



CONFLICTS in the family are normal.

If you put a bunch of people together under one roof who think differently, act differently, speak differently—you'll have conflicts.

We always think of conflicts as bad.

But they don't have to be.

We need conflicts to make our love grow deeper, tougher, and stronger. Without conflicts, the relationship will remain shallow. Today, you'll learn what to do with these conflicts. In today's Feast, we will pray that God heal your family.

May your dreams come true,

Bo Sanchez

WELCOME
to our ongoing
Talk series:
Under One Roof
Living in Blessed
and Broken Families
Talk 2:
Different Yet One

Changes, Changes

“THE beautiful truth is that when you receive Jesus today, you receive His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity-- to change you, to change me, to be a Real Presence of kindness to others.”

That’s the inspiring message of Fr. Bob McConaghy during his Homily last Feast Sunday. How does the change happen? Read on, *page 3*.

Yes, we wish for change especially if we are in the midst of conflicts-- particularly in our family. How do you handle the conflicts? The answer is in today’s Feast Talk which Bro. Bo Sanchez introduces on *page 1*.



Change is possible. But you have to be patient to have results. Because we are humans blessed as well as broken. That’s what Bro. Audee Villaraza discussed last Feast as he tackled Talk 2 of our brand-new series, *Under One Roof. Flashback* starts on *page 12*.

Yes, change is possible. That’s what Sis. Aida Dy and Sis. Linda Reyes, Board members of our Anawim Lay Missions Foundation which runs our Anawim Home for Abandoned Elderly, proved so well-- as they transformed Anawim from nipa huts to resort cottages for our lolos and lolas, *page 24*.

But Sis. Aida and Sis. Linda are no longer with us. In a span of two months, they passed on to Heaven.

We are sad but we have faith that up there, they’re watching

Anawim. We devote our *Mercy Ministries* section to Bro. Bo’s tribute and our remembrance, expressing that our deep love for them will never change.



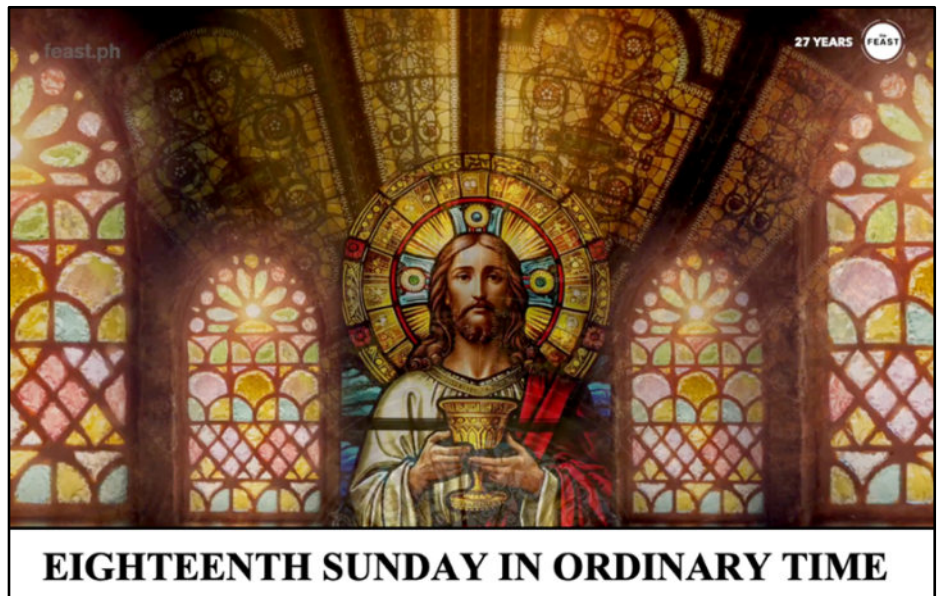
All for God’s Glory,

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the
FEAST **FLASHBACK!**
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Holy Mass



Homily

REV. FR. BOB McCONAGHY
on the Gospel John 6:24-35

Excerpts:

Let's say that my guardian angel appeared to me last night and said, "Fr. Bob, for Priests' Day, we have a special gift you can give away at The Feast. Before you end the Mass, say to the people, 'Remain standing before the final blessing...'"

The angel continued: "Through Eucharistic ministers, Fr. Bob, you come over and take a large loaf of bread, the kind they make at the French Baker. You split that bread into two. You give one-half of the bread to the Eucharistic Minister to your left, and the other half of the bread to the Minister to your right..."

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The Miracle of the Loaf

The angel instructed me to tell the Eucharistic Ministers to simply pass around the loaf and that each attendee should take a small portion of the loaf. And after I say the final blessing, we will start Praise and Worship.

Bro. Bo and Bro. Audee would preach. As we near the end of Praise and Worship, the bread will have been passed around all over PICC.

The two Eucharistic Ministers will then come back with still half or a quarter of the loaf...

This will go viral. The press will call it *The Miracle of the Loaf*.

Word will go out that the priest who will lead the Mass next week will do the same thing. God has given this power to his priests.

Oh, well. Next week, there will be people sleeping overnight here at PICC to be able to get in and get a piece of bread and experience the *Miracle of the Loaf*.



