



**FAMILY**

**DECEMBER 3, 2023**

## *Is God Good Also to Bad People? Why?*



BE honest. This idea is disturbing.

How can God be good to evil people?

It stabs at our sense of fairness. Something in us cries out, “Hey, wait a minute. *Bad things should happen to bad people!*”

That’s why in action movies, we love it when the villain tastes his own medicine. The classic scene in *Avengers 1*, when Hulk is swatting Loki like he was a rag doll, is so satisfying. I remember the audience in the theatre erupting in jubilation, shouting, “*Umm! Buti nga sa iyo!*” (Good for you!)

Many have sent job applications to be God’s Assistant Executioner. Oh, to help God out in making sure bad people get their just desserts!

But sorry, God isn’t hiring.

Here’s the truth: *When God blesses us when we don’t deserve it, He’s being generous; But when God blesses others who don’t deserve it, He’s being unfair.* Crazy, right?

We’ll explore this today.

Have a wonderful Feast!

May your dreams come true,

**Bo Sanchez**





## *New Promise Fulfilled!*

AND so, it came to pass, the much-awaited FEAST CONFERENCE 2023! We were blessed to produce this inspirational learning event and we are beyond grateful God has been with us throughout this mission. By His grace, today, we can well answer the question of Archbishop Charles John Brown, Apostolic Nunciature in the Philippines, who kindly blessed our Conference. In his homily during the Mass, which celebrated the Christ the King Solemnity, he asked: Who do you serve? --page 3.



Mounting the Feast Conference is one great way we can say we serve no one else but God! It was not at all easy—we had some bad days but God is good, just as He is good *both* to good and bad people. *Both?* Bro. Bo Sanchez deals with this controversial issue in Talk 4 of our series *Plenty: Trust His Generosity*. His intro is on page 1.



Yes, God is good. He fulfills His promises, just as He delivered the FEASTCON theme: *New Promise*. What's the New Promise? Bro. Bo defined this in his FEASTCON Grand Feast Talk last Sunday. *Flashback*, page 23.

And, as God promised, a throng came for FEASTCON 2023, especially for the Sunday Grand Feast, happily welcomed by Bro. Alvin Barcelona and Bro. Arun Gogna, page 10.



FEASTCON's success is success for our Mercy Ministries! We thank you all who came to support our mission with a gift: *Mercy 2023! Special*, page 39. See you all again in FEASTCON 2024!

All for God's Glory,

**Randy Borromeo**  
Media Ministry  
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## ***FLASHBACK!***

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### **Holy Mass**



#### **Homily**

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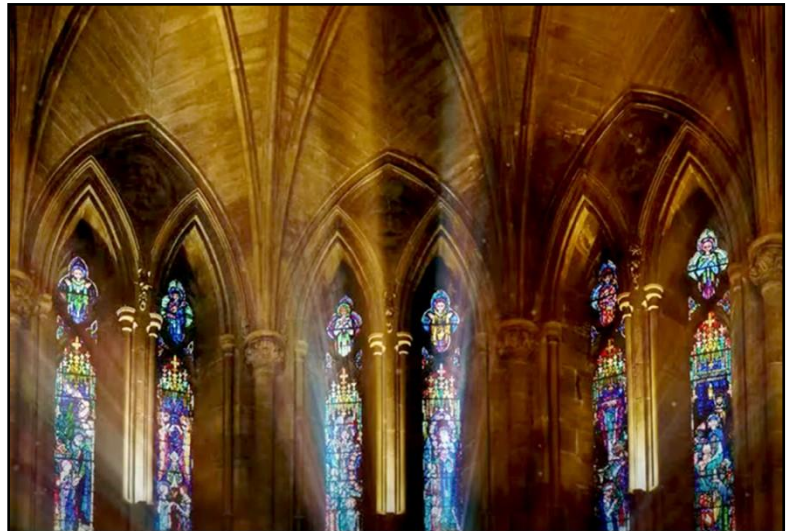
**CHARLES JOHN BROWN**

**Apostolic Nunciature**

**in the Philippines**

on the Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

*The Sheep and the Goats*



**CHRIST THE KING SOLEMNITY  
THIRTY-FOURTH AND LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**REV. FR.**

**BOB McCONAGHY**

**Concelebrant**

Excerpts...

MY Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Jesus tells us in the book of *Revelation*-- which is part of the theme of this Feast Conference 2023: The New Promise—the Lord says: “*I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have so that no one will take your crown.*” (Revelation 3:11-12 NLT).

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## Who Do We Serve?

We celebrate today the Feast of Christ the King-- the final Sunday in the Liturgical Year.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent.

We begin our preparation for Christmas next Sunday. But now we celebrate this Magnificent Feast—this Glorious Feast, this Feast of Jesus as King of the Universe, indeed as King of the Cosmos, as King of Everything That Has Been Created by God.

I am very grateful, super grateful to Bro. Bo Sanchez for having invited me to celebrate this Mass as your Apostolic Nuncio, as a Representative of Pope Francis here in the

Philippines on this final day of FEASTCON 2023 here in Manila—this Feast Day in which we meditate and glory in the gift of Christ as our King.

Back in 1979— before most of you were born 😊 -- the American folk singer Bob Dylan issued an album, *Slow Train Coming*, and the title track on that album was *Gotta Serve Somebody*. And the song begins: *You may be an ambassador to England or France. You may like to gamble, you might like to dance. You may be the heavyweight champion of the world. You might be a socialite with a long string of pearls. But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes, indeed. You're gonna have to serve somebody. Well, it may be the Devil or it may be the Lord. But you're gonna have to serve somebody.*

Beautiful words from Bob Dylan—words which make us realize that all of us are always serving someone. The question is: Who are we serving? That is the question. And, in that song, he makes it clear. We have to make a choice: Who are we going to serve? Are we going to serve the forces of evil, or the forces of light? Are we going to serve the forces of oppression, or the forces of liberation? Who are we going to serve?

And today's Feast makes us realize who we should serve: Jesus, our King, our Lord, our Ruler, the Conqueror of sin and death. We need to serve Him above all—Him first of all. And really, what this Feast is about is serving the Lord, making Him our King.

Where does that Kingship begin? The Kingship of Christ? Of course, we celebrate today the glorious triumph of Christ in the future over sin and death, the restoration of the cosmos, of the universe.

But how does that begin? It begins in your heart this morning and every day. The Kingship of Christ begins in your heart.



## First Stage: Where It All Begins

Jesus says in the Gospel, “The Kingdom of God is within you.”

That’s where it begins. In your heart. Allow Christ to rule in your heart. Allow His promises to be fulfilled in your heart.

That’s where the whole thing begins.

That’s why Jesus gives us the *Parable of the Mustard Seed*. This miniscule, infinitesimally small seed that then later on blossoms into something enormous, glorious, and visible, in the beginning, is unseen. It’s the seed that’s in your heart your heart—the Kingdom is already present in your heart. If your heart is filled with God’s grace, if you are serving Him, and not the Devil, the Kingdom of God is already here, Present in your heart.

