



WELCOME to our BIG DAY!

Certainly, we all had powerful and practical learning experiences with our Feast Talk series, *9 to 5: What the Bible Says About Our Work.*

If you think about it, our work, our jobs, our mission are products of our daily CHOICES and ACTIONS – hidden or seen, in private or in public.

CHOICES

It all starts in the mind – in our thoughts, which become actions, that become habits, which become our character, and ultimately, our life. That was my little take home lesson from watching *Superman*, the movie, twice.

Clark Kent’s dad told him, “Your choices, your actions are what make you who you are.” (Sorry for a little spoiler there.)

And your choices and actions – whether small or big – have effects, not just on yourself but ultimately, on your family, your health, your job, your relationships, your world -- and the world around you!

That’s why the Bible gives us a basic tip on what we do: “*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*” (1 Corinthians. 10: 31).

You can’t go wrong with that. Because again, your choices and actions have consequences. The Word of God tells us that too: “*What you sow you shall reap.*” (Galatians 6: 7)

But here’s another important tip: You can’t do it alone – make the right choices and actions all the time. Many times, we get confused and challenged. We may know what is right yet still do the opposite.

That’s why we need God. We need JESUS. We need the Holy Spirit.

Apart from Him you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Let’s learn more about this today.

Get ready for another life-changing Feast!



...and

ACTIONS

Mayroong Magandang Mangyayari sa ‘Yo!

Alvin Barcelona

I'm Good!

THAT's what we usually say when someone asks us, "How are you?"

And we are indeed good!

Last Feast Sunday, July 13, 2025, the Gospel Reading was about the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

In his Homily during the Feast Mass, :Rev. Fr. Paolo Asprer said: "We resonate deeply with the story because the Good Samaritan is in all of us. The Good Samaritan is around us... The parable teaches us that love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable. They are the ultimate criterion of holiness," *page 3*.

Sometimes, we are not aware of it-- but indeed, God has meant us to be Good Samaritans, and indeed, somehow, without fanfare, we want to and we do something good-- to serve God and our neighbor.

In last Sunday's Feast Talk, Talk 5 of our series, 9-5, Bro. Bo Sanchez called this desire to do good as "quiet faithfulness." And our greatest model is our Lord Jesus Himself who before He became a preacher did an ordinary job as carpenter. Bro. Bo added: "We also do an ordinary work. Our service may not be visible, but God sees it," *page 9*.

Bro. Audee Villaraza (*left*), in his part of the Talk, called it TASK-- Tiny Acts of Selfless Kindness, *page 16*.

And today, we will learn more about this, as Bro. Alvin Barcelona says in his intro of our Big Day Feast Talk on *Choices and Actions*, *page 1*.

By the way, because of technical glitches, we could not include in this issue part of the *Worship* section. Our Apologies.

Instead, we share with you the report of Bro. Hermie Morelos in the *Anawim Year 30th Anniversary Special of Anawim Herald*. By God's Grand Design, the story of our Anawim Home for Abandoned Elderly happens to also center on the theme "quiet faithfulness." Because Anawim started from desires of our early members of the Light of Jesus

Family to become missionaries serving the poor, *page 19*.

Yes, that makes us good!



All for God's Glory,

Randy Borromeo
Media Ministry
Executive Director





Holy Mass



Homily

REV. FR. PAOLO ASPRER
on the Gospel Luke 10:25-37

Excerpts:

GOOD MORNING, Sisters and Brothers, in Christ!

Peace and blessings to everyone!

The Gospel Reading this Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, which is the Parable of the Good Samaritan, is one of the most famous and well-loved stories in the Bible.

We resonate deeply with the story because the Good Samaritan is in all of us. The Good Samaritan is around us.

The parable teaches us that love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable. They are the ultimate criterion of holiness. Love of God without love of neighbor is empty piety-- pious sentimentality--while love of neighbor, without love of God, is merely activism-- philanthropy.

True holiness-- love of God and love of neighbor-- is something concrete and inclusive.

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Three Samaritans in Us

The First Reading reminds us that the seed of love of God and love of neighbor is not something far-fetched. It is not something mysterious. Because God Himself planted that seed of love in our hearts.

What we need to do is to open our hearts. Receive that gift. Embrace that gift. Nurture that gift. Share that gift. It is God Himself who inscribed that law in our hearts. And who is the ultimate model? Our Lord Jesus.

