The students do as they are told.

Then the teacher says, "Okay, throw the balloons up in the air and ramble it."

She adds, "Now, find the balloon that has your name on it."

The students scramble to look for each one's balloon. Five minutes pass but still, no one can find his or her balloon

And then, the teacher says, "Let's change the instruction. Get the balloon in front of you, read the name on it, and give it to the person whose name is on that balloon."

In five seconds, each one already has his/her balloon.

Now, what is the lesson of the story? If you pursue your own happiness, you will not find it. Most probably it will elude you.

But if your goal is the happiness of others, happiness will find you, happiness will pursue you-- and that is the meaning of holiness.

A holy person is someone who, when he gets up in the morning, asks: "How can I make others happy today? How can I be a gift to others today?"

Holiness is recognizing that your life is a gift and that God created you to become a gift to someone else.

My dear friends, John the Baptist is our Advent image for today.

Like John the Baptist, let us prepare ourselves for the arrival of the Lord. And like John the Baptist, let us always be humble, happy, and holy. Amen.

Worship!

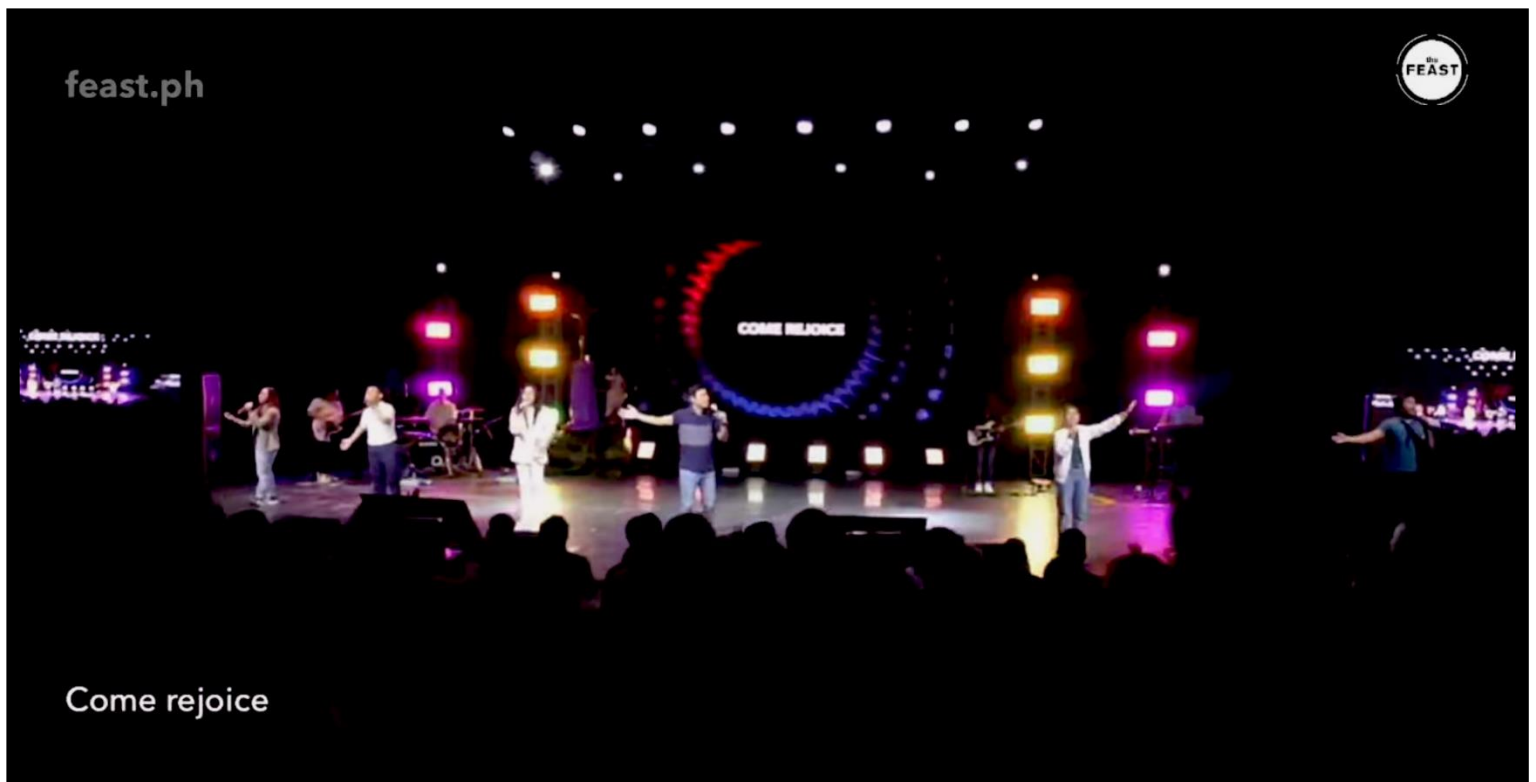
EXHORTATION

ZACH PE: Good morning, Feast Bay Area!
If you're ready to worship God, let us all rise.
Perhaps many of you are wondering why-- why do we even worship? Why do we even do this?

Psalms 150:6 says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

We worship God not because He needs it-- He's already the Source!
We worship God because we need Him-- and we want to connect to that Source.

Let's pray: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Heavenly Father, we come before You. We let go of everything and we just want to worship You!*





This is the day that the Lord has made



So with Joyful shout we sing



Let us be glad and rejoice in His name



Come resound

For He has overcome

praise the heavens
for He is good

WELCOME HOME!

DIDOY LUBATON: Good Morning!
Welcome to the last part of our series
on *Exodus*, and I hope that the series has
blessed you so much ...

Let's pray our favorite prayer
in The Feast. It's our Novena to God's Love.
*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



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 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.



*Thy Word is a lamp
unto my feet*

*And a Light
Unto my path.*

Lord, we're here by no accident. You've called us by name. And so in this precious time with You, we open our heart, we open our mind, we open our spirit to You, — even our body. You have our attention. Speak and we will listen. Touch us. Make us new again. Refresh us. Renew our mind, strength and spirit. We are yours. Your people are listening. Your people want you. So, appear in us today. We thank You for this moment of grace. We look forward to Your transformative love. This is our united prayer, with the intercession of Mama Mary, and in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Our preacher for today is one young guy, connects with the young people and the older generations still. It is our culture now that we allow younger leaders to preach and it's a community and a family that we get to do this all together as one Feast Bay Area. Give a warm welcome please to Bro. Philip Sumera.