That’s the First Stage of the Kingdom. And that is why we celebrate the Eucharist, and receive Him-- His Body, Blood, Soul, Divinity. The Power of His Grace, of His Liberation, of His Forgiveness comes into us, changes us, inside of us, transforming us, making us radiant with His Grace.

The First Stage in your heart. Allow Jesus to reign in your heart. Serve Him—and not the forces of darkness. Allow His Grace to reign, to be evident in your heart, and you will find a joy, a happiness that nothing else can give you.



First Reading

EZEKIEL 34:11-12, 15-17

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*11 For thus saith the Lord God: Behold I myself will seek my sheep, and will visit them. 12 As the shepherd visiteth his flock in the day when he shall be in the midst of his sheep that were scattered, so will I visit my sheep, and will deliver them out of all the places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. 15 I will feed my sheep: and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. 16 I will seek that which was lost: and that which was driven away, I will bring again: and I will bind up that which was broken, and I will strengthen that which was weak, and that which was fat and strong I will preserve: and I will feed them in judgment. 17 And as for you, O my flocks, thus saith the Lord God: Behold I judge between cattle and cattle, of rams and of the goats.*

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## Second Stage: Families

So, in a certain sense, the Feast of Christ the King begins in our hearts. And then it begins to radiate out, from our hearts. And the first destination of that radiation is our family. It's really the Second Stage of this progressive Kingdom. This mustard seed that's growing, that's expanding through history,

First, in the heart of each and every one of us who receives the power of God's Grace in the Sacraments of the Church, and then radiating into our family, making our families little kingdoms of God, houses of prayer, places where the Kingdom of Christ is already present-- in the way we love one another, in the way we even suffer for one another, the way we hold each other close, the way we help each other-- God's Kingdom is Present there in our families.

As the Second Stage of this expanding mustard seed and everything that organizations like Feast Conference do to support families, to help mothers and fathers and children to love one another, to stay together. That is really the work of the Kingdom in a very concrete way. How beautiful that is.

I was Nuncio before I came to the beautiful country of the Philippines, in a country called Albania, a wonderful, beautiful country north of Greece, east of Italy, a country that has suffered a lot of persecutions of the Catholic faith over the years. But now, thanks be to God, in the last 30 years, the Catholic church is free.

And there, I remember having dinner with a missionary family, an Orthodox Christian missionary family working there in Albania. I was beginning to study the Albanian language a bit, and I remember having dinner with this missionary family in their apartment in Tirana, in the capital.

On the wall inside the dining room they had some words in Albanian painted onto the wall-- I was studying those words because I'd just begun to study this language—I really wanted to really understand what these words meant. And it was the first time I understood the phrase in the Albanian language. What was written on the wall in the dining room of that family were the words from the book of Joshua in the Old Testament-- Joshua 24:15. They had written in Albanian: *As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*

Beautiful. On the wall of their dining room they had written the words: *As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*



### Third Stage: Society

Who are you going to serve? Bob Dylan asks us. The family wrote the answer on the wall of their dining room: *As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*

And that is the beauty of Christian life—Christian life and families. Family is essential to everything we do. And that is why the Catholic Church will always protect and defend the rights of families.



Because it's the Second Stage of this Kingdom-- the Second Stage of this expanding mustard seed. And if we live our Catholic faith in our hearts, in our families, then that radiation continues beyond our families into society, into the society around us, into the people that we meet in our daily lives.

And society begins to change. But society will only change if we change. If our hearts aren't changed—each and every one of us-- then it's useless to think that society will somehow be going to change. Because society is made up of us.

So, really, in a certain sense, the Third Stage of this expanding Kingdom of God, is the Kingdom of Christ as it exists in society, in human society and that's what the Gospel is about this day, this Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel is about allowing Christ to reign in society—not just in our families.

Jesus says in the Gospel, *“Whatsoever you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.”*

It's not talking really about our own families. In some ways, it is easier to love our own families. But allow that love to go beyond our families into society: *Whatever you did to the least of my brothers and sisters you did it to me--* the Third Stage, we can say of this expanding Kingdom of Christ

#### **Second Reading: First Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28**

*20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep: 21 For by a man came death, and by a man the resurrection of the dead. 22 And as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But everyone in his own order: the first fruits Christ, then they that are of Christ, who have believed in his coming. 24 Afterwards the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God and the Father, when he shall have brought to nought all principality, and power, and virtue. 25 For he must reign, until he hath put all his enemies under his feet. 26 And the enemy death shall be destroyed last: For he hath put all things under his feet. And whereas he saith, 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then the Son also himself shall be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*



## **Final Stage: Cosmic Transformation**

And of course, the Final Stage, the last stage, is a Stage of the Cosmic Transformation. The moment in the future, when everything will be changed—the galaxies, the universe. All of them were created out of love. All damaged by sin and by evil. But all will be restored.

And that's the Final Stage of this amazing transformation—as what we heard in the Second Reading this morning as Adam and all die, so, in Christ, all shall be brought to life but each one in the proper order. Christ the first fruit. Then at His Coming, those who belong to Christ.

Then comes the end when Christ hands over the Kingdom of God to His Father, when He has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power—He means the powers of evil—when they have been totally definitively, finally vanquished. Because Jesus must reign until His enemies are put under His feet and the last enemy to be destroyed will be Death. Then, everything will be subject to Him and the Son will then be subject to the One who subjected everything to Him, God His Father—so that God may be all in all.

## **Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46**

*31 And when the Son of man shall come in his majesty, and all the angels with him, then shall he sit upon the seat of his majesty. 32 And all nations shall be gathered together before him, and he shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left. 34 Then shall the king say to them that shall be on his right hand: Come, ye blessed of my Father, possess you the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...*

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## The Message of Christ the King

So, what will happen in the future is already happening in our hearts this morning. The Kingdom of God is within us. The mustard seed is expanding in time—in time-- and preparing us for the Kingdom of God.

And what are we to do? We are to allow that Kingdom to reign in us: Seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness and everything else will be gathered or given unto you.

Jesus says, *“Don’t worry about what you will eat, what you will drink, what you will wear, the Gentiles, the nonbelievers strive after all those things. Your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. Seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, its holiness, its justice, and then all these other things will be added unto you.”*

That’s the message of Christ the King. His expanding Kingdom that we are all part of. We are gathered here today on this beautiful final day of the Feast Conference and we, in a certain sense, when we celebrate the Mass, we’re anticipating that final cosmic, glorious transformation of everything—when God will be all and all and we will be filled with the joy and happiness that only God can give us.

As we continue this Mass, let’s ask our Lady-- the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of the Word Made Man, the Mother of the Kingdom, the Mother who gave us the Kingdom in the Person of Jesus--

let’s ask her to intercede for us, so we can allow the Kingdom to really live in us, so we can serve God and not serve darkness, so we can receive the joy, the happiness, the elation that only Jesus can give us.