The Second Reading says that in His service, in His passion, death, and glory, He is the true Good Samaritan.

My dear Feasters, my dear Friends in Christ, who are we in the story?

Three characters: First is the Jewish traveler; Second is the Priest and the Levite; and Third is the Good Samaritan.

All those characters are present in our life journey.

1. Jewish Traveler

Why was the Jewish traveler there? It was already common knowledge that the journey from Jerusalem to Jericho was a dangerous road because it was full of robbers. Maybe the Jewish traveler was a hardworking merchant, a hardworking businessman, a good provider for his family. But perhaps he was also foolish. That road was dangerous.

We can learn from the Jewish traveler that life is a journey. Life is full of surprises, wonders, and miracles.

But life is also messy -- a lot of twists and turns. The journey of life leaves us vulnerable. The world that we live in is a wounded world. It can be dangerous and selfish. That is why we have to be strong. We are open, but we are also discerning. We have to be resilient because, at the end of the day, we must take care of ourselves.

We are all the products of our own decisions and choices. Sometimes, we would blame our situation on something else. We would claim that our woundedness, perhaps, is not because of our choice and decision.

But our journey is for healing. Transcending... going beyond the wounds. Beyond all the wounds is our responsibility, our accountability before the Lord.

Life is a journey. It is also a choice, our decision.

2. The Priest and the Levite

Neither of them helped the Jewish traveler who was wounded and abandoned, left alone.

The Priest and the Levite* could not help the man for two reasons: Ritual Purity and Personal Safety.

The Levite was a servant in the Temple.

So, he probably thought: "If the Priest didn't do it, why would I?"

Safety first. Why didn't the Priest help the man?

The book of *Numbers* says that anyone who touches a dead man, or perhaps a half-dead person, is rendered unclean and ritually impure for seven days. (Numbers 19:11).

So, the Priest must be like: "How can we minister to the Temple? How can we lead the Worship if we are ritually impure, unclean?"

The Priest and the Levite were bound by purity laws.

But the Samaritan was without purification laws because Samaritans were deemed as heretics, schismatics.

As Jewish people would say, "They have no law."

The Priest and the Levite were not bad people. They only had their priorities clear. Ritual purity over compassion.

Are your priorities clear? Do our priorities lead us closer to the heart of God?

The Priest and the Levite were dutiful citizens. They were obedient to the law. They have that sense of caution and duty. But have their priorities led them closer to the heart of God?

I like the popular advice: "Sometimes, it is better to be kind rather than to always be right."

Sometimes, we do the right things for the wrong reasons-- but God looks straight into our hearts.



First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

10 Moses said to the people: "If only you would heed the voice of the Lord, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul. 11 "For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. 12 It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' 13 Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' 14 No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

*In the Bible, Priests were Levites-- from the tribe of Levi, one of the 12 tribes of Israel, responsible for religious duties related to the Tabernacle, or later, the Temple. (<https://www.google.com/search?q=what+are+levites+in+the+bible>)

3. The Samaritan

Finally, we also find ourselves in situations where we are the Good Samaritan.* We go beyond boundaries. We go beyond that label of being a *sinner*. Because we have a deeper calling. The calling of greater love.

True love is not something abstract.

For love to be complete, it must be concrete. The action of the Samaritan was something risky-- but that is what love is all about. For love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of ourselves.

The love of the Samaritan was simple. It was personal. But it was sacrificial. He bandaged the wounds of the Jewish traveler. He didn't stop there. He brought the man to an inn and asked the innkeeper to take care of him.

We would say true love hurts-- that, indeed, sounds burdensome, isn't it?

Perhaps we should not say: "True love hurts." Rather, say: "Love until it hurts no more."

My dear Friends in Christ, we are called to this sacrificial self and selfless love of Jesus who is the True Good Samaritan. We simply go beyond priorities.

We ask ourselves: "Do these priorities lead us closer and deeper to the very heart of God? Amen.

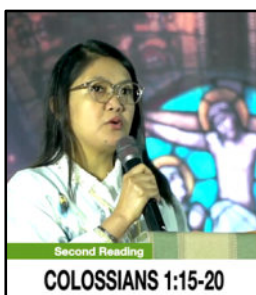


**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37
(or Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11)**

R: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

4 I pray to you, O Lord, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. 17 Answer me,

O Lord, for bounteous is your kindness; in your great mercy turn toward me. (R)



Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

15 Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

*Samaritans, from the Samaritan region in north Judea, were separate from the Jews because they have different beliefs and cultural identity, marked by animosity or antagonism.