Talk

Talk 10



PHILIP SUMERA: Good Morning, Everybody!

Today is the last talk of our series on *Exodus*. It's Talk 10, and it's titled *Show Me Your Glory!*

This is actually a bold prayer of Moses— a bold prayer telling God, “Show me Your glory!”

And you know what, I pray that I would have that kind of relationship with God. That I could make this bold prayer as well, telling God, “Lord, show me Your glory.”

So, this is my question to everybody: Is your relationship with God so close that you can pray like this too?

Di ba ang ganda kung ganito ang relasyon natin sa Diyos? —Isn't it beautiful if this is the kind of our relationship with God?

I have a quick story, my beloved friends.

When I was still in college— that was five years ago. How many of you know what's FX? FX is the vehicle— you know, that you ride on, and there's that blower, because it's hot inside... I came from school— my class ended at 7:00 p.m., so it was late. When your school is around the University Belt (in Manila), expect that you'd go through a traffic jam. It was so difficult to get home and by that time, I was so hungry.





I called home and asked my mother, “Ma, what’s for dinner?”

My mom said, “Sopas— soup.”

Wow. The more I felt hungry.

I was going home to Valenzuela (Bulacan) and I could not find a ride.

So, I was praying, “Lord, I’d ride — even on a jeepney.”

I was on España Boulevard, running after jeepneys.

No luck. Some 30 minutes passed, still could not catch a jeepney...

40 minutes... I kept on praying, “Lord, You will eventually give me a ride.”

You know what I was doing? Naglalambing ako kay Lord.— I was being sweet with the Lord.

And I said, “Even FX— even if it’s more expensive than jeepney.”

Then, after a few minutes, I saw an FX making a U-turn toward where I was standing.

I immediately prayed in tongues, “Shala...Shala...Sha...

And the FX stopped right in front of me. No passenger. And the placard indicated exactly where I would be going.

That’s not all. When I opened the door, it cast the smell of a brand-new vehicle.

I was just so, so, so happy for that answered prayer. It was a bold prayer. Because I believe God will not abandon me.

Some would say it’s a coincidence. But for me, it’s God working. It’s God providing. Telling me that He was there. He was with me along España. He was with me when I was hungry. The Lord was with me and He got this. He got this and He loves me.

For I would like to believe that God is the greatest engineer. God set me up. It was not a coincidence. It was not an accident. It was God’s plan.