First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

2 The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 3 The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!" 4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus, will I test them to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

12 "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning, you shall have your fill of bread so that you may know that I, the Lord, am your God." 13 In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, 14 and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. 15 On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat."

The Greater Miracle

Supposing that every priest, all over the world, were to receive that power. It'll solve much of world hunger, won't it?

But remember, after 40 days and 40 nights in the desert, Jesus first met Satan. What did Satan offer Him as a shortcut to the Cross?

Satan said, "You see those little stones down there? They look like little Jewish loaves of bread. Turn them into bread and feed the world. People will follow you."

That's why Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone."

Jesus could have said to the Apostles, "My mission is to feed the world. I'm giving you that power and with that, people will follow and believe in everything that I have preached."

But bread will not be enough. Every week, the *Miracle of the Loaf* will be done. But five to ten years from now, I can see a mom waking up her teenage son, "We have to go to the Mass and see the *Miracle of the Loaf*."

The son will then say, "Oh, do I have to? So boring."

The *Miracle* becomes boring because of the Law of Diminishing Return-- which means that any action done repeated over a long period won't have the same result it had the first time. After that first miracle, people would be enlivened. But after a while, they would calm down.

The reason Jesus did the *Miracle of the Loaves and the Fishes* is He was going to do a greater *Miracle*. The *Miracle* for which we all have arrived here today-- to receive the Real Presence of Jesus Christ.



Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

17 Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; 20 that is not how you learned Christ, 21 assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, 22 that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.



Kinds of Presence

You'll notice that when it's time to receive the Holy Communion, I will hold the Host high and say, "This is no longer bread. It *is* Jesus Christ."

But what does that mean? Does it mean that we're receiving Jesus for a little visit and that He would chat with us for 10-15 minutes and then we'll go?

That's why we have a time of silence after the Communion hymn to get in touch with the Lord.

But what does Real Presence mean? I want to clarify that today because there are many kinds of *presence*.

1. Physical Presence

Imagine you are in a crowded elevator, and everybody is silent. Once you reach your floor, you get off and you're no different from when you got on.

Receiving Holy Communion can be like that. We can receive Jesus' Body and Blood-- Soul and Divinity. But it's like getting in an elevator. We're just there for a little quiet conversation. That's Physical Presence. It doesn't change anybody.

When we say that Jesus is physically Present in the Eucharist, actually He is not. We can't chew bones and flesh.

What we receive is the Risen Body of Jesus. That Body can show itself **in different forms-- such as when He walked with his two disciples to Emmaus** and when He showed up to Mary Magdalene who mistook Him as a gardener.

But to us, it comes in the form of Bread-- the Risen Body of Christ.

2. Sociological or Psychological Presence

This is the kind that you experience in a basketball game between Ateneo and La Salle. Everybody goes to the game believing in their team. Their team lives, eats, and drinks basketball all week.

As spectators for around two hours, we feel happy when they win, and we feel sad when they lose. But we're sociologically present to one another.

We are one. We are a community of those who root for La Salle or Ateneo. But once we leave the gymnasium, usually we're no different from when we came in.

3. Real Presence

For example, you go to work or school every day. And you pass by a fellow walking his dog. You see the same guy every day. And you say, “Good morning. Beautiful day. Looks like a little bit of rain coming. Wow, it’s hot outside.”

But supposing one day, you get sick, and you go to the hospital for surgery... You’ll expect your friends to be there. Certainly, your family will be there.

Supposing that fellow has to take a bus and a jeepney to get to the hospital where you are recuperating. And he comes into your room-- unexpected.

He tells you, "I heard you were in the hospital. I just want to let you know that I’ve been praying for your full recovery."

He stays just a couple of minutes and then he leaves.

That's Real Presence.

Real Presence is an action that makes a difference. When you see that man again walking his dog, it’s going to be more than “Good morning, how are you today, beautiful day, looks like a bit of rain coming.”

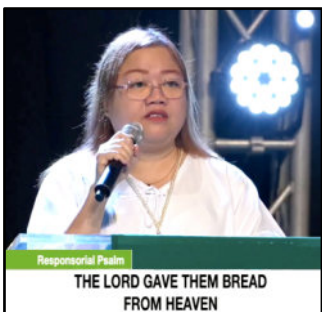
More likely, you'll stop and talk to him. Maybe develop a relationship with him.

Maybe you’ll say, “Could you come to our house sometime? My family was so touched that you came to visit me in the hospital.”

And then you’ll develop a friendship with him.

Eventually, that friendship would make a difference in your life.

Aahh, now we’re getting close to what Real Presence means.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

3 What we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us, 4 we will declare to the generation to come the glorious deeds of the Lord and his strength and the wonders that he wrought. (R)

23 He commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven; 24 he rained manna upon them for food and gave them heavenly bread. (R)

25 Man ate the bread of angels; food he sent them in abundance. 54 And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountains his right hand had won. (R)



The Most Valuable Gift

The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is primarily an action in which Jesus is seeking to do the same thing to you and me as He did to the bread and wine.

Bread and wine in that form are worth just a couple of centavos-- but become the most valuable gift in the world.

