



FAMILY

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Your Physical Body Is a Borrowed Temple

HAVE you noticed?

Before we sin, we have this propensity to look for a justification for it, no matter how far-fetched. So much so that we end up believing in our lies. *We brainwash ourselves to make sin acceptable, and later on, admirable, to the point that we brag about it.*

Why? Bottomline, *we trust our thinking more than God.*

Today, we'll examine how we think sin is a private matter. And how we think one can do whatever one wants with one's body because the body is one's own. (Both are very wrong.)

Today, we'll learn how our physical body is a borrowed Temple—the House of the Living God.

Have a life-changing Feast today!

May your dreams come true,

Bo Sanchez



WELCOME
to our new
Feast Talk Series:
MESSY SAINTS:
Love Thy Neighbor
(Even If They Drive You Nuts)
Solving the Problems in 1 Corinthians
Talk 2: Proud About Sin

Temple Temper

*He drove them all out of the temple, the sheep and the oxen,
and the money of the changers he poured out,
and tables he overthrew... -- John 2:15.*

YES, the Gospel last Sunday, March 3, 2024, was about Jesus very, very angry as He saw people had turned the Temple into a marketplace. In his Homily, Fr. Keiv Dimatatac discussed what Jesus was really angry about, *page 3*.

Bro. Bo Sanchez talks about another Temple-- not the physical structure -- but *you*. And it's about being *Proud About Sin*, Talk 2 of our Feast series this month, *MESSY SAINTS*. His intro is on *page 1*.

Last Sunday Feast, Bro. Audee Villaraza tackled Talk 1 of the series which was about another Temple-- about a church the apostle Paul organized in Corinth. *Flashback* starts on *page 14*.

Bro. Nico Narvaez happily welcomed our special guest from another Temple, Bro. Andy Hopper of Hillsong Leadership Network, Australia-- who proves that we people living in various cultures can go above our differences, *page 7*.

But try as we may, we cannot really have a perfect Temple on Planet Earth. Nor can life be perfect here-- even if we are already with the Lord. Learn from Sis. Antonia Biales who carried

burdens even though she's been with the Lord since she was 10-- but burdens that led her to serve in our Jesus Christ Cares For Cancer Ministry, *page 20*.

What about you? When was the last time you had a temper tantrum?



All for God's Glory,

Randy Borromeo
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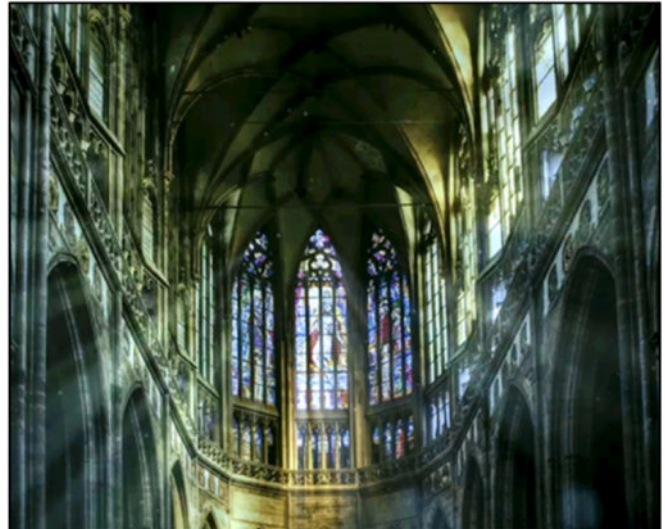




FLASHBACK!

MARCH 3, 2024

Holy Mass



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Homily

REV.FR. KEIV DIMATATAC

on the Gospel John 2:13-25

Excerpts:

What was it that triggered Jesus' anger?

If you heard the Gospel, you'll note it was almost Passover. It must have been a busy day in the Temple. People were bringing their gifts and their offerings to the Lord.

People were exchanging money. They needed money changers because the Roman coin-- this was considered unclean, so it could not enter the Temple. It couldn't be used for the offering. So, it must be exchanged with the Temple currency.

For the people who were not able to bring their harvests, lambs, or doves, they would have to buy from the Temple officers.



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What Was Jesus Angry About?