This situation showed me that the Lord listens. That I am important to Him.

So, with that, my friends, I would like to ask you: What is God telling you lately? With all the things that you’ve been through?

Are You Listening?

The year 2022. To some, or maybe to most of us, it has been a tough year. I know many tears fell from your eyes this 2022. You have been through a lot of difficulties in life. But God provided a solution. And with that, what is God telling you? That amid this hardship, this Coronavirus Disease (COVID) Pandemic, God did not abandon you. What is God telling you?



That yes, there were a lot of tough times — but He was there.

The Lord is always Present to us. He is working in the background. And you know, that's the only reason you are able to overcome life's trials. And because of this, we can see that God actually loves to talk to us. In these situations, God is communicating with us.

Question: Are you listening? Are we listening?

That's my encouragement, my dear friends: to listen to God.

Last week, we talked about the Israelites making the golden calf — how they disobeyed God. But one thing with this amazing God that we worship today: that when God says “I love you,” it means “I will not give up on you.”

And every day, God is saying, “Anak, mahal kita.— Child, I love you. Hindi ako susuko sa iyo. I will not give up on you.”

That was what God said to the Israelites. Despite their disobedience, God did not give up on them. Tuloy ang plano.— His plan continued. But there was a slight change.

Join me in reading Exodus 3:3:

I thought God does not forsake His people... So, what's this?

My beloved friends, don't take this literally.

In this scenario, nagpapakipot ang Diyos.—God is playing hard-to-get. It's not in God's vocabulary to abandon His people.

God was playing hard-to-get with Moses because He wanted to see if Moses would pursue Him.

Exodus 33:3 NLT

“Go up to this land that flows with milk and honey. But I will not travel among you, for you are a stubborn and rebellious people. If I did, I would surely destroy you along the way.”

Nagpapakipot si Lord.

Heart Check

Let's continue. This was the response of Moses, Verses 12-13:

Exodus 33:12-13 NLT

"You have been telling me, 'Take these people up to the Promised Land.' But you haven't told me whom you will send with me. You have told me, 'I know you by name, and I look favorably on you.'¹³ If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people."



The Lord replied:

Exodus 33:14 NLT

"The Lord replied, 'I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest— everything will be fine for you.'"

Let's pause here.

Some think Moses was able to control God. That Moses was able to convince God. And God changed His mind because Moses convinced Him.

Wait...

Remember that God knows everything. Do you agree? God knows everything and He does not change His mind.

Remember the story I told you earlier about the FX? When I said God set me up? My beloved friends, here, God was also setting up Moses. I would like to believe that God wanted to see if Moses still knew God.

As we go back to our story... The Israelites disobeyed God. They were so quick in forgetting who God is. He was the One who set them free, the One who provided for them. But they forgot. Even Aaron, who was the witness of the goodness of God— but also forgot. And I would like to believe God wanted to see, this one also forgot?

I want to throw that question to us. Have we also forgotten?

So, it's good to have a heart check today. Are there times when we are forgetting God?

Intimate Relationship with God

Going back to our Scripture... What's good is, Moses had an intimate relationship with God.

So, his response was: "Lord, wait, I know You. You will not abandon us."

It's because of this deep relationship with God.

You will know about a person if you have a relationship with him. Right?

Isn't it that when we have friends who say, "I give up," we would say, "I know you, you will not surrender."

So, I love that Moses was saying, "Kilala kita, Lord. I know You, Lord."

Moses had a deep relationship with God. Moses knew the heart of God.

You know what, friends? I pray that we too will have this kind of relationship with God— that we truly know Him.

That also, we would say, "Lord, I know, you will not abandon me. Though this is a tough, tough challenge, trial year, I know Your heart. You will not abandon me because You love me."

And it's because of this beautiful relationship of Moses with God that he got to boldly pray, "*Show me Your glory!*"

You know what? In Hebrew when we talk about *glory*, it means *kavod*: the physical, tangible, visible manifestation of God's Presence.

In the Exodus event, there were many manifestations of God's Presence: the Burning Bush; the Ten Plagues; the Parting of the Red Sea; the Fiery Summit of Mt. Sinai.

But what Moses was asking for was a personal revelation. When Moses said "Show me Your glory," it meant Moses was asking God, "May we grow closer?"

Moses was aspiring for a deep relationship with God.

Sana tayo rin. I wish we would do the same.

May we also pursue God to have this wonderful and beautiful relationship with Him.