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Worship!

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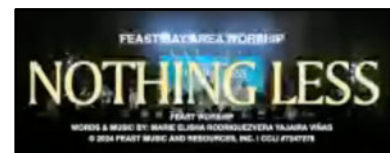
BRO. AUDEE VILLARAZA:

My dear Friends, God didn't give us leftovers. when we needed a Savior, He didn't send one of His angels down, or His cousin, or any relative. No. He sent His only Son, Jesus, to come down so that we can be saved from our sins. That's excellent love. Extravagant love.

And so, the only way that we can repay this kind of love is by loving Him back and loving others.

The God who gave everything that He has to all of us, time and time again, He deserves nothing less but our total surrender, our full attention. He deserves all that we've got.

All your struggles, all your pains, just give them to God and say: "Thank You, Jesus for moving me the way You do."



Special Greetings!

Throughout the entire week, for many days, we were preparing for this wonderful occasion: The celebration of the birthday of Sis. Marowe, July 3; Bro. Bo, July 11; and their Wedding Anniversary, July 11. They got married on July 11, 1998-- yes, on the birth date of Bro. Bo)

Some people have given a lot of stuff so that people can experience the generosity of Bro. Bo, because that's how who he is. That's the spirit of our founder. He gives his all to all people.

So, outside, there are free pandesal with peanut butter (Bro. Bo's favorite) and milk. And free body spray for you to take home. So, people just wanted to bless our friend, and our spiritual mom, Sis. Marowe. Thank you.

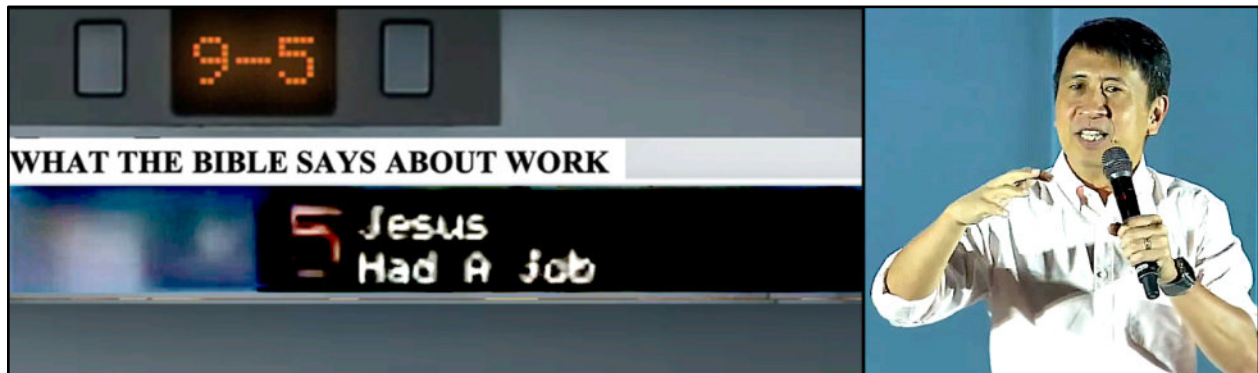
Everybody, let's extend our hands to Bro. Bo and Sis. Marowe, and pray:

Father, we Thank You so much for the life of these two persons who have willingly and completely served You to this day. Thank You, Lord, that we receive so much blessings from them. We can only pray Lord that You continue to fill them up with blessings to overflowing, equip them Lord to love each other even deeper. We love them, oh Lord, and we find comfort in knowing You love them more than any of us could. And so, bless them, Lord, bless their marriage, bless their body, mind, and spirit so that they can serve You even longer. This is our prayer, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to you!

Talk



BRO. BO SANCHEZ:

Thank you so much, guys. Love it. Love it.

I want you to tell somebody beside you: "God sees your hidden ordinary work."

Listen: 99% of your work is hidden. This is how we are going to close our Feast Talk series, 9-5. This is the last talk and I really just want to speak to people who feel unacknowledged, unrecognized, and who feel not fulfilled in their work.

I want to look at people in the eye. People who feel that they've been working and working but nothing substantial is happening for them. They feel they are stuck; they are lost.

They are like: "Am I doing the right thing?"