It was because of the corruption.

It was because of duping that was happening in the Temple. The money changers would sometimes demand more than what was due. They would dupe their fellow Jews by giving a small amount for them to use in the Temple for the offering. The Temple officers would not accept the lambs, doves, and offerings brought by the people.

If the person brought a dove, the Temple officers would then say, "Your dove seems cross-eyed."

If the person brought a lamb, the Temple officer would say, "Your lamb is limping. But don't worry. You can buy an unblemished one from us."

But they would charge so much for the cost of the unblemished lamb.

This was what Jesus saw in the Temple. The Temple became a marketplace and no longer a personal encounter between the Lord and the people.

The ritual became a commodity -- to extract money from the people and no longer for God to meet them. This angered Jesus as we read our Gospel today. He wanted to drive out those corrupt practices from the Temple.



First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

1 In those days, God delivered all these commandments: 2 "I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. 3 You shall not have other gods besides me. 4 You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; 5 you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; 6 but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation, on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 "You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. For the Lord will not leave unpunished him who takes his name in vain. 8 "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. 9 Six days you may labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. 11 In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. 12 "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you. 13 "You shall not kill. 14 "You shall not commit adultery. 15 "You shall not steal. 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife nor his male or female slave nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."



God's Loving Reminder

In another Gospel version, Jesus said, "You made the Temple a den of thieves."

They were no longer worshipping but just doing business in the house of the Lord. The sin polluted the Temple. The corruption affected the people and their praise and worship for the Lord.

There's this one spiritual writer who said that anger is also a gift from the Lord-- but you must use it for the right purpose. He said that God uses this human emotion to bring us to that divine experience -- to experience God.

Just like in our First Reading today, we heard about the Ten Commandments-- those demanding and sometimes even frightening commandments in bold letters that impose on us what to do.

We were taught, when we were kids, that failure to adhere to any of these commandments would eventually put us to Hell. But if we're going to look closely at the Ten Commandments, we will see the fiber and strings of God's tenderness, compassion, and loving reminder that He wishes not any of His children to be far away from Him.



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Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

²² Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Holy Anger

The Commandments are a testament to God's love for each one of us.

Just like when our parents scold us. Sometimes, they get angry, not because they are just angry. They're angry because we have done something bad. They don't want anything bad to happen to us-- hence, their anger is an expression of love, to put us on the right path, and to bring out the best in us.

If there is anything that our Reading today is inviting us for, it's to have that deliberate anger to anything that desecrates us-- our body, our brothers and sisters, our community, our society. It invites us to have that sacred anger, that holy anger, against anything that brings corruption, anything that spoils us or makes us unclean. God is telling us to be angry about it and to take drastic action to drive them out of our system.

So, the question, my Brothers and Sisters is: Are you angry? Are you angry enough to make changes? First, in yourself. Second, in our brothers and sisters. Third, in our society.

May God bless us all.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

R. *(John 6: 68c) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

8 *The law of the Lord is unspotted, converting souls: the testimony of the Lord is faithful, giving wisdom to little ones.*

R. *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

9 *The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts: the commandment of the Lord is lightsome, enlightening the eyes.*

R. *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

10 *The fear of the Lord is holy, enduring forever and ever: the judgments of the Lord are true, justified in themselves.*

R. *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

11 *More to be desired than gold and many precious stones: and sweeter than honey and the honeycomb.*

R. *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

Welcome!



BRO. NICO NARVAEZ:
GOOD MORNING, FEAST!
Tell the person beside you,
welcome to the happiest place
on Earth!

Today is a good day.
Isn't it a great Sunday today?



First, I want to acknowledge a very special guest.

His name is Andy Hopper. He's from Hillsong Leadership Network, Australia. Let's give a big hand to Andy.

I want to greet our first-timers. You know, I just want to tell you. Welcome to our Home. This is your home now, too. Those seated beside a first-timer, give that person a Hi-5 or a hug. Welcome Home! We love that you're here.

Today is the first Sunday of March. So, I want also to greet our March birthday celebrators. I'm actually also a March celebrator 😊



Love Offering

I want to go to our giving.