May God bless you.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 23: 1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6

*1 The Lord ruleth me: and I shall want nothing.*

*2a He hath set me in a place of pasture.*

***R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

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Responsorial Psalm

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;  
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

# Welcome!



**BRO. ALVIN BARCELONA:** A glorious Grand Feast, Everyone! And welcome to Day 3 of our Feast Conference on the Feast of Christ the King. Proclaim to the person beside you, *Christ is my King!*  
Good Morning, Bro. Arun.



**BRO. ARUN GOGNA:** Good Morning, Bro. Alvin. Good Morning, Everybody! Let's applaud the Lord. God is alive! God is alive!

**BRO. ALVIN:** Amen! Isn't it right to greet you, Happy New Year? Because it's the end of the Liturgical Calendar. So, we have a new Liturgical Year.

Happy New Year! And what a great start this morning as we celebrate – were you blessed by the Holy Mass—receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist again, the Solemnity of Christ the King. Amen.





**BRO. ARUN:** Okay! So, this is our last day of the Conference. Do you still want to extend it tomorrow? Since there's no work tomorrow.

**BRO. ALVIN:** Of course, it's the last day but that doesn't mean blessings stop here. Because we're going to share some highlights from our Day 1 and Day 2.

I was deeply moved by last night's Adoration. I so felt the Presence of God, and also during the Holy Mass today.

**BRO. ARUN:** As for me, what I did yesterday, I went around every class as I just wanted to feel the vibe of what was happening during the classes. And they were Spirit-filled. I felt the Spirit in every room of each class.

Now that we are about to end our Feast Conference 2023, we would like also to express our gratitude to every one of you here. Applaud those beside you. Because you are here. Thank you, thank you so much.

**BRO. ALVIN:** You mentioned, Bro. Arun, as we went around, we discovered that many prepared for this Feast Conference. They saved money for their fare to come here. Hong Kong, from the Middle East. And I bet even from Europe and the United States—from West Virginia—from Auckland, Sister, from Washington, and from India (Bro. Arun☺) So, we want to thank again those who came from the international regions—those who came from Singapore...





**BRO. ARUN:** For the last time in our Conference, may you please get your diaries? And then write down one thing that you would like to be grateful for the whole Conference or anything there...



As you write, I would like you to believe that Jesus is behind you, looking at what you are writing because He is so grateful. He is happy that you are grateful. No copying☺...







**BRO. ALVIN:** Thank You, Jesus. So many blessings we've been receiving from this Conference. And now we're also about to go to our buddies for our Buddy Break. As I said yesterday, don't allow the Conference would end without meeting a new friend or deepening your friendship with those you met again here. But it also can be that even after this Conference, you will continue your connection with one another and you continue to pray for one another.



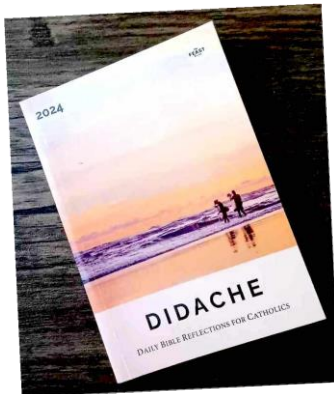
**BRO. ARUN:** So, look for your buddy. Simply share one or two of the blessings you've written on your Gratitude Break page...



## Year-Round Blessing

**BRO. ALVIN:** We have another blessing for you.

For all of you here, for all of you our dear FEASTCON attendees... We will give you a free *Didache* devotional—it will be with you the whole year. Yes, for free! Blessings are on the house.



*Didache* is a collection of reflections of ordinary people. Make it your daily habit to read the reflections. If you want more, you may purchase more for your Christmas gifts, or corporate giveaways.



So, again, don't forget to thank your buddies because for three days you got to share and do life for them even just few minutes.



We'll see you next week— when we go back to our regular Feast Bay Area – next Sunday will be held at the Aliw Theater.

**BRO. ARUN:** We go back to our Feast Alabang, and the others in their respective Feasts. If you met some attendees here who live in your area and have not attended The Feast, tell them to join you at your Feast.

**BRO. ALVIN:** And now, we also go to a very important part of our Conference and our Celebration. Please welcome again Bro. Arun Gogna as he leads us to this very important response to the Lord. Thank you!



## Love Offering



### Surprise!

**BRO. ARUN:** Thank you, Alvin.

This October, I was with some friends for a Marian Pilgrimage.

This is what I told them: “We have a planned schedule, but let the Lord surprise us.”

So, we went to Fatima, and then to Lourdes. We didn’t have a priest with us because we were just a few. But I told them, “Let the Lord surprise you.”

When we arrived at the grotto of Lourdes, it was a Sunday, there was a Mass at 8:00 a.m. -- according to our planned schedule. We did not know in what language the Mass would be. Sometimes, it would be in French, depending on who would be the priest.

So, you know, there were many people. Then, the priests entered-- four of them Bombay. I was so happy. But those with me were not Bombay. I was the only one Bombay. The rest were Filipinos. Now, the presiding priest was a Bishop—and we wondered what language he would use...

The Bishop started, “In the Name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit... “

We were happy, because he was speaking in English—and not just English. It was English that sounded Pinoy. And we realized he is Bishop in the Philippines!

After the Mass, we approached him and told him we ‘re from the

Philippines. And the Bishop blessed us. I then asked the Bishop if we could have a picture with him. You know what he said?

He said, “Ay, oo naman.—Yes, of course. Sa ating mga Pilipino, ang picture-taking ay Sakramento.—For us Filipinos, picture-taking is a Sacrament.”

So, here’s our photo with the Bishop. How happy we were! Wow! Our first Mass in our Marian Pilgrimage, presided by a Bishop!



## Surprise!

Lalaine, my wife, and Fr. Kali Pietre Llamado (who used to be Attached Priest of the Manila Cathedral) were messaging each other. Fr. Kali is no longer here in the Manila Cathedral. He is already in Rome. And he is in Collegio Filipino—a big house of Filipinos studying in Rome. (The Pontificio Collegio Filipino is a college for diocesan priests from the Philippines studying at pontifical universities in Rome, Italy.)

Fr. Kali said, “This Sunday, come and attend Mass here.”

We were like, “Opo! Opo!—Yes! Yes!”

Because those presiding the Masses there were the Filipino priests staying in the Collegio.

They didn’t have visitors. So, Fr. Kali told us: “You are our visitors.”

So, we went and you know who presided over the Mass that day?



A total of 20 priests plus Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Cardinal Jose Advincula, and Bishop Ambo David.

We were the only audience.

Goosebumps creeping on us! We were so happy!

After the Mass, another “Sacrament”-- picture-taking!

Then, we went to Padre Pio Shrine (San Giovanni Rotondo, Southern Italy) -- a five-hour bus ride. The Holy Spirit was telling me: “Do this. Send an email...”

The Holy Spirit is... my wife—small *h* only.

Lalaine told me, “Try to email...”

And who did I email? The Vatican. I told the Vatican we are from the Philippines. We are having our pilgrimage. May we see the Pope?

Brave, right? “May we have an audience with the Pope?”

And the Vatican emailed back and you know what the Vatican said?