So, just as the bread and wine are changed when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, it's an action of Him seeking to change me, to change you into the man, the woman, the teenager, the child that He has called you to be-- and to be that action, that real presence to others.

At Mass, what are we doing? It's an action that started on Holy Thursday, continued on Good Friday, and ended on Easter Sunday. But never ended at all.

For the Jewish mind, once an action begins, it never ends. Each week when I say, "This is my Body. This is my Blood," it's like pulling a plug from an outlet and putting it into the outlet of Holy Thursday night -- and that action of Jesus' Real Presence is just as present to us as it was to the Apostles that night.

We can get used to miracles, as we certainly get used to the *Miracle of the Loaf*. But may we never, ever, get used to the most magnificent miracle of all time.

The beautiful truth is that when you receive Jesus today, you receive His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity-- to change you, to change me to be a Real Presence of kindness to others.

I hope that helps a little. God bless.



Worship!

BRO. JONIE MANAOAT:

Good Morning, Feast!

Grace is always with us. Grace is always enough.
And His grace never runs out. For He is the Way,
the Truth, and the Life.

Worship Him today.



SIS. VANYA CASTOR:

Thank You, God, for giving us life that we've never
seen before. Can we clap for Him? Thank You, Jesus.

Cold morning to Everybody. Amen.

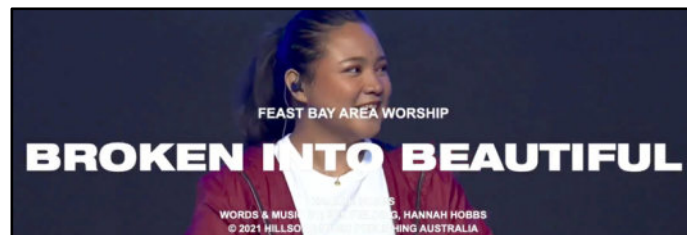
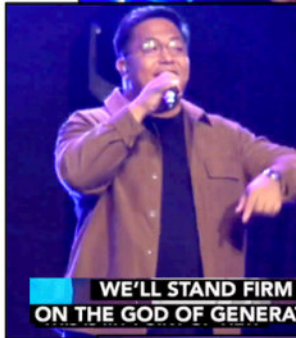
Today, we're going to sing a new song.

We're going to sing this song remembering the deep
hope that we have in Christ. Because, I don't know
about you, but even if you've said *Yes* to Christ, to God
for a while now, or if this is your first time encountering
Him here today, we all have crosses that we sometimes don't know how to carry.
And it takes the tender love of God to help us carry them well.

So, if you're going through oppression. If there is a lack in your life, if you're
brokenhearted, if you are mourning, if you're in the middle of chaotic relationships,
I invite you to make this song your prayer, believing and hoping in our God who
gave freedom to the captives. Our God gives a double portion
of love, joy, peace to those who are isolated and who feel deep
sadness. Our God is faithful
in healing, faithful in restoring,
and faithful in loving us i
n every way.

So, we make this song our
prayer. In the Name of the
Father, and of the Song, and the
Holy Spirit. Amen.

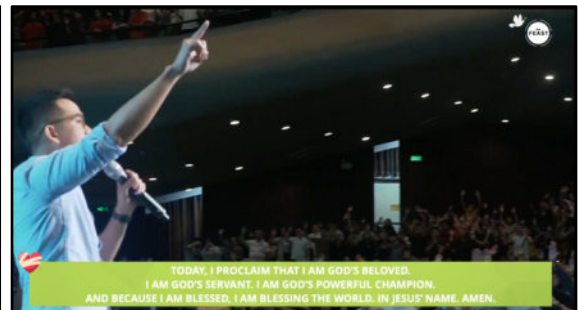
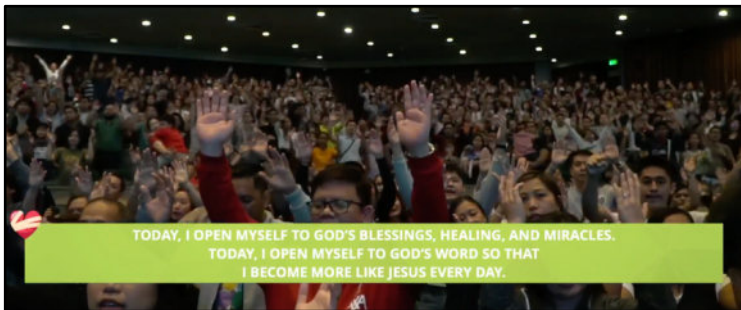
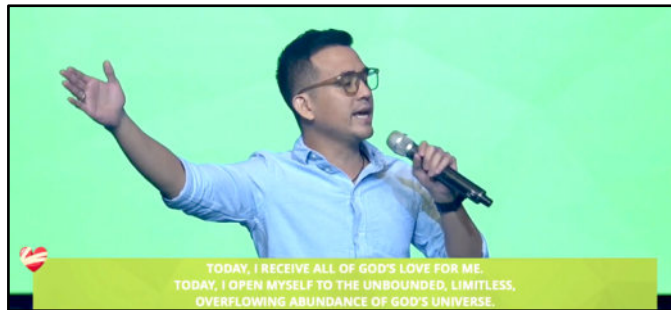




NOVENA TO GOD'S LOVE DECLARATION OF ABUNDANCE

BRO. AUDEE VILLARAZA:

Are you ready to be blessed today? All right, Everybody, raise your hands. Say this prayer with me with conviction, with sincerity, and with a whole lot of passion. Everybody, say:



Everybody, raise
your hands in honor
of God's Word,
and let's sing:

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



Talk



BRO. AUDEE VILLARAZA:

What I love about the Word of God is that you know you can open the fridge and get a snack. You can also open the Bible and get a meal. This is not dessert but the main course.