I want to ask first a question: How many of you here use your phone, your social media every single day? Probably today all of us...

We use our social media every day. And here's something I noticed. We always see posts of this old man who doesn't have a home. He's just on a street corner. Or this old lady who's sick, who doesn't have money for her hospital bills. Or this small child who's malnourished, really thin. We see posts like those on social media. And what do we do? We react -- sad react, or we say, "Pitiful. How did they end up like that?"

After we react, we forget about them. We go about our day... But let me tell you something, church. Today, we have a beautiful opportunity to not just stop at the *reaction* but also to *act* on the situation. Because our giving here at The Feast, yes, it goes to The Feast here and other Feasts.



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But part of your giving, part of your tithes goes to our Feast Mercy Ministries. We have many ministries. I want to mention just three: Anawim Home for Abandoned Elderly, He Cares Mission for Street Children, and Grace To Be Born for pregnant women in crisis.


Because God has blessed us so much, we're going to share that blessing with people in need as well as build our Feast.





Let us raise our Love Offering as we pray:
*In the name of the Father, of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Father, this giving, this blessing I will share
 with You and Your Church, is not mine in the first
 place. This a blessing that You already gave me.
 And I just want to give a portion back to You,
 back to Your Church, and back to Your people.
 Give me a generous heart. Open my heart to give,
 Lord. In Jesus' Mighty Name. Amen.*

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Worship!

BRO. JHONN JAVIER:

Who came here ready to praise and worship our God? We're going to sing a new song today. And we hope that this song will minister to you the same way it ministered to us while we were studying it.

In the Bible, we read that the Lord has done a lot of miracles, right? He turned water into wine. He made the blind see. The lame was able to walk. The lepers were cleansed. He even raised a dead man to life.

In the same way, God still does miracles today in your life. If you look back you will see the Lord has been so faithful. And the thing is, His faithfulness is not just a one-time gift. It goes on and on and on. Grace upon grace, miracle after miracle. Amen.

And so, with open hearts let us sing together. It's an easy song. Here we go...



MIRACLE AFTER MIRACLE

OPEN DOOR AFTER OPEN DOOR



HERE IT COMES
SO GET READY FOR ANOTHER ONE

RUSHING WIND AND LIVING WATER
GOD OF SIGNS AND GOD OF WONDERS

IF YOU WILL IT WHAT CAN STOP IT
YOU'RE WORKING IT ALL FOR GOOD

IF HE TOLD THE SUN
WHEN TO RISE

AND IT DID
HE WILL AGAIN

AND IF HE TOLD THE STORM
TO BE STILL

AND IT DID
HE WILL AGAIN

AND IF HE TOLD THE SEA
WHERE TO SPLIT

AND IT DID
HE WILL AGAIN

BRO. AUDEE VILLARAZA:

Once upon a time, the Messiah who came to save the people -- and they believed He was the real Messiah-- they buried Him after He died on the Cross. And they thought it was over.

They were mourning, they were grieving-- until this Man had the courage-- He had the boldness to slowly roll open the tomb and walk out of that tomb.



So, the message, the Good News, for all of us today is when you think that it's over, when you think it's done just because the person walked away from you already, just because your boss said you're done, just because they said you're not worthy-- I want you to know that God's not finished yet with you He's not done yet with you.

And if you believe that, if you've seen a miracle in your life, then, I want you to declare this with me: That if God did it then, I believe that He will do it again. If God did it before, I believe that He's going to do it some more.

Because He is an Easter God. He's a Resurrection God. And all of us here, we're Easter People.

How many of you are with me to declare: "My miracle is on its way! My Miracle is on its way!"

Lift your hands and sing that with me one more time in the Presence of Jesus. Come on! My miracle is on its way! Your miracle is on its way!