“There are so many pilgrims who would like to see the Pope. But let us see if we can still give you a chance...”

So, we prayed, allowing the Lord to surprise us.





## Surprise!

And here it is... The next day, Vatican emailed back and this is what the Vatican said:

“Please go to this door at St. Peter’s Square. There is a door there-- and get your tickets to see the Pope.”

I went to that door, the one in charge looked for the envelope containing the tickets, found it, and waving it, said, “Arun Goña?” Sounds like Bologna 😊.

So, I was like, “Yes!”

I got the envelope, counted the tickets—the exact number for all of us.

And my dear Friends, we were there, at St. Peter’s Square. And we witnessed the Pope, this near—just nine feet away.

The Pope passed by where we were two times and we had an audience with him! After this, I gathered our pilgrims and I told them, “Didn’t I tell you to let the Lord surprise you?!”

You know, they were teary.

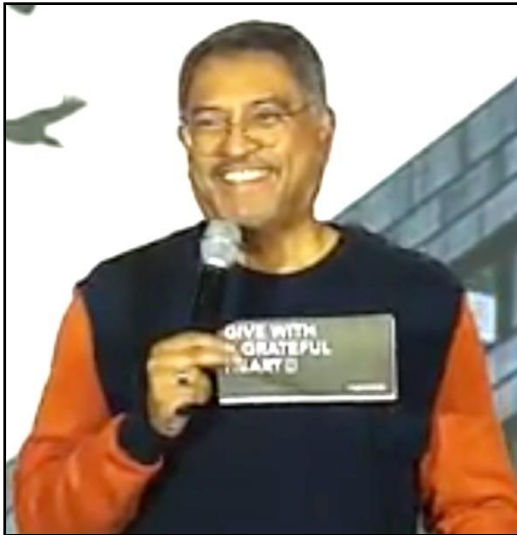
One said, “Bro, the Pope and I were eye-to-eye!”

Eye-to-eye with the Pope!

I told them, “Noticed how the Lord surprised us? First, Bishop. Then Cardinals. And now, the Pope!”

And I told the Lord, “Lord, please limit this to the Pope. Because after the Pope would be You. Let us see You later, much later 😊.

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## Surprise!

The Lord surprised us.

Look at me, Brothers and Sisters. The Lord has been surprising you. Can you also surprise the Lord? And let me give you a suggestion:

You know... Surprise the Lord. This is your last chance to give to the Lord in this Conference. When the Lord opens this envelope, He would say, "Hey, great!"

The Lord would be surprised: "This guy gave a very big amount! But I know he is stingy!"

Surprise the Lord. And this is the truth:  
God would not be outgiven. Never.

So, give this to the Lord.

And the Lord will give back to you:

*A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you (Luke 6:38).*

This is my little encouragement to you.

Surprise Jesus and let the Lord surprise you.



Let me pray for you:

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

*Lord, we are giving today not because we want something more from You. We are giving not because we know You are going to give more than we are giving. But we are giving because we love You, Jesus. This is our response to three days of surprising us with Your Word, with Your Touch, with Your Love. Return this to my Brothers and Sisters a thousandfold in Your Name.*

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

Let's give, Brothers and Sisters, and surprise the Lord...

## Worship!

### EXHORTATIONS

**BRO. AIO BARCELONA:** Can all of joyful people in this place make some noise for Jesus?! Come on, get up on your feet! We're going to celebrate God's goodness and God's love today.

Who among you enjoyed Day 1 of our Feast Conference? Make some noise, Day 1 people. Now who among you here had an amazing Day 2 yesterday? Make some noise! Now, who among you here in this sea of people are excited and happy for Day 3 of the Conference? Make some noise!

I know a lot of us, if not all of us, woke up early this morning. Maybe we haven't had coffee yet. But we're going to celebrate. We're going to sing! We're going to dance! Because God has an amazing surprise for you today. God has Good News for you today. Are you ready to receive that?

If you're ready, why don't you start stretching a bit? We're going to do some dancing. We're going to do some praising in this place. We're going to do some singing. You're ready? Let's all turn to this beautiful choir—Thousands strong, let's storm the heavens with our voices.



**BRO. BO SANCHEZ:**

In this Conference, there is a picture of a door in your ID, in the posters, in the LED, screens, there's this door.

That door, my friend, is Jesus. He is the door. And He wants you to come in. But that door is also the door of your heart. And this song speaks loudly to you.

Will you open that door? And will you make room for what God wants to do in your life?

I don't know about you but in this Conference, what God has been doing, He's been removing. He's removing junk. He's removing stuff. He's removing stuff that should not be there.

He wants me to have space for all that He wants to do with my life.

And so, let me lead this prayer with you if you're ready for some miracles to happen in your life. If this is a comfortable posture for you, lift your hands and just say this with me:

*Father, I'm opening the door of my life for the King of Kings to step in. Remove what needs to be removed. So that there will be space for the wonderful things that You will do in my life. In Jesus' Name. Amen!*







YOU HAVE NAMED  
THE STARS IN PLACE

EVERY CREATURE  
HOLDS YOUR NAME

YOUR ENDLESS GLORY



THERE'S NO END  
TO WHAT YOU DO



BURN AWAY  
WHAT'S NOT FROM YOU



EVERY LITTLE GOD  
WE SING TO



REVEAL YOUR GLORY COME AND SHOW WHAT YOU CAN DO



OPEN UP HEAVEN'S DOOR



THERE'S SO MUCH MORE



LET FAVOR  
AND YOUR PRESENCE FALL

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# NOVENA TO GOD'S LOVE DECLARATION OF ABUNDANCE



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.

## Talk



### **BRO. BO SANCHEZ: Welcome!**

I want you to ask the person beside you: Have you opened your door? I want you to give a big hug to that person beside you, and maybe four, or five more persons around you. Just give that person a big hug.

God is here. God is here. So good to be in the Presence of the Lord. May we give a big hand to our Worship Team? Maraming salamat. You are so good. Everybody, just tell the people here, You're so good. You're so good. If you see a servant beside you, tell that person, "You're so good."

What I want to do is I want to honor the people who do not come from Metro Manila but they traveled here. I want you to stand up... if you came from the province, if you came from another country, you flew here, just stand up. So good. Unbelievable. Thank you so much.

There's this woman here who flies from New Zealand just to come here, just to serve. Would you believe that? Thank you!

We've got a big bunch of people from Singapore—Feast Singapore.

Really, from the bottom of my heart, Thank you. What Fr. Bob loves to say, you make us believe... It is easier for us to believe that what we're doing is worth it because you're making that effort. And it's difficult to, you know, come here, and take off that space, that time. Maraming salamat. Thank you so much!



## Vows Do Not Expire

May I ask all the wives to raise their hands?  
— Just all the married women. Thank you.

Married women, I'm going to ask you this question: How many times do you want your husband to tell you, *I love you*?

If your husband will say, "I said *I love you* on our wedding day, five years ago, 10 years ago, 15 years ago, and so on-- and that's enough."

What would you say? Some married women here will say, "Up to date na ba ang life insurance mo?" 😊

I want to believe that married women would want to say, "As often as possible. Yes. Every day. If possible."