Today, we get to dine with this wonderful Bread of Life that will feed you and sustain you for the rest of your days.

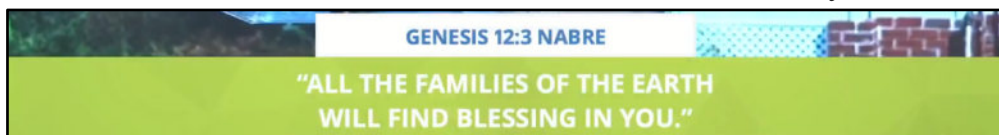
For the next six Sundays, we will study a topic that is relevant for any age, gender, or nationality. We will talk about *Family*. Are you with your family right now? Yeah? That's good. If not, you'll still be blessed by this series.

Here's something interesting. After God created Heaven and the Earth, next, He created the first family -- Adam and Eve. Because God's *modus operandi*, God's intention, was to bless the world through the family -- the first family. Unfortunately, this first family failed. A third party came between God and His children. We know the rest of that story.

But God wasn't done yet. He would raise another family through Abraham.

God said to Abraham this Word which I believe is the Word for all of us today:

"All the families of the Earth will find blessing in you."



So, here's the Word that I wish to profess to all who are here today: "Your family will bless other families."

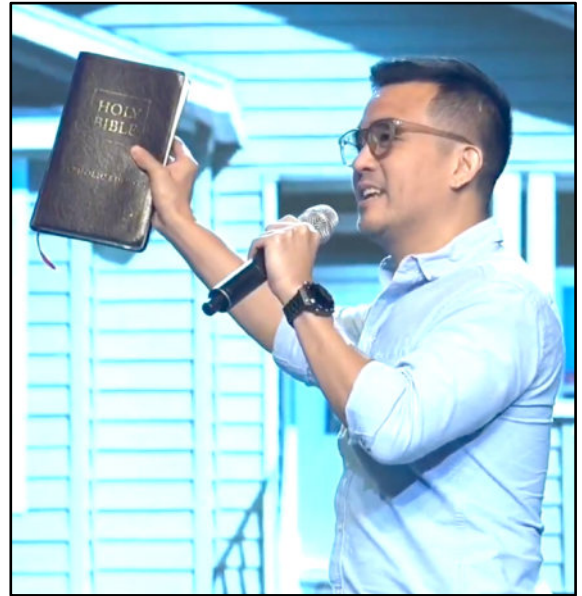


Under Different Roofs

Some of you might say, “Bro. Audee, you don’t know my family. My family is broken, my family is messed up, my family is dysfunctional.”

Yes, I know. How do I know? Because there is no such thing as a perfect family. But despite your brokenness, I declare that God will use you to bless other families too-- that He will turn every defeat in your family to use it for victory. Because what the enemy meant for evil, God can use for the good of those who love Him and for those who are called according to His purpose. I declare that your family will bless other families.

Everybody, put your hands on your chest, and just sincerely say this: *“Lord, I’m right here. I’m open. I’m available. Speak. Your servant is listening. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”*



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





New Talk Series

We're starting a brand new Talk series today. The title of our series is *Under One Roof*. I love the title. It speaks so much about the truth that we live under one roof – under the Roof of God. You might not have the same name as the one beside you, but deep inside, we're all under one roof.

We're all brothers and sisters. But take note: Not all roofs look the same-- because not all families are the same. Some roofs have families there that live in the same house, but their hearts can be living in different worlds.

**PEOPLE MAY LIVE UNDER ONE ROOF,
BUT THEIR HEARTS CAN LIVE IN DIFFERENT WORLDS.**

One person may be living on Earth while the other is on the moon, and another on Mars.

This is obvious in the living room with a television. One person wants to watch drama while the second one likes action, and the third person wants the TV off. We can live under one roof but have different beliefs, different traditions, and priorities.

This message is important: Before God uses you and your family to bless other families, the first thing God needs to do is to bless you and your family. You cannot give what you don't have. How does it feel to live in your home? Does it feel like Heaven? Or like Hell on Earth?

Because again, the message is so important. Here's the thing: God will first bless you and then bless your family. And then you can be a blessing to others.

So, the first thing that God will do is to change you. The moment you encounter God, your job now is to bring Heaven home.

**IF YOU'VE ENCOUNTERED JESUS,
YOU'RE JOB IS TO BRING JESUS HOME.**

Hurts and Healings in the Family

Parents, your children are looking up to you to teach them about Heaven and about Jesus. It's possible that they'll encounter Jesus on the other side of the world, but wouldn't it be amazing if they encounter Jesus from you? When they have their own families, they are inspired to follow the same pattern and culture. Because it starts with you.