NOVENA TO GOD'S LOVE DECLARATION OF ABUNDANCE

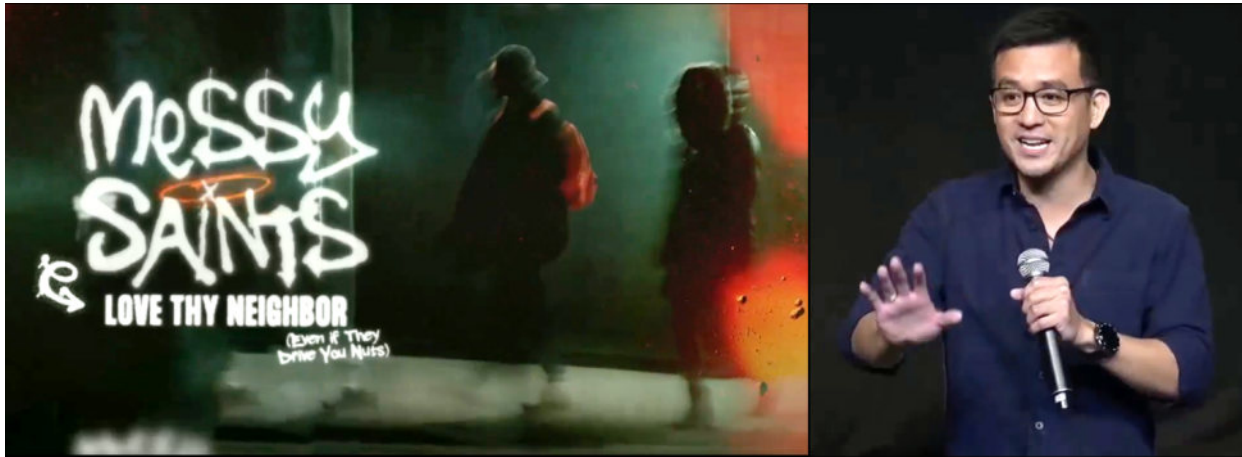


Let us pray: **TODAY, I RECEIVE ALL OF GOD'S LOVE FOR ME...**



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

Talk



Excerpts...

BRO. AUDEE VILLARAZA:

We're starting a new series today called *MESSY SAINTS*. We're going to take a deep dive into 1 Corinthians-- a letter from the apostle Paul to the people of Corinth.

What's awkward about this letter is that Paul is revealing the ugliness of what's happening in Corinth. (Located in Peloponnese, Greece, now known as Archaia Korinthos.) He's revealing skeletons in the closet. The letter was a private conversation between Paul and the Corinth community. The community was like a home church, like our Feast Lights which has 10-30 members per home. Most probably, a total of 150 parishioners.

There are a few lessons to learn from 1 Corinthians:

1. Paul knew the Corinthians intimately. He lived in Corinth for 18 months.
2. Even if it's labeled

1 Corinthians, this is not the first letter. This is more like a reply to a letter they sent to him.

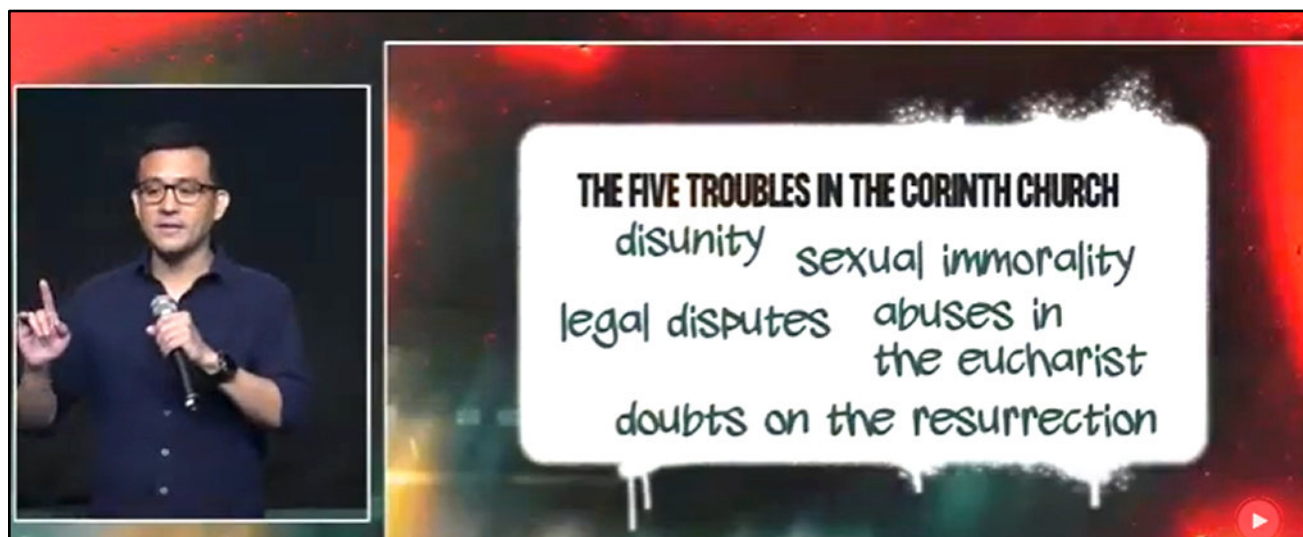
After Paul lived in Corinth, he moved to Asia Minor. There, he received a letter from the people of Corinth. The letter said that there was a conflict in the community.