Yes, or no?

Yes!!!

If you're a husband beside that woman, can you tell that woman *I love you*?

Twenty-five years ago, I married this gorgeous woman who gets more and more gorgeous every day. It seems like she just came off her Freshman orientation in college today.

Last July, a few months ago, in front of a thousand people, or more, we said *I love you* again to each other. And this woman, it's really interesting because we renewed our vows after 25 years. Now, Fr. Dennis Paez SDB, would say, the vows do not expire. There is no expiration date for vows. But why do we renew them?

Why did we renew our marriage vow, Sweetheart? Why did we say again *I love you* to each other? You don't know... So, the vows do not expire... But we still have to say, *I love you* to each other constantly, every day, if possible—and I really believe this: it's for us. To remind us, to make it fresh, to make it real.







## What Is New?

And so, today, the theme of the Conference is *New Promise*.

Why? What's the New Promise? Is there such a thing as New Promise?

*What is the new Promise?*

The New Promise is the Old Promise. But God is renewing it. He's saying it again. He's declaring it again. He's saying *I love you* again. With Jesus dying on Calvary, it was the most eloquent, most powerful declaration of love from the Father. And every single moment, He says it again. He shares it again.

And He says *I love you...* When the sun rises in the morning, He says *I love you*.

When you see a friend, a loved one beside you... Can you smile at someone beside you? Just smile. What is that smile? It is God saying, *I love you*.

When there's food on the table and clothes on your back, and there's roof over your head, God is saying *I love you*.

When you're able to pray, when you're able to read the Word, when you're able to worship in The Feast, it is God saying, *I love you*.

And yes, especially, when you break bread in the Eucharist, it is God saying *I love you*—dramatizing what happened on Calvary.

My dear Friend, the New Promise is the Old Promise. God saying:

*The steadfast love of the Lord  
never ceases*

*His mercies never come to an end*

*They are new every morning,  
new every morning*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O, Lord.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness.*

The New Promise is the Old Promise made new every morning. It is God's love.





And today, what I want to do is I want to preach the very simple Word: *You belong to God.*

I want you to put your hands over your chest and say: "I belong to God."

May I invite you to stand up for a while?

*Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet  
And a Light unto my path.*

We're going to read a passage from the book of *Revelation*. We don't usually read the book of *Revelation*. Have you noticed? It's so confusing. And we're going to do it now. Chapter 3:7:



### Revelation 3:7-12 NLT

**"Write this letter to the angel of the church in Philadelphia... "I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me."**

Philadelphia, not the city in Pennsylvania, but Philadelphia in Asia Minor. There are seven churches that Jesus addresses in the first three chapters of the book of *Revelation*.

And these were cities in Asia Minor, or present-day Turkey.

No, not the one that you eat. Not

the giant Lechon Manok (Roasted Chicken)☺. It's Turkey—the country.



## **The Door to the Kingdom**

Just in case you're thinking of a big church like all the churches in Smyrna, and Pergamon, and Teatera, and Sardis, and yes, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. No, no. These are not big churches; these are not big parishes—these are *home churches*.

In our language, these are Feast Lights. Shout out to all those who attend Feast Lights here!

These are small churches. These are Feast Lights that gather in homes and offices and here, most likely in homes. These are ten persons, 20 persons, 30 persons, 40 persons that gather weekly.

And then Verse 8 says: *I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close.*

What is this door?

The people in Philadelphia were a group of Christians but many of them were Jewish Christians. And these Jewish Christians had a little problem. Not a very little problem—actually, a big problem. They were Jewish but they believed in Jesus. And so, on a Saturday, they would attend some sort of a synagogue gathering with other Jews. And then on a Sunday, they would report for duty to their Feast Light and worship the Lord, and listen to the Lord, and love Jesus.

And so, their fellow Jews who were not Christians, were persecuting them. And the Jews-- their relatives and their friends and their families, they were saying, "What are you doing with this Jesus stuff? We already have the door to the Kingdom. We already have it. You know, you believe in God, and you believe in Abraham and Moses – you have it already. Get rid of that Jesus stuff. We have the door!"

Then Jesus says they don't have the door. You have the door: *"I have opened a door for you that no one can close."*

## Jesus Is the Door

Tell somebody beside you, “You have the door. His name is Jesus.”

Are you excited to have the door?

Yes!

And then it says here, “*You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me.*”

The Jews who were persecuting them were most likely powerful. They had influence. And the small Feast Light, the small church, meeting in a home—10, or 20, or 30, or 40 persons—they were struggling and they were wondering,

“Are we doing something right? These are people who are influential in society and they’re telling us that we’re doing something wrong...”

But Jesus is here and He is telling them, “Even if you feel that you are small, and you have little strength and little power, I’m telling you, you have obeyed me, my Word, and you have not denied me.”

Do you sometimes feel small? Do you sometimes feel that you have little strength? Do you sometimes feel that you have little power in your life? And that there are powerful people, important people, and big people who actually look down on you? Uh-hmm.

It’s time to stand up. And it’s time to say, “*No*—as long as I follow the Lord...”

Verse 9:

### Revelation 3:7-12 NLT

“Look, I will force those who belong to Satan’s synagogue—those liars who say they are Jews but are not—to come and bow down at your feet. They will acknowledge that you are the ones I love.”



My gosh, *You are the ones I love.*

My dear Friends, if there are people that are against you, if there are people that are looking down on you, I want you to believe this:

God will fight the battles for you.

And you make them irrelevant.

You don’t have to bother. You don’t have to fight them. *You don’t.*

You don’t have to go to battle.





## Three Names on The Pillar

### Revelation 3:7-12 NLT

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it.

You have a crown.  
What crown is this?

I just want you to know, the Greek word for *crown* here is not the one with gold. No.

It's the *wreath* made of olive leaves, given to the champion of an athletic game. And so, this is somebody who has gone through, for example, a race-- you've trained for the race, and you've reached the finish line, and this wreath of victory is given to you.

I want you to know that Jesus also had a crown—and it was a crown of thorns. And the reason we have a crown is Jesus took the crown of thorns. He took it upon himself. He traded it with a crown of victory, And He gives that crown of victory to you. And that is why it cannot be taken away from you—because it was given by the King of Kings who suffered for you.

This is my message to you... We go to Verse 12:

*All who are victorious will become pillars in the temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it.*

Oh, my gosh: Three names God will write on the *pillar*-- That is *you*:

1. God's Name;
2. The name of the city—New Jerusalem;
3. The New Name of Jesus.

Put your hand over your chest:

### Revelation 3:7-12 NLT

And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name.

*Father God, this is a difficult passage. Please unpack it for us. And I pray that You would speak your Word so powerfully that the person who will leave this place will be different from the person who came in. And I pray Father God that Your power supernatural will just move stuff, like dislodge stuff, and break open what has been so locked up within me.*

*Lord, God, I don't expect a Talk. I want a miracle to happen today. I don't want just a message. I want You to clear the mess out of my life so that there will be room for the glory of the King to come. O, transform what needs to be transformed. Heal what needs to be healed. Lift what needs to be lifted. We lift it. In the mighty Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.*



Extend your hand in honor of the Word:

*Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet  
And a Light unto my path.*

Give the Lord a big hand and love Him today.