Put your hands on your chest and say, "It starts with me."

I'll teach you three powerful statements about families:



ALL FAMILIES ARE BLESSED AND BROKEN AT THE SAME TIME.

1. All families are blessed and broken at the same time. Each family has a blessing from God but isn't it also true that each family is wrestling with something in their family? Whether it be addiction, adultery, abuse, abandonment, and the list can go on and on.

FAMILIES CAN HELP US OR HARM US THE MOST.

2. Families can help us the most. But at the same time, families are also the ones that can destroy us or harm us the most. Why? For two reasons:

a. Proximity: Because they're so close, of physical closeness, there is influence and there is impact.

b. Vulnerability: When you grow up with your family, you're young, you're innocent and you're naïve. So, there's also impact and influence. And sometimes, the influence is not good. In a way, families can develop us but they can also damage us if we're not careful.

IF WE WERE HURT BY FAMILIES, WE CAN ALSO BE HEALED BY FAMILIES.

3. If we were hurt by families, we can also be healed by families. There is a family that you were born into and it's something that you cannot return. You're stuck with them forever. I'm sure the Lord has a purpose why He put you in that family. There is a family as well that you were not born into, but you choose to belong to. Some people call it a spiritual family, a community, or The Feast. But God calls it His church. You might have been hurt too by this family.

Another Family

When your family hurts you, there is another family that God can use to heal you.

But you might say, “Bro. Audee, I’ve also been hurt by my spiritual family.”

My answer to that is, “You may not have perfect parents or perfect church leaders but thank God that you will always have a perfect Father. He will never hurt you. If you grew up without a mother or a father, you still have a Heavenly Father.

I remember when I was invited to a parenting talk.

One of the panelists asked me, “What advice would you give to somebody who at an early age got hurt because their father left them?”

I replied that there are two ways:

First, acknowledge the hurt. You cannot heal if you’re pretending that you’re not hurt.

Second, if you want to move from the hurt, you must stop being the victim.”

Because hey, you might not be responsible for your hurt but you are responsible for your healing.

**YOU MIGHT NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR HURT,
BUT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR HEALING.**

In the animal kingdom, parents will take care of their newborn only for a while. Eventually, that newborn will discover its way of taking care of itself.

But in the human kingdom, it’s different because humans are more complicated. Babies need to be bathed, burped, and “babied” for a long time. There are some humans even if they’re 25 years old already still act like a baby.

My point is that God designed us to be raised in families. There is a saying, “It takes a tribe to raise a child.”

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TO BE RAISED UP IN FAMILIES.**

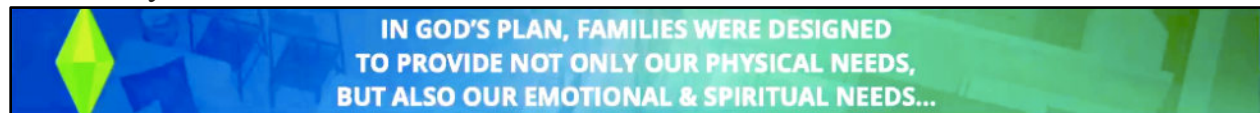


Parents' Role

Parents, your role is not just to provide a roof over your children or to put food on their table. Your children have more than just physical needs.

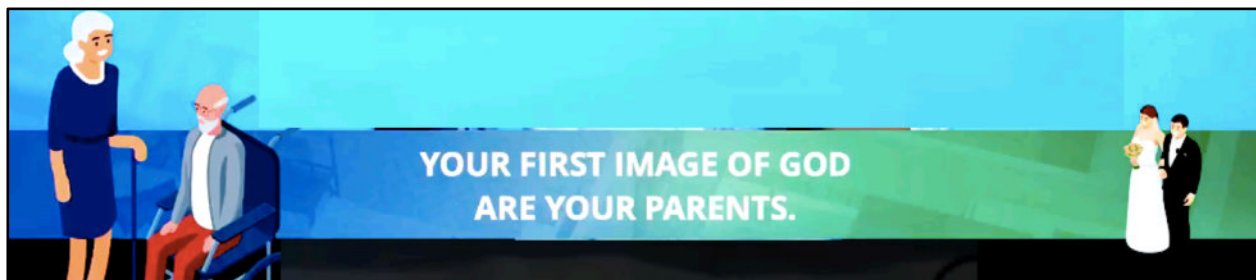
They are human beings with emotional and, most important, spiritual needs. Experts believe that a child's formative years happen from four to five years old. They are like sponges that absorb everything.

My advice to parents is to have meaningful conversations with your children. Make mealtime the most important time for them. No gadgets. Talk to them. That's what they will remember for the rest of their life. That's what they'll do when they have their own families.



The best advice I can give you now is to build a strong table for your children. Why? So that when they grow up, they will never have to look for a seat at the table of others.

Your children can say, "At my home, I am loved. I am welcome. I can be who God called me to be."