So, Paul addressed them through 1 Corinthians.



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Paul addressed these five issues that were happening in church.

Is something familiar to you? These are the same problems in home churches today.

What was Paul trying to tell us? He was simply blasting our false idea that the church is perfect, like Heaven on Earth. If you expect the church to be perfect, you've got the wrong idea. As long as you are living on Planet Earth, the human church will always be chaotic.

You don't have to look far for proof. Look at your own life. Did your life become perfect when you started attending church? No! Then why expect church to be perfect? The people who head church are imperfect.

Have you ever been questioned by some people, "Why do you get angry? You go to the Feast, right?"

The perfect answer to that is this: "That's precisely the reason I go to church-- I'm imperfect. I need God's grace. I fail but at least, I'm in church. I learn from God.

Let's lift our hands
as we all sing:

*Thy Word
is a Lamp
unto my feet
and a Light
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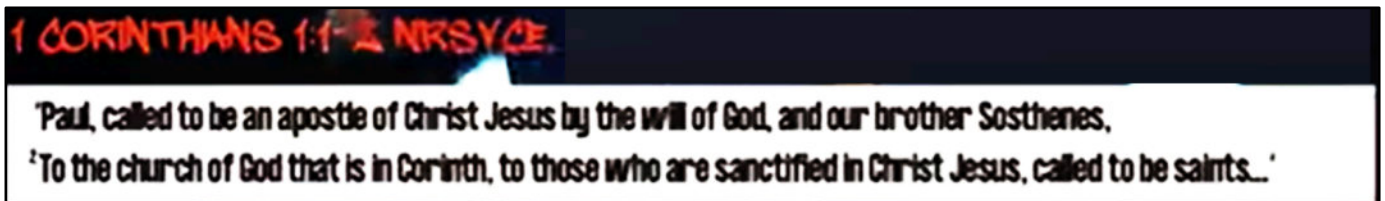


Corinth 'Saints'

When you're writing a letter or an e-mail today, the first thing you do is you write the name of the one who's going to receive the letter, and then you put your name in the end.

Back in the day, it was different. They wrote their names first and then addressed the people they were talking to.

But what's interesting in this Scripture is how Paul addresses the people of Corinth:



Wait a minute... You mean to tell me that these guys who are disobedient, disunited, self-righteous people are called to be saints? There's a disconnect somewhere.

I might say the same thing about you. Did you know that you're called to be saints?

May I give you an analogy...

If you're building a house, the first thing that you're going to do is you'll go to your architect so he can draw designs. But the moment you go to the construction site, what do you see? Debris, dirt, and dust. It's anything but nice.

The same thing happens in your life. I'm going to borrow a quote I heard earlier, "Why is a building called *building* when it's already been built? Shouldn't it be called *built*?"

If you're logical, that's true. You want to know why it's called *building*? Because the act of building never stops. Even if the building has been built already, you will still renovate and enhance it.

So, some of you here may have been converted or encountered Jesus-- but make no mistake, you're still under construction. That construction will take a lifetime for God to finish. It's not going to be overnight.

That is the process of sanctification – you have been saved, you are being saved, and you will be saved. You're under construction and God is taking you from glory to glory, strength to strength, miracle to miracle. My message for you today is *Go Back to The Cross*.