I want to read it again. Read it with me. Verse 12:

*All who are victorious will become pillars in the temple of my God,  
and they will never have to leave it.*

*Pillars.* What in the world is that? You're a pillar in God's House? You know what God is saying here? God is telling you "You're not a décor in My Home. You're not a trimming. You're not an extra that can be thrown away. You're *not* replaceable. You're not expendable. You're not disposable. You are not only important in My house, you are *essential*. You are a *pillar* in my house."

Can you just imagine that?



## I'm a Pillar

Put your hands over your chest and say,  
"I'm a pillar... in God's House!"  
Really? You?

"Bro. Bo, I'm a nobody. Maybe, *you*,  
Bro. Bo-- you're standing onstage. And that  
Archbishop whose name is Charlie Brown. Did  
you know that? Maybe he's a pillar—for crying  
out loud, he's an Archbishop. And maybe these  
beautiful nuns here, in front who are speaking  
about Life. Maybe *they* are pillars—but not *me*.  
I'm a nobody. My parents think I'm a nobody.  
My wife thinks I'm a nobody.  
I think I'm a nobody. People look down on me.  
I look down on me."



Well, God is telling you right now: "I rebuke you. You are not a nobody.  
In my House, you are a *somebody*."

And God is telling you: "You are a pillar in My House. Without you,  
My House collapses.

Did you hear me? No. You think I'm preaching to the person beside you.  
You think I am not talking to you. Well, I *am* talking to you.

And God is telling you: "Without you, My House disappears. You are a pillar  
in My House."

It's hard to accept. You know why? Because it means that God *needs* you.

Say that with me: "God needs me."

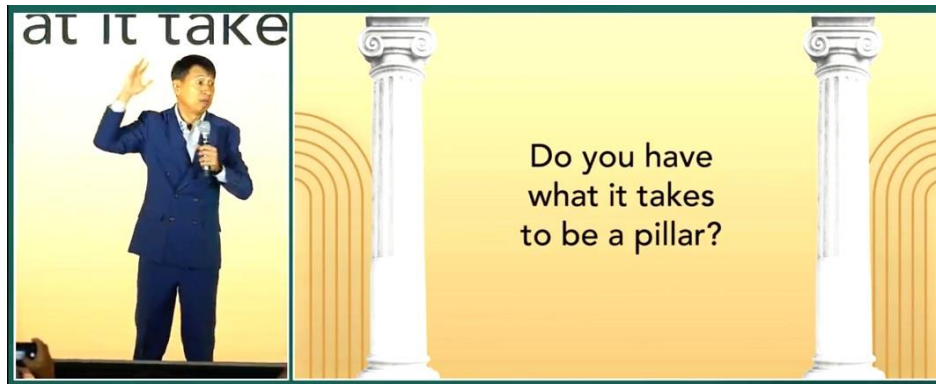
"God needs me."

And every preacher, every priest, and every  
pastor, and every theologian worth his salt will tell you that's a heresy, right there.  
That's a heresy. God does not need you because God is God. And if God is God,  
He needs nobody. He just does not need anything because He is God.

Well, I will pose to you a disturbing question: What if God, precisely because  
He is God, chooses, *decides*, to need you?

I don't know the answer, by the way. Let the theologians debate on that.  
But what if God decides, and says, "No. I need you. I really do. I need you  
for My House. And this House will not be the same if you are not there.  
You are a pillar in My House."





I have another question:

Do you have what it takes to be a pillar in God’s House?

I’m sure 99.99 percent of you will say *No*: “For crying out loud, Bro. Bo, I don’t have what it takes to be a pillar in God’s House!”

But when you study Scripture—we’ve been studying this at The Feast-- one of the words you’ve been hearing is *hyperlinks*. It seems as though, you know, you go through Scripture and you look for other references or places in the Bible that talk about pillars in temples—and there is one other place, and so probably the author of *Revelation*, you know, is hyperlinking his passage to that one in 1Kings 7:1

Let’s read together:

1 Kings 7:1, 15, 21 NIV

It took Solomon thirteen years, however, to complete the construction of his palace... He cast two bronze pillars, each eighteen cubits high and twelve cubits in circumference...

You know we don’t read passages like these because they’re all about cubits and measurements and stuff like that.

Verse 15: *He cast two bronze pillars, each eighteen cubits high and twelve cubits in circumference.*

That’s big.

Everybody say, “I’m a pillar and I am big.”

You’re BIG!

He erected the pillars.

But by the way, just want you to know, if you’re going to be a pillar, you better be sure that you’re made of bronze, better be sure that you’re strong.

Are you strong?

“I don’t know, Bro. Bo. I’m flaky. I’ve been unfaithful. I’ve been coming into this Conference with guilt in my heart because I did something wrong. Bro. Bo, No! I’m not strong! And now you’re telling me I’m a pillar in God’s Temple and this Verse says, Oh, my gosh, I’ve got to be strong...”



1 Kings 7:1, 15, 21 NIV

He erected the pillars at the portico of the temple. The pillar to the south he named Jakin and the one to the north Boaz."

Verse 21:

*He erected the pillars at the portico of the Temple...*

Get this. I love this: *The pillar to the south, he named Jakin and the one to the north Boaz.*

The pillars had *names*... Historians will tell you this is not common in ancient times. They did not *name* pillars—which makes the verse even more significant.

So, 1,400 years after that verse was written the author of *Revelation* was meditating on that verse-- *and the pillars have names*.

And I wonder why and he reflected on it and probably—I'm just guessing, you may argue with me, and tell me I'm wrong and that's fine—but I'm telling you now, yes, in God's House, the pillars have names...

And do you know who they are?

Sonia and Pearl and Jam, and Arun, and Alvin, and John, and Obet, and Marowe, and Francis...

The pillars in God's House have names-- because they are *your names*.

And you notice how there were *two* pillars? Do you know why there are two pillars mentioned in 1Kings 7? Why? Because you cannot stand alone. You need that person beside you. I want you to hold someone's hand and tell that person, "Kailangan kita. — I need you. We're going to do this together."

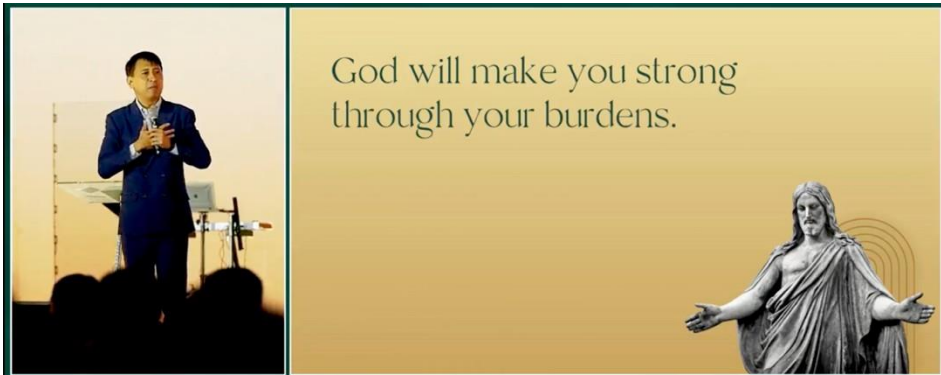
If we're going to be the pillars of God and make the House of God stand, we've got to do this together. We need to start forgiving each other. We need to start forbearing each other. We need to work together with difficult personalities.