If you are that person-- you feel unrewarded, you feel the salary you're receiving is not commensurate. If you feel nothing valuable is happening in your career, in your profession, this message is for you. I pray that God will bless you abundantly.

Thank you, Feast, for preparing that greeting for me and my wife Marowe. Thank you, Audee, all the leaders and servants. Beautiful. We receive your love.

My wife and I have been married for 27 years. Let me backtrack a bit.

In the first two years of our marriage, we were living in an apartment. We were renting it for P2,600 a month. After that, my favorite mother-in-law gifted us with a tiny lot near her house. It was 80 square meters. We gradually built our tiny house on top of that. I thanked my mother-in-law for giving us that lot.

I told her, "You really miss your daughter. You want to see her."

She said, "No. I miss my grandchildren. I want to see them."



Three Points Why Jesus Is Like Us

1. Like Us, Jesus Did Ordinary Work

There are distinct advantages of having a tiny house. We've been living in our tiny house for 25 years. One advantage is that I don't have to shout to call my children.

I just whisper, "Boys," and they will say, "Yes, Dad?"

The second advantage is when it's a bit hot, I just open the refrigerator door and we have a centralized air conditioner.

The other advantage is that because we are with our Faith Community, we always have visitors at home.

The leaders would meet there. Our kids would bring their youth group there. There is a long line of people outside wanting to go in. I issue tickets with time slots. I'm exaggerating-- but not too much. It's pandemonium every time when we have a meeting there.

We've been doing that for 25 years. I'm turning 60 next year. At a time when other couples are empty-nesting and therefore downsizing their houses, I cannot downsize my house. It is impossible. If I downsize my house, my wife and I will live in a birdhouse.

So, we're doing the exact opposite. We're building a bigger house. One of the major reasons is that we want to welcome people. We want to have a pocket Eden (a small version of the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve initially lived with God).

Our bigger house will still be very near our little house and my mother-in-law's house. She'll still see her grandchildren.

I look at the construction site and I see we have a bunch of wonderful workers there. If I do what they're doing, I'll probably last for six minutes and then collapse. They work so hard under the scorching sun. Even if it's raining, they're still working. We have a good number of them but I'm going to introduce three of them.

The first one is Felix Española. He's 66 years old but he's as strong as a bull. He's from Pagadian.

The next guy is Eric Dalosa. He has four kids. He's from Leyte, Borongan.

The last one, the youngest, is Jerico Pandak. He's 20 years old. Ironically, he's very tall. His parents were from Mindanao but he was born in Manila.



At the construction site, *from left:* Felix, Eric, and Jerico.

Jesus Built My House?

In Mark 6:3, the people of Nazareth, they saw Jesus and they said: “Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son?”

Mark 6:3 NABRE

³ Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary...?

Let’s extend our hands to the Word of God:

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

The original Greek word used for *carpenter* was *tekton*. It's very interesting because for a lot of us, *carpenter* means somebody who works with wood. But *tekton* is a broader word.

In ancient Israel, there was very little wood and very little timber. Most likely, yes, Jesus worked with wood. He would be building homes, roofs, and doors. He would actually be building with olive oil. Basically, it's more also of a mason, a stone cutter. That would be a *tekton*.

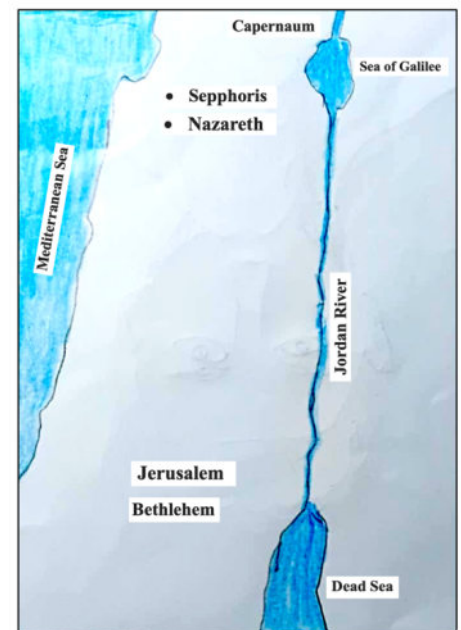
Jesus lived in Nazareth. It was a peasant village, maybe it had about 30 homes. Jesus was building homes not only in Nazareth. Working as carpenter there was not enough to earn a living.