Sad to say, that yes, you are physically present— but what are you thinking of? "Mag-jo-Jollibee kami mamaya."

You are here, yes, you're listening to me— but you're also thinking, "Malapit yung Tropical Hut."



GLORY = KAVOD
the physical, tangible,
audible, visible manifestation
of His Presence.

Moses was asking God,
"Can we grow closer?"



Manifestations of His Glory

So, sana tayo rin— that we get to aspire to this relationship with God, that God would be present to us. But we too should be present to Him.

There's no problem on God's part. Because He's been showing up. He's been showing His glory.

For example, nagising ka pa. You woke up this morning. That is God showing His glory. Remember, what is glory? Glory is the physical, tangible, visible manifestation of God's Presence.

Your seatmate woke up. That's God showing His glory. You're healthy. We're here in Feast Bay Area, here at the Aliw Theater. This is God showing His glory.

The only problem with us is that most of the time, we fail to recognize God's glory. And that's the sad part. We fail to love Him back. That's the problem.

So, today, let's have a new habit. A new habit to remember His glory. Let's open our eyes and see God's glory. Recognize it in our family, recognize it in our career, recognize it in our health, recognize it in our dreams.

So, let our prayer be: "Lord, please open our eyes that we may see Your glory.
Exodus 5:37:

Exodus 34:5-7 NIV

Then the Lord came down in a cloud and stood there with him; and he called out his own name, Yahweh. ⁶ The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out, "Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. ⁷ I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty...

Lord, ang ganda na ng sinabi Mo, pero may pahabol pa.— Lord, what You said was so beautiful...

Lord, okay nah, e.

But You added something negative, destructive ...



But isn't it that mercy is actually excusing the guilty?

Listen, my beloved friends: God's mercy and God's justice are one.

God does not only forgive us— but He also calls us to repent. And that call for repentance can take the form of *judgment*.

How many of you believe that God hates sin?

God hates sin. That's right. Why? Because sin destroys us. And that is so true.

The thing is this: God is really very intelligent. God loves us so much that He allows destruction to happen. Hah? Gagamitin 'yan ng Diyos.— God will use that destruction so you can come near Him.

To make it clear, I'll give you an example.

The one speaking to you right now used to be the black sheep of his family.

Drugs na lang po, quota na po ako— just with drug addiction, I already met the quota for all sins. And I'm just grateful for the mercy of the Lord dahil binago Niya ko— because He transformed me.

I'm just so grateful that God embraced me, accepted me, and again, forgave me for my transgressions. I'm also so grateful to the Lord that He allowed me to experience the effects (consequences) of my sins. He let me experience being broken because of my sins.

Because through those moments of brokenness, I woke up. I felt something lacking in my heart. And I realized that only God could complete me. Only God could heal me. Only God could make all things new.

<p>DID YOU EXPERIENCE THE BAD CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR BAD DECISIONS?</p>
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Gagamitin 'yan ng Diyos para makalapit ka sa Kanya.— God will use your brokenness so you can come close to Him.

My beloved friends, did you experience as well the bad consequences of your bad decisions?

God will allow you to taste the bitter fruits of your sinful behavior so that you'll grow up. Walang sinasayang ang Diyos. — God does not waste anything. He wants you to be close to Him. Remember that we serve a God who can turn everything into good. What the enemy meant for evil, God can turn into good.



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Now, we end with the story in *Exodus* on the building of the Tabernacle that God gave to Moses with a blueprint.

This is a long story— 11 chapters long. That’s why some would stop reading because it’s already boring. But little by little, let’s discuss it. Don’t worry we will not discuss it all...

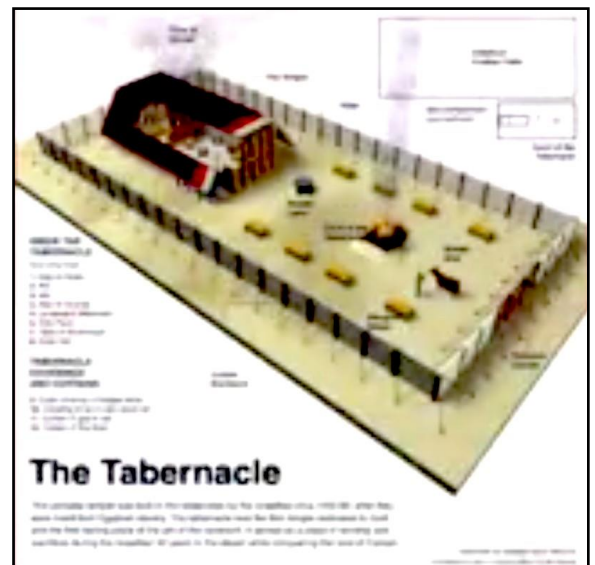
When God gave Moses the blueprints of the Tabernacle, He gave him a vision of a Heavenly Temple. So, for the Israelites, the Tabernacle was a special place — where Heaven touched Earth and this was where God resided.

Look, the blueprint is so detailed. And every detail means something.

When the Jews entered the Tabernacle, it seemed like they would be in two places at once. They would be in Heaven and Earth at the same time. And look, inside the Tabernacle, at the end part, with the tent, is the Holy of Holies. And they believed that was where God resided.

No one could simply enter there. Not every person had access to the Holy of Holies. See, it is blocked by a big veil — a partition. Not everyone had access to God.

You know what? Today, that Tabernacle is no longer in Israel...



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Jesus became the *Kavod*— the *glory* that Moses and all the Old Testament prophets were praying for.

When Jesus is already present, I would like to believe there is no more need because Jesus is now the *Kavod*, the *glory* of God — the physical, tangible, audible, visible manifestation of God’s Presence.

Just what is said in John 1: 14:

John 1:14 NLT

“So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.”



Through the death of Jesus, the veil that limited reaching God, and being with God, was torn from top to bottom. And that means there is no more blockage.

We already have access to God. We can now believe there are no more limitations. We can now say and declare, “True enough, God is with me.”

Because God is no longer hidden in the Holy of Holies. No more partition. God is now with me...And is actually within all of us.



And with that, my beloved friends, I repeat, no more Tabernacle. No more partition. And God is with us. God is *within* us.

Yes, you are now God's Tabernacle. This is God's calling to everybody: to make your daily, ordinary life God's *Kavod for others*.

Again, what's *Kavod*? It's the physical, tangible, audible, visible manifestation of God's Presence.

So that when we pray, "Show me Your glory," we experience *that* glory. We experience that goodness. We experience that blessing. We are reminded that we are now God's Tabernacle.

Pero hindi doon hihinto.— But it's not going to stop there.

Yes, today, as we pray, "Show me Your glory, Lord," we may not fail to recognize God's *Kavod*. May we not fail to see, may we open our eyes to really see the fingerprints of God working in our life.

But again, it does not stop there. Because our action plan now as go out from this theater, is this: Show *them* His glory.

It's not anymore, "Show *me* Your glory. "

Now it's our turn to show everybody God's goodness, God's heart, God's love, God's forgiveness. Show *them* your glory.

Put your hand over your heart please, and just feel it beating. Let every beat of your heart say:

"Lord, it's difficult to be like You. It's difficult to forgive. It's difficult to love. It's difficult to be good. But Lord, as I continue to be Your witness — a witness of Your Love, a witness of Your glory, a witness of Your goodness, Lord, my prayer: Please overflow in this heart. This is a broken heart, Lord, with many cracks. That's why we run to You today. We can't do this without You. It's so difficult, Lord. But with You nothing is impossible.

And let me share Your glory with others. Through You overflowing in my heart, I may share Your glory with others. Because I alone will not be able to do it. I can't do it without You, Jesus. So, please, every day, Show me Your glory. Amen



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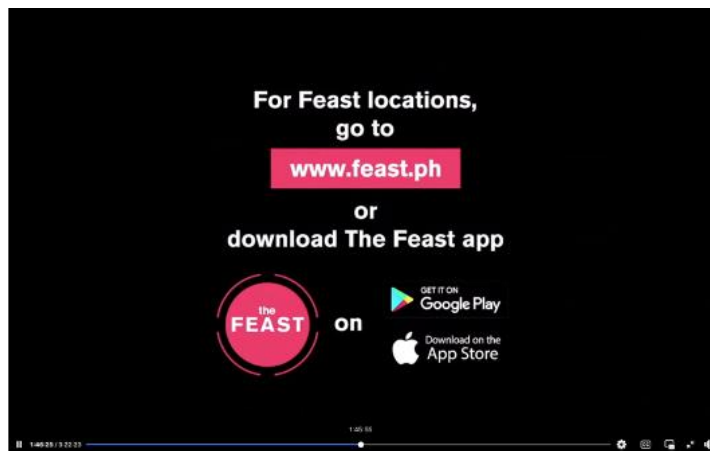
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