I'll tell you why: Because we can't do it alone. The House of God needs pillars-- not pillar, singular, but pillars.

"But Bro. Bo, you still did not solve the problem: *What does it take to be a pillar of God? And you said strong but I'm not strong...*"

I've got Good News for you: God will make you strong.

You're not excited... He calls you to be a pillar in His House, and you're saying I'm not strong enough, and God is telling you, "Well, I'll take care of that. *I will make you strong. I will make you strong.*"



Put your hands over your chest and say, "God will make me strong."

But do you know how God will make you strong? How? Through your burdens. That's the

only way. There is no second way. There is no third way. There is no fourth. There is only one way that God will make you strong. And that is through *your* burdens.

Specimen A: Samsonite 1960s. As old as me. I know, I know, I look like I was born in 1980. Thank you 😊.

But this: Do you see anything different, any defining characteristic that makes this different from your luggage today?

Look at it: It's beautiful, it's vintage...

And you know, today, we have this:

What's the difference?

Of course, the old suitcase doesn't have wheels. Why? They started putting wheels on luggage in 1970. This was made a few years before. From 1970 until now, 99.99 percent of all pieces of luggage have wheels. Yes, or no? Yes! Why?

Hello! I mean who in their right mind will have a luggage without wheels today? Walking around in airports. Oh, my gosh. By the time you arrive at your check-in counter... But do you know that there are two medical journals that I read concerning exercise and sports? And both of them made this finding: That between people who use luggage with wheels and the people who use luggage without wheels, people who use luggage with wheels report more back pains, and weaker legs, than people carrying luggage with no wheels.





## Sit on the Floor...To Live Long

And this was confirmed by a series I was watching on Netflix, *Blue Zones*—four episodes, very short, watch them.

There was this guy who said that there are blue zones in the world. These are geographical spots on Planet Earth that have a high concentration of centenarians, 100 years old-- and healthy ones, still riding a horse, swimming in rivers. It's wild!

So, the question was: What makes them so strong, and alive, and live long? Hah—many answers. You know, food, and climate, and beautiful air, and a sense of purpose.

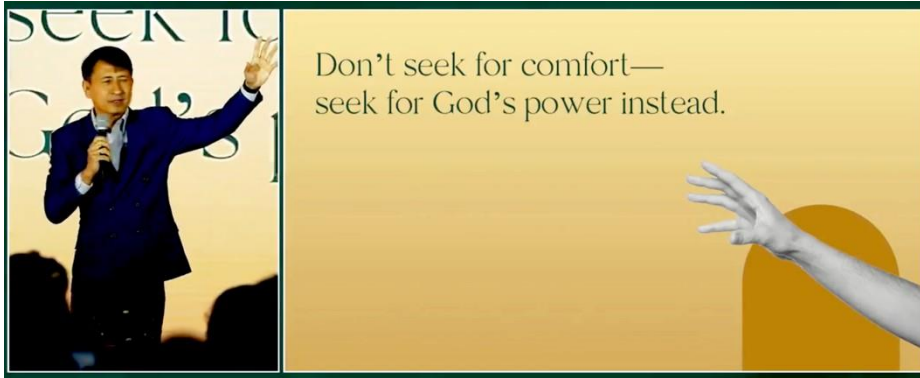
But there is one thing I picked up: These centenarians who are living strong and healthy life, they did not live comfortable life. They walked all over the place. They would carry heavy stuff with their hands. They would bend on the ground and do gardening at the age of 90 and 95.

One of the Blue Zones of the world is Okinawa, Japan. And in that place, the old people there, amazing! Their life is not comfortable. In their house, they don't have chairs. And so, when old people lose their balance, they break a hip because parts of their legs are getting weaker. They cannot stand up from the floor. In Okinawa, they have no problem standing from the floor because 30 times a day, they stand from the floor because that's their chair.

You know, somebody gifted me with a chair many years ago. It's supposed to be very, very good for the back. It's very expensive. It's an office chair. It's high-end. You know how much it was back then, many years ago? P120,000. And the advertisement is this: It will heal your back problems. I want you to know it did not. It did not heal my back problems. Do you know what healed my back problems? This ... the floor. The best chair on the floor is the floor. Who told me that? A doctor who specializes in back pains. Because when you sit on the floor, you have to keep on adjusting. It's not comfortable. You have to use your muscles.

It's not comfortable. But what is not comfortable will make you strong.





Our problem is when it becomes uncomfortable, we don't like it, we shoo it away. We say, "No, no, that's too heavy. I want something comfortable."

When the marriage becomes uncomfortable... you walk away. Parents, when raising kids becomes uncomfortable, what do we do? When your Feast leader says come and serve in a ministry, "Ay..." It's an added burden.

I want you to stand up. You're too comfortable. And I want you to tell me, right now, is there a burden that you've been avoiding? And is there a burden in your life that you've been complaining about? Is there a burden in your life that you want to shoo away?

Because that's what the world is telling us. The world is telling us, you know, "Be as comfortable as you can. And remove the burdens of life."

But maybe that's exactly why we're weak. And why we have less joy and why we have less love. Because we do not embrace the burdens of life that are good for us.

I've got a Word for you: Don't seek for comfort. Seek for God's power instead.

Instead of lessening your burden, you just say, "Lord, I need more strength. Make me strong. Because I am in God's House."

You know what they put on suitcases? Tags.

In Revelation 3:12, Jesus says, *I will write God's Name on you.*

*You're my pillar...*

Oh, by the way, in ancient times, that was common. Writing the name of your deity on a pillar. That was common. But what was different in Revelation 3 is that Jesus says, "*I, myself, will write God's Name on you. You're my pillar in My House, and No.1, I'm going to write God's Name. No. 2, I'm going to write the New Jerusalem on you...*"

Do you know where I'm going with this? Not yet... The moment you get it, you say Hallelujah! Okay? The moment you get it, you say, Whoo! Yes!

No. 1: God's Name is written on you.

No. 2: God says He's going to write the name of the new city, Jerusalem, on you...

## You're Tagged! For When You Get Lost...

The moment you get what I am telling you, you better shout Hallelujah!

I put this tag with my name and my address so that if it gets lost, and somebody finds it, it will be returned to me.

God put His name and His address on you because when you get lost, you know where to come home.