Most likely, Jesus had an ordinary job. Why did I show you the picture of Felix, Eric, and Jerico? Because if I was living in Nazareth, 2,000 years ago, Jesus must be like... I'll show you how I imagine Jesus...

Probably, Jesus was one of the builders of my house. Not only that. Historians would say that He and His father, Joseph, a *tekton*, too, probably worked in big construction projects in nearby towns like Sepphoris.

Nazareth would be about one to two hours away from Sepphoris which was a bigger city. They had walls to build. They had cisterns to build. They had a marketplace to build. Most likely, Jesus and Joseph worked there. They could also had worked in Capernaum. Sepphoris was about 1 to two hours away by foot. Capernaum was about 12 hours by foot.

Jesus commuted--like you. Like us, Jesus did ordinary work.





God Sees You

You see Jesus as a preacher. You see Jesus as a healer. You see Jesus as a miracle worker. But Jesus was a *tekton* longer. Jesus was a preacher for 3 years. Most likely, Jesus was a *tekton* for 18.

In ancient Israel, you apprenticed with your father when you were somewhere around the age of 12. Historical guess is that Jesus had 18 years of doing ordinary work, as apprentice with His father Joseph.

What's so interesting about Joseph is that in all of the Bible, there was not a recording of one single word he spoke.

Joseph was so quiet. He was an ordinary worker. He spoke through his work.

Think about it. He did not say much but he spoke by raising Jesus, The Word.

I'm speaking to people who feel as though nothing worthy is happening in their lives and who feel as though they're not being recognized and appreciated.

If this is you, do not despise your hidden years. Do not underestimate the power of *quiet faithfulness*. A day will come when you will see yourself getting rewarded, getting recognized. One day, you will harvest the fruit of your labor--if you endure, if you persevere, and if you do God's will.

Marowe, Sweetheart, we have a wonderful and amazing 27-year-marriage. How did we do it? Every single week, we would date. Every single morning, I'd wake up and I'd kiss you. We'd pray together. I'd prepare a glass of water for you every morning. Every morning, I'm trying to do my little service to you. 27 years of quiet faithfulness. You have forgiven me of all the mistakes I've done all these 27 years. *Quiet faithfulness*. Hidden, not seen. I love you.



Friends, God sees you even when the world doesn't see you. God sees you in your ordinary job. A day will come when you will be rewarded.

Everybody, put your hand over your chest and pray:

"Heavenly Father, continue to speak to me. Continue to let Your Word stir up in me a trust that is so deep that I will not be shaken no matter what circumstances happen in my life. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen."



Quiet Faithfulness

I was reflecting on this, our Community. We will be celebrating 45 years of being together. I'll be going to Brussels this September. Feasts all over Europe will be gathering. Can you just imagine having Feasts in Europe, in various countries? How did this happen?

Well, it started in a garage 45 years ago. I share this a lot-- that for the first few years, we were growing and it was wonderful. It was amazing. From 30 persons, our number became 50 and then 100, 200, 500, 1,000. We were unstoppable. Then, 1,500, and we hit 2,000. But then, we just stayed at 2,000. We shrunk back to 1,500, 1,000. Then, we hit 2,000 again. We went back to 1,500 again.

It was so frustrating because we were looking at the different communities and they were growing like crazy.

I remember reading a magazine from Couples for Christ and I couldn't believe it. I was thinking of how good they were as they reached 1 million members all over the world. Then, I heard about El Shaddai. They had 8 million members at their peak.

Why we're not growing? Do you know how long we stayed in that range from 1,500 to 2,000? 27 years! We were wondering why we were stuck. But we pressed on. Some of us wanted to give up, especially at the later part of those 27 years.

I was looking at our people, especially our leaders-- they were already getting older. No new people were coming in. No young people were joining us. The average age of our prayer group was slowly getting older. I was asking myself: "From Light of Jesus Community, are we turning into Light of Jesus, Home for the Elderly? Where are the young people? We are not attracting them."

But one day, God did something and I cannot share you the details of that since it's not part of this Talk. I just want you to know that God came in and did something. He recognized our efforts. They were all hidden for 27 years.

Quiet faithfulness. We did not give up. God saw us in those 27 years. We didn't know that He was building a foundation.

Those people who were there for those 27 years became the pillars. They became the foundation for the extraordinary growth that came at that pivotal moment.

Today, we are spread out in 31 countries. Today, we have Feasts in hundreds of cities and hundreds of provinces. God's grace. But it took a long time.