The Reality, The Truth

Let's pray:

Father in Heaven, this is Your Word. It's alive and it's active. It's touching hearts right now. As we break open Your wisdom, we pray that it lands on fertile ground and that it produces wisdom and practicality, so we know where to apply it in each one's day-to-day life. Father, we Thank You for Your love, compassion, and mercy. We walk in truth today and we embrace what you're about to tell us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.



*Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet
and a Light unto my path*

The people who were living in Corinth were a bunch of intellectuals who had wealth and high status in society.

But when you've got wisdom, money, and influence, you're not normally in touch with reality. The Corinthians were gifted but not grounded.

There is no problem with having too many gifts. But the problem is when you're too focused on the gifts, you lose sight and focus on the One who gave you the gifts to begin with. So, Paul addresses them:

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-13 NRSVCE

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you,

but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

¹² What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.'¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

‘Party Lists’

Today, we have Party Lists.* During the ancient times, there were already Party Lists. Those who like Paul belong to Paul’s party. Those who favor Apollo belong to Apollo’s party. They had preferences.

There is nothing wrong with having favorites. The problem is when we become more loyal to our cliques than to Christ.

Listen to Paul’s advice to them: “When you become disunited, *Go Back to The Cross.*”



1 CORINTHIANS 1:17-18 NRSVCE

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

“For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

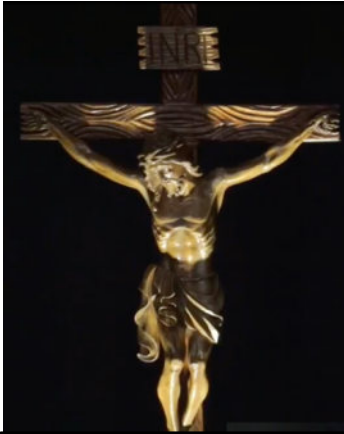
Let’s face it, conflicts arise because of one root source – pride. It’s ego. Ego is the part that tells you, “I’m right, you’re wrong.” “You’re weak, I’m strong.” “I’m wise, you’re dumb.”

In earlier millennia, God’s church was struggling with infighting.

How many churches did Jesus establish? Just one. But now there are 45,000 denominations and non-denominational churches, not to mention the communities in the Catholic church alone. God’s church has splintered.

Paul is simply saying that if you want to go back to the beginning, *Go Back to The Cross.*

*Aside from individuals running for election, a party (a group with a common goal or advocacy) may put forward a list of candidates who stand for election on one ticket.



Go Back to the Cross

What happened at the Cross? Jesus died-- and lived. Why did He die? Because He loves you and me.

Every time there is a division in your life-- not just in church but even in your relationships-- *Go Back to the Cross*. When you're struggling in your marriage, go back to the intention of Jesus about marriage.

There is blessing when you're wise but there is also blessing when you're grounded.



1 CORINTHIANS 1:19-21 NKBYCE

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

The people of Corinth were worshipping the wise people. But if you weren't wise, they wouldn't hear you out.

Paul tore them down when he said, "God is going to break the wisdom of the wise." True wisdom can only come from God.

We, Filipinos have this culture of being proud of our grandfathers. We like to brag about them. But have you noticed, we don't brag about our God? Why? Simply because nobody can be greater than Jesus. He's the Alpha and the Omega. After Him, there is nothing else.

When everything is going wrong in the community, ministry, and life itself, the simple advice of Paul is this: "Always go back to the beginning. Always *Go Back to the Cross*." When you look at the Cross, you will wonder what can be greater than the Cross. Who else sacrificed the way Jesus did? Nobody.

Today, we have this privilege of going back to Him. To see Jesus clearing the Temple again. To point us in the right direction. Nothing else matters-- only Jesus.

We fix our eyes on You, Jesus. We apologize for all our transgressions. For making everything all about us.

For making the church about my needs alone. For being selfish about my wants and my needs.

Today, I put my needs at the foot of Your Cross. When I see You, all my self-bloated righteousness shrinks down to its proper size. I know that I cannot be greater than You. I cannot outdo what you've done for me. Thank You for Your mercy, grace, and love. The only response that I can give is to lift my hands and simply surrender my whole life into Your hands. I am Yours and You are mine. Forever and ever. Amen.



MERCY MINISTRIES

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

--Matthew 5:7



JESUS CHRIST CARES FOR CANCER

Pathways to Blessings

USUALLY, one suffers a burden or a loss that leads the person to seek God's help, the person eventually experiences a spiritual awakening, and remains with the Lord.

My story is different. I was already with the Lord when I suffered losses. Yes, plural. I suffered two major ones.

Way before the burdens, I was blessed to experience a personal relationship with the Lord through the Light of Jesus Family.



**By ANTONIA
ABUEL BIARES**



A brother of my mother, Uncle Noli Abuel, and his wife, Tita, happened to be already members of LOJ way back in those days when it was still holding prayer meetings in the garage of the home of our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez, on Chicago Street, Cubao, Quezon City.

In 1980, when I was barely 10 years old, Uncle Noli and Aunt Tita brought me, along with their kids -- my cousins Menchie and Aggie -- to a Life in the Spirit Seminar held at the garage.

And since then, it has become just routine for me to tag along when they attended the LOJ prayer meetings every Tuesday.



Two Pathways

Yes, in life, there are two major pathways-- to burdens and to blessings.

In 1989, I got married, and with my husband Archibald, I lived in faraway Fairview-- so I stopped going to the weekly gatherings. Besides, I really needed to adjust to my new role as a wife. And in time, eventually, as mom of four -- three sons and one daughter.

Above, here we are, from left: Archimon, Archibald Sr., yours truly, Greg, Dayanne, and Archibald Jr.

We had a normal, comfortable family life ... until came the burden.

In 2018, Archibald was diagnosed with lung cancer -- already Stage 4A. Stage 4 means the cancer had spread to nearby organs and was so advanced that it needed more aggressive, not to mention expensive, treatment.

By God's grace, we would find help to ease our burden.

Earlier, we sent our daughter Dayanne to the Ateneo de Manila University where she would be a scholar. And parents of scholars were in this group under the Pathways to Higher Education of the Ateneo where I would be an officer along with a co-parent, Marylyn Gubaton.

Little did I know this would be my pathway to the Jesus Christ Cares For Cancer (JCCFC) foundation.

Marylyn, knowing about Archibald's illness, introduced me to another Pathways officer, Sis. Maritess Cordero, also a director of JCCFC. She told me the Foundation is providing financial assistance to cancer patients. She encouraged me to submit the documents needed to apply for cash aid. Thanks be to God, my husband was eventually accepted as one of the beneficiaries.

We are more than grateful. The monthly cash aid augmented our already dwindling budget.

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Pathway to Jesus Cares

We are forever grateful because JCCFC provided not only cash but also the urgent spiritual nourishment Archibald needed to cope with his situation.

Led by its chairman, Bro. Alo Gelano, JCCFC holds a monthly assembly providing faith-deepening teachings by invited preachers, as well as fun bonding activities for the beneficiaries. And not to mention the yummy meals during the assembly.

Here, I share with you our fun times.

At right, the JCCFC team, seated from left: Alo Gelano, chairman; Feast Builder Bro. JC Libiran, guest speaker; Marin Uy, director; Edna Blanco, donor; Maritess Cordero, director. Standing, from left: coordinators Betty Correos, Monette Biales, Vilma Senador, Bobot Raymundo, Jolly Arquero, and Princess Libiran.



Co-servants, *clockwise from left: Betty Correos (seated), coordinator; Bobot Raymundo (seated), coordinator; Divine Grace Isidro, coordinator; Vanessa Fernandez, prayer partner; Camille Catipon, guest / tech support; yours truly, coordinator; Vilma Senador (seated), coordinator; Maritess Cordero, director; Edna Blanco, donor.*

And *here's* the JCCFC team with beneficiaries and special guests celebrating Christmas.

Every JCCFC assembly blesses us with the uplifting Word of God.

You meet new friends, bond during fun activities, pray for each other, and share answered prayers and miracles.

You leave each assembly with a smile and look forward to the next gathering.