*You belong to God! You belong to God! You belong to God!*

I'm not yet done... Because Jesus said, in Revelation 3:12, *I will write three things on you: 1. God's Name; 2. New Jerusalem; 3. and My New Name.*

Wait... Wait. Bible scholars, for the past 2,000 years, have never decoded that last part: *Jesus has a New Name?*

And you ask any Bible scholar, and they will tell you, "We don't know. We don't know what that means."



And you know what?  
I'm okay *not knowing*.  
I'm happy with mystery.  
There are some mysteries  
that we still do not know.  
And you need to be  
comfortable with that mystery.





### **New Promise: God's New Name and Address**

I want you to know this: Perhaps – and these are guesses—that Jesus, the earthly Jesus, has a name—Jesus. And, but, maybe the glorified Jesus will have a *New Name*. And our brain cells cannot yet comprehend the *New Name* that Jesus will have in the everlasting Kingdom. We don't know...

But this is the message that God wants to give to you today: Whatever is to come, that *New Name* of Jesus is already written here, in my heart. Because I am the pillar of God.

And the promise of Jesus is this: You don't only belong to God. *You belong to God forever.*

What is to come? What cannot yet be comprehended, what cannot be understood, what cannot be fathomed by your imagination, God says, Jesus says, you belong to me!

I want you to high-five some seven persons around you and tell that person, You belong to God! You Belong to God forever! You belong to God forever!

Hallelujah! Worship You, Lord! Lift your hands, if you can., and say this prayer with me:

*Jesus, You are so alive here in this place. And I Thank You that I am Your pillar in Your House. I am weak. But You will make me strong. And I embrace the burdens of life to make me stronger. Thank You for making me strong. Thank You, that I am Your pillar in Your House and that You have written Your Name, and the city of Jerusalem, and Your New Name in my life. Because I belong to You. Amen.*



## MERCY MINISTRIES

*God blesses those who are merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy. --Matthew 5:7*

### ***MERCY 2023! Special***

IT'S December, the last month of the year. During this merriest season of our year, we go down memory lane, reminiscing blessings from our Good God.

So, *The Feast Mercy Ministries* is looking back to our features to celebrate our Mercy 2023! We start with highlights during our First Quarter.

#### ***Called To Serve***

In *The Feast Family* February 5, 2023, issue, we featured Danielle Patricia Cabarles, Center counselor, focusing on trauma management and mental health concerns, at our Jeremiah Foundation for abused minor girls.

She relates:

Before I came to know about the Jeremiah Foundation, I was wondering what would be God's calling for me and how to respond to Him.

I just graduated from the University of Perpetual Help System Dalta, with a Bachelor of Science degree, major in Psychology. So, I had this vision that I would be a part of an organization where I could apply what I studied for...

My Mom Carina, coming from a background of abuse, feels for girls in the same situation.



## Fulfilled Promise

*At right*, that's my loving mom with me. Mom is someone who always helps people around her.

In July 2018, Mom Carina and a friend decided to have a joint celebration of their birthday by visiting Bahay Aruga, a free halfway house for pediatric cancer patients run by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in Mandaluyong, Metro Manila..."

There, Mom got acquainted with Rose (*not her real name*) a beneficiary of Bahay Aruga, who eventually was transferred to our Jeremiah home.

Then, deciding to visit Rose, Mom invited me to come along and suggested bringing my resume.

I tagged along and met Sis. Gloria R. Viola, then Jeremiah's executive director. I presented my resume to Sis. Gloria, and long story short, she hired me as Center counselor.

I have learned psycho-spiritual development

co-dependency in Christ as

I journey with the girls. I really did not plan to serve in Jeremiah. But God has kindly fulfilled His promise in my chosen life verse— which has always been Jeremiah 29:11:

*"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*





## *Paying Forward*

A most inspiring story in *The Feast Family* March 5, 2023, issue is the sharing of Ana Maria Naval.

Excerpts:

I have been through life's ups and downs. I've survived as I've received from our good God blessings which, also by His grace, I've been able to pay forward to those in dire need—as I was before.

I'm one of five children growing up in a family I'd call dysfunctional—to say the least. That's because my mother was a battered wife.

But God has not abandoned us, showering us instead with blessings after blessings.

My very first blessing was my mother was able to find relief for us. She consulted a priest who helped my mother meet Bro. Bo Sanchez...

Promptly, he arranged that we live in Anawim-- Home for Abandoned Elderly-- which also provides shelter for other indigents should the need arise.

Mom was able to send us to school.

But yes, we've not been spared from life's *downs*.

Alas, when I was in my first year of high school, my mother got sick and she had to be confined in hospital. She could no longer afford to send us kids to school. So, again, she asked Bro. Bo for help.



## Counting Blessings

Again, Bro. Bo came to our rescue. He arranged that I stay in Anawim together with my brother Albert, and Anawim also hired him as a maintenance worker.

Here we are in 2014, *from left:* Bro. Bo; yours truly; my brother's daughter Angelica; and my brother, Kuya Albert.

Anawim's executive director, Bro. Caloy Dimson, knowing Mom could no longer afford to send me to school, introduced me to Pag-asa ng Pamilya, established by Bro. Reylando Ortega to provide scholarships for out-of-school youth.

So, I became a Pag-asa scholar and I was able to go on to second year high school.

I stayed in Anawim while I was studying in high school-- at San Isidro National High School. I still stayed in Anawim up to my college days at the University of Rizal System, Rodriguez Campus, where I finally earned a degree as Bachelor of Science in Social Work. After I graduated, I became a social worker for our Jeremiah Foundation for abused girls. I was happy as I felt I'd begun "paying forward" the many blessings I'd received.

Yes, it's been a roller-coaster life. But as you can see, I'm counting the blessings, more than the challenges.

What I love now is, yes, I am continuing to pay forward those blessings to the girls of Jeremiah.

And what I am deeply grateful for is this steadfast *faith* which I've received since at LOJ and its Mercy Ministries I've found our Lord Jesus-- or by His amazing grace, He has found me!

All Glory to God!



**NEXT WEEK: *Mercy 2023: Second Quarter***

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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.

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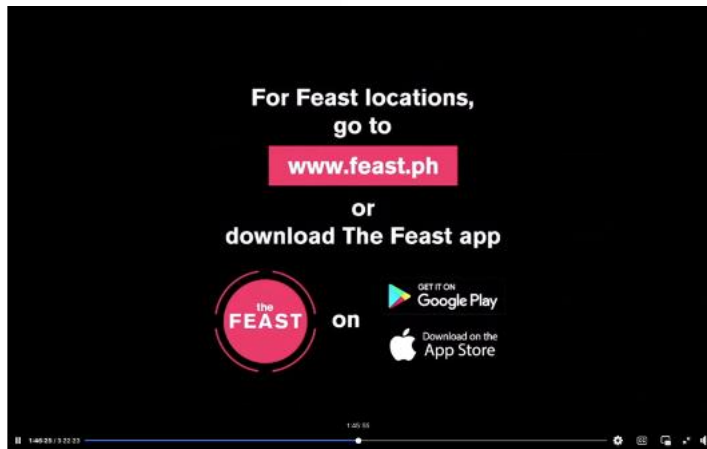
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