It's wonderful to know that as a parent, I am the first image of God to my child. It can also be frightening. Because who I am as a parent, will also be my children's image of God. If Daddy is always angry, then God is an angry God. If Mom is always grumpy, then God is a grumpy God.

The Father of Jesus

I noticed for a fact that Jesus had a wonderful earthly father.

How do I know that?

The Bible says that when the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, Jesus said, “When you pray, say “Father.”



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“WHEN YOU PRAY, SAY: FATHER...”

Jesus used the word *father* to represent God. That gives me the idea that He had a wonderful relationship with His Heavenly Father-- because Jesus had a wonderful relationship with His Papa Joseph.

**JESUS KNEW HIS HEAVENLY FATHER SO WELL
BECAUSE HIS PAPA JOSEPH IMAGED HIM WELL.**

Sadly, the reality today is families are broken. We’re dysfunctional. Some people never grew up with parents. But it doesn’t remove the fact that family should be your first church.

You’re supposed to learn **Two Major Points about Family:**

**IDENTITY
MORALITY**

1. Identity

This is basic. This is who you are in God. You’re a person worthy to be loved. You’re a person created *by* God and *for* God.

FAMILY IS YOUR FIRST CHURCH.

2. Morality

You’re supposed to learn from your family how to love God in mind, heart, and spirit and how to love your neighbor just as Jesus loves them.

Family is your first experience of God’s love.

FAMILY IS YOUR FIRST EXPERIENCE OF GOD’S LOVE.



Good News

Some families don't understand God's love. Why? Because the father is narcissistic, and the mother may be excessively vain. They don't experience the unbelievable love of God.

But hey, in case that's your story, my Friend, the good news is that your story doesn't have to end in brokenness, dysfunction, and defeat.

In the Bible, in the story of Adam and Eve, they had so much potential. But they failed.

Later, Abraham came but he disobeyed God too. And then came another family, and another -- until Moses came.

Moses was born as a Hebrew, but he was adopted by an Egyptian family. Talk about a mixed race.

This is a picture of our society today-- foster families, blended families, mixed families.

But God used Moses for a miracle – to free the nation of Israel. Moses was a picture of somebody who almost got killed (when he was a baby). At that time, the Pharaoh ordered a decree that all Hebrew babies be killed. The Pharaoh thought that the Hebrews were getting so powerful that he needed to control their population. So, every baby would be killed.

Backstory: To save Moses, his mother put him in a safe basket and laid it in the reeds by the (Nile) river's bank. The Egyptian Pharaoh's daughter, then bathing in the river, discovered the baby in the basket and took him as her own. (Exodus 2)

This is important: Moses was a picture of somebody who was almost killed *before* he had the opportunity to be called by God.

I'm praising God right now for parents who see the potential in their children and the hidden significance of God's anointing in their children-- long before God will even start to use them.

Parents, don't treat your children like a bonsai-- a small plant in a container and you prune away characteristics you do not like about them.

God will use your children when they grow up. Your only job is to protect and prepare them for when that happens. God has an anointing for them. You better protect your children. You better prophesy the great situations that God will use them for.

Two Lessons from Moses's Story



**GOD CAN USE THE BLESSINGS
OF YOUR FAMILY.**

1. God can use the blessings of your family

I have been a Feast Builder for about nine years, since 2017. If you asked me nine years ago if I wanted to build a Feast, I would have said to your face, “Are you on drugs?”

The last thing I ever dreamed of was to be a preacher. I never dreamed I’d preach.

There are two situations that people fear in life. One is death and the second is public speaking. And 95% of people in this room will probably agree with me.

Let me tell you a secret. By knowing what I know now, by feeling what I feel right now, and seeing what God has done for me in the last nine years, I can tell you that the Lord has been preparing me for this role for a long time.

When I was 10 years old, my parents started teaching Catechism in our community. My parents would gather the children of the poor families near our village, and they would teach Catechism in our home at 3:00 p.m.

My job there was very simple but it was the most important job ever. And that was to prepare the sandwiches and juice to feed the children. That’s it.

In hindsight, little did I know that God was already preparing me to feed thousands of people through His Word. God is amazing.

I wonder what kind of preparation God is doing in your life right now. He might be preparing you for a greater mission that you cannot believe and that you have not seen. So, you better be ready.

Do you know God’s purpose for all of us? He wants us to enlarge our family. Your family should not just be your immediate family.



**MY PARENTS ENLARGED OUR FAMILY,
WHICH IS GOD'S PURPOSE FOR EVERY FAMILY ON EARTH.**

God's Purpose

One day, I was dreaming that I would be able to raise my kids the same way that I was raised. I grew up in a small village. My neighbors and our family were so close to one another. How close? When they come to our house, they open our fridge to get food-- even without our permission.

Now, I see the fruits of that blessing. My son is six years old, and he has friends in our condo community. We're so happy every time they come to our home and ransack our fridge.

We say, "Welcome to our home!"

That's what life is to us. You know they're welcome, they're part of our kids.

One day, if it's God's will that my children get married and have kids of their own, I pray that the children-- my grandchildren-- will come to our house and they may ransack our refrigerator.

Because that is God's purpose – that we would enlarge our family.