My friends, Jesus did an ordinary job. We also do an ordinary work. Our service may not be visible, but God sees it.





2. Like Us, Jesus Had To Manage Money

The second point is that Jesus had to manage money.

Do you remember this story when Mama Mary and Joseph went to the Temple and offered a sacrifice--a pair of turtledoves?

This was 40 days after the birth of Jesus. The sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons was in accordance with the dictate of the law of the Lord.

This links to Leviticus 12:8 where the law says if she cannot afford a lamb, she may bring two turtledoves or two pigeons:

"If she cannot afford a lamb, she must bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons. One will be for the burnt offering and the other for the sin offering. In this way, the priest will make atonement for her, and she will be declared clean." (Leviticus 12:8 (NLT))

It meant that Mary and Joseph were poor.

In ancient times, 90% of the population was poor. There was no such thing as middle class. It meant that Jesus had to work to be able to put food on the table.

I do not think that when Mary needed bread, she would go to teenage Jesus and say, "Jesus, we don't have enough bread. Please multiply them."



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I don't think that happened. Jesus had to work and had to manage His money.

My friends, do you have money problems once in a while? How many of you have debts? How many of you want to earn more? Do you understand that Jesus knows what you feel right now?

He went through that-- managing money, budgeting, and thinking of how to earn so that He could bring food to Mary's table.

My Friend, Jesus knows what you're going through. I want you to know that in this Talk, I want to encourage you that God will provide.

Your job is not your provider. God is your provider. Your business is not your provider. God is your provider. If something happens to that client, or to that job, or to that salary, God is there. God will provide.

God Sees Your Work

I was reading about Eric Yuan.

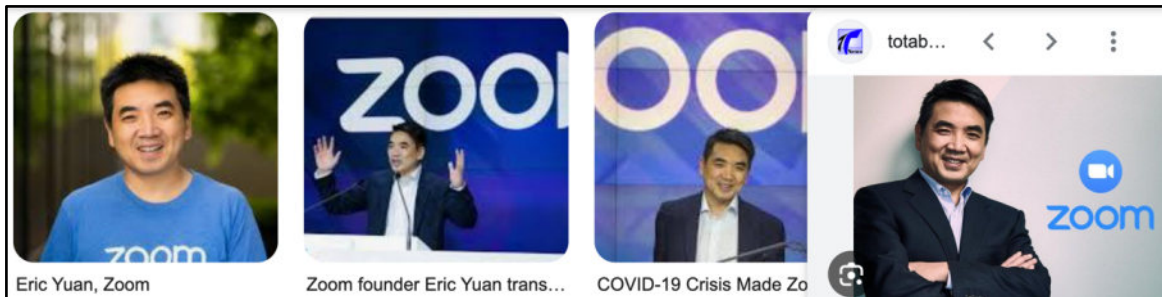
Who is Eric Yuan?

He was born in a small town in China but he had a dream. His dream was to work in Silicon Valley in San Francisco and to be in the computer industry.

So, he studied hard. He worked hard-- in China. He applied for a United States working visa to work in Silicon Valley but he was rejected. He applied again. Rejected again.

How many of you ever been rejected to have a U.S. visas? I was rejected twice or three times. Eric Yuan was rejected eight times. If he was normal, he would have stopped by the third rejection. He was rejected 8 times. Then, he applied for the 9th time and he got accepted. He started working in the Silicon Valley.

During the Coronavirus Disease (COVID) Pandemic, Eric Yuan became the star of everyone's life because he invented Zoom and he became a billionaire.



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Eric Yuan did not give up. He repeatedly did the quiet work of going to the U.S. embassy, applying for a visa, getting rejected. God was there for him.

God really sees the ordinary work that you do. The world does not see it, but God does. I believe that Jesus was like us.

My point is simple. Jesus knew the struggle of work. He knew the pain and the hardship of work. He had a 9-to-5 job.

So, the next time that you're complaining to God that He doesn't suffer the stress that you go through, let me be the first one to tell you that if there's one person who understands you, it's Jesus.

My dear Friends, please welcome Audee Villaraza again.

3. Like Us, Jesus Suffered in His Work

BRO. AUDIE VILLARAZA:

Point No. 3 is Jesus suffered in his work.

It's such a mind-blowing idea what Bro. Bo preached: that Jesus, the Son of God, the Alpha and the Omega, the Second