Pathway to Burdens

God, however, has His ways which may be difficult for us to understand and accept. What was hard and harrowing was after two years, Archibald lost his battle with cancer. I admit that when my husband died, a part of me died with him.

And as though that loss was not enough, our family suffered another blow.

In 2020, the Coronavirus Disease (COVID) Pandemic struck the world-- and my third son, Archibald Jr. He suffered and succumbed to the disease. He was only 27 years old.

It was painful enough to lose my husband. But a parent losing a child is unfathomable. Until now, just looking at my son's picture makes me cry.

But it's also true that behind burdens are blessings.

I may have lost Archibald Jr. but God has well blessed my other children.

My two other sons have stable jobs. The eldest, Greg, is with Resorts World Hotel as supervisor, while Archimon works as a paramedic nurse in Qatar.

My daughter Dayanne is in first year Law Proper at the Arellano College of Law. I am fervently praying she will become a good lawyer.

Pathway to Service

When my husband died, I thought that was the end of my connection with JCCFC.

But Sis. Maritess invited me to join the Foundation as a volunteer coordinator. Of course, I was more than willing to serve JCCFC -- the only way I could reciprocate the blessings we received as a beneficiary.

To this day, being part of Light of Jesus Family prayer meetings and now, serving with JCCFC has made my faith stronger.

We ask: Could anything good come out of tragedy? It could. And it did. Jesus Christ Cares for Cancer Inc. was born out of Reylando Ortega 's heart-wrenching meeting with Brian, a 7-year-old boy who succumbed to cancer in July 2013.

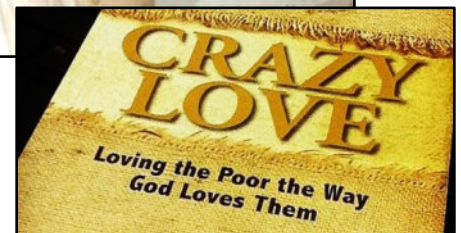
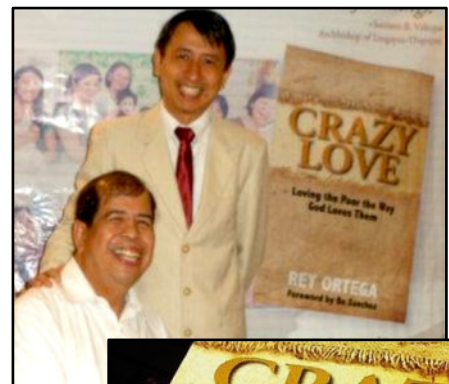
In May 2015, Bro. Rey himself was diagnosed with Stage 4 prostate cancer. With only six months to live, he resolved to spend his remaining days serving indigent cancer patients through JCCFC.

Here with Bro. Bo, Bro. Rey and his book that yes, defines our *Crazy Love* that moves us to serve God's people.

As for me, after my losses, the Lord has given me a new path, and I walk with deep trust that He guides my every step to more paths I yet have to see -- but the best He has for me.

Thank you, LORD! Thank you, JCCFC family. God bless us all.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11





Thank You!

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Jesus Christ Cares for Cancer
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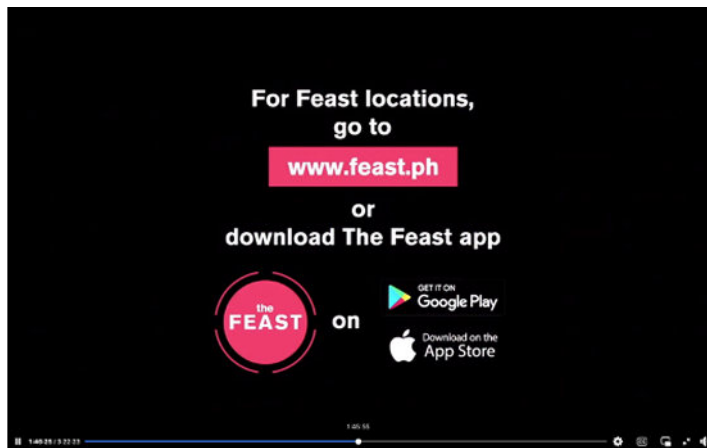
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