By the way, you, joining a Light Group, is also God's way of enlarging your family with people you're not even related to.

You enlarge your family when you open your door and say to your Light Group members, "Welcome to our family! Feel at home. Because this is your family now."

Yesterday, we celebrated the 27th Founding Anniversary of The Feast.



On August 3, 1997, The Feast was launched at Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City with young Bo Sanchez as the preacher. A few years later, we moved to Valle Verde. After that, we moved to San Juan Arena. Three months later, on May 30, 2010, we moved to PICC.

Today, here we are at The Feast. God is good to our Community. We started with one family by the name of Sanchez who loved the Lord so much that they said, "Lord, enlarge our family."

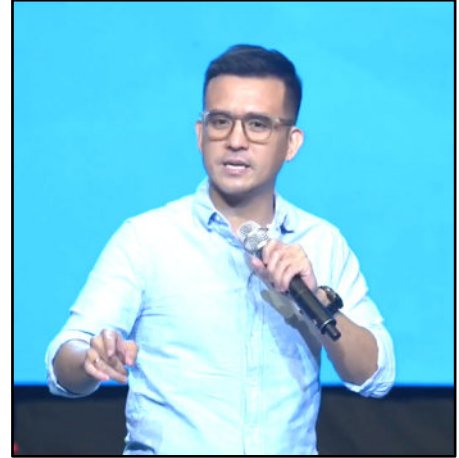
GOD WILL USE THE BROKENNESS OF YOUR FAMILY.



2. God will use the brokenness of your family.

When you read the Bible, you kind of wonder why its authors put all the failures, mistakes, and dysfunctions of all the Bible heroes. They could have just removed those parts to have a happy ending.

But they wrote how Abraham disobeyed God and how King David killed the husband of the woman he wanted. So many stories of Bible heroes failing one after the other. Why would you put the failure of each Bible hero?



IN THE BIBLE, GOD USED THE MESSIEST FAMILIES TO BLESS THE WORLD.

Because the Bible authors wanted to highlight the failure of each person simply because they also wanted to highlight the faithfulness of God -- that even if we have failed, God succeeded. Even when you're weak, God is strong. Even when you've sinned, God is merciful. God is faithful.

In the Bible, God used the messiest families to bless the world. I believe God is doing that to this day.

God said to Abraham: "All the families of the Earth will find blessing in you."

Abraham's family grew so big. He was a generational parent, and his family grew to thousands of people...

But if you follow the storyline, you'll see that the Hebrews became slaves in Egypt for 400 years.

You kind of wonder where was the blessing that God was saying to Abraham-- that all the families will find blessing in him... In the Old Testament, I don't see the blessing happening.

The key, my Friends, is this: The blessing of God sometimes comes immediately but sometimes, it gets delayed. But it always comes.

The promise of God didn't come in Abraham's timeline... Until one day, it arrived in the form of a Person named Jesus Christ. He would come from the lineage of King David whose lineage came from Abraham.



The Family Secret

The promise of God to Abraham was not material. It was not an emotional blessing.

It was a blessing of a Messiah coming to bless you and He will be the One to use you to be a blessing to others too. It's Jesus who will be the One to use you to be a blessing to others.

How many of you want a bad family life? If you want to have a bad family life, focus on yourself.

How many want to have a good family? Focus on your spouse and your children.

But how many want to have a great family?

Here's the secret: Focus on Jesus.

When you put Jesus in the center of your life, my Friends, a bond of three is harder to break: there will be peace, joy, and love.

**A BOND OF THREE IS HARDER TO BREAK.
KEEP JESUS AT THE CENTER.**

Through Jesus Christ, only through Jesus Christ, the Living Bread, the Manna from Heaven, He will be the One to bless not just you and your children, but your children's children and the generations that will come after you.

Oh, my goodness! Jesus will use you because He is the Messiah. He will break every chain that has shackled you – generational sins, addictions, trauma, and hurt that have plagued your generation. The Lord will change that because He will start using you. It starts how? It starts with you.

Put your hand on your chest and say: "It starts with me."

Let's pray:

Lord, Thank You for this message of hope. My heart is filled with a burning hope that I know I can be blessed, and I can be a blessing to the world.

Today, I ask you to change me, to forgive me, and eventually to use me. In Jesus' Name. Amen.





MERCY MINISTRIES

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

--Matthew 5:7

ANAWIM HOME FOR ABANDONED ELDERLY

Two for the Mission

IN his recent Instagram post, our founder,
Bro. Bo Sanchez, wrote:

Warning: 2 Hard Questions...🔥🔥🔥

1. When you walk on a patch of earth, do you transform it to become a little piece of heaven?
2. When you enter into a situation, does it become more beautiful?



For Anawim: Sis. Aida,
Bro. Bo, and Sis. Linda

I have two friends, Tita Linda and Tita Aida.

Both were happy widows in their 70s.

They also ran their own businesses.

One day after The Feast, they told me, “Brother Bo, we will serve in Anawim.”

Anawim is our Home for the Abandoned Elderly.

I said "Sure!" and they embraced Anawim with all their hearts.

The moment they entered our gates, Anawim changed forever.

Before they walked in, it was bare. Functional. Clean.

But after they walked in, BOOM, it became soooo beautiful, people would tell me, “Bo, Anawim looks like a resort!”

That’s because of Aida Dy and Linda Reyes. They oversaw the construction of six new homes for the elderly, our recreation center, our visitors’ area, and so much more. They served Anawim for many years.

But today, I have sad news. In a span of two months, Linda and Aida passed away. Linda on May 15, 2024, and Aida on July 31, 2024.

Linda was 87. Aida was 85.

They’re in Heaven now, watching over Anawim.

Priceless Gifts

Our post on the website of Kerygma (now Feast) Family (<https://kerygmfamily.com/home/two-cousins-for-the-lord/>;) essayed the priceless gifts Sis. Aida and Sis. Linda gave to Anawim. Here... IF anyone will ever write a book on Anawim, the names Aida Dy and Linda Reyes will most likely be on almost every page.

Sis. Aida and Sis. Linda were members of the Board of Anawim Lay Missions Foundation Inc. led by our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez. And so, they helped Bro. Bo in establishing management policies of our Home for Abandoned Elderly.

Anawim Lay Missions opened our Home in 1996 to rejected and abandoned elderly roaming the streets.



We started with nipa huts for the lolos and lolas. In time, Sis. Aida and Sis. Linda helped build concrete cottages yes, that look like those you find in resorts—a sanctuary for those poor and abandoned elderly who have nowhere else to go.

Ever present: Sis. Aida and Sis. Linda during groundbreaking rites for new Anawim homes led by Bro. Bo and staunch supporter mom, Sis. Pilar Sanchez. With them, donors Erwin Bulatao (*extreme left*) and Donna and Rolly España



Transitions



First chapel



Chapel today



Old cottage



Cottage today



Anawim 'resort'

Anawim Love

Very close cousins, Sis. Aida and Sis. Linda worked all these years to improve Anawim services for our lolos and lolas. With fellow Board member Sis. Marissa Chikiamco and Bro. Carlos Dimson, Anawim Center director, Sis. Aida and Sis Linda endeavored to implement Anawim's programs:



Care and Rehabilitation— taking care of the nutrition and health needs of each elderly through volunteer services shared by physicians and medical staff;

Home Life— giving the best care and support as our way of sharing God's love on Earth to each rejected and abandoned elderly;

Spiritual Life—finding respite in God's loving arms through regular prayers and reflection;

One-on-one Counselling—listening, giving compassionate pieces of advice.

Anawim Pillars

To be able to implement such programs, Sis. Aida and Sis. Linda, aside from contributing their own resources, raised funds for Anawim. Every Sunday, they were at the lobby of the Feast Bay Area, the prayer gathering led by Bro. Bo at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). There, they sold beautiful pieces of fashion jewelry to raise funds for Anawim's needs.



Here, standing strong as Anawim pillars, *from left:* Bro. Bo Sanchez; Fr. Steve Tynan; Sis. Linda, Sis. Aida, Mercy Ministries chair Bro. Hermie Morelos, Sis. Reng Morelos, and Sis. Marowe Sanchez.

The Foundation needs financial resources not only for the day-to-day operations of our Home. Sis. Linda and Sis. Aida actively worked on fulfilling Bro. Bo's vision to build ten Anawim branches in various parts of the country, not only for the elderly but also for orphans, street children, handicapped, drug dependents, unwed mothers, women in crisis.

Anawim's website says, *"The tears from being rejected and abandoned in their old age by their loved ones are slowly being wiped away in Anawim— their haven, their little piece of heaven on earth."*

Sis. Aida and Sis. Linda compassionately turned those tears into smiles in Anawim.





Thank You!

The Feast Family, now organized as the Feast Mercy Ministries, is a spin-off ministry of the Light of Jesus Family founded by Bro. Bo Sanchez. Earlier named as Kerygma Family, The Feast Family is a unique online, non-physical, borderless, international community of friends who support each other's personal growth.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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provides financial assistance and pastoral care for indigent cancer patients.



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



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



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

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



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

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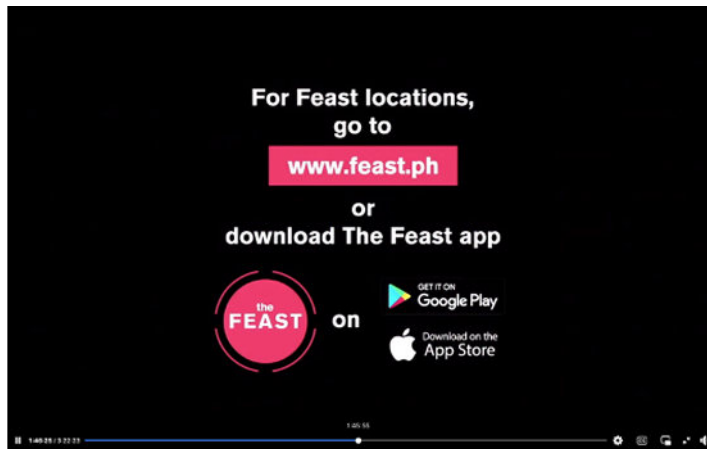
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— Matthew 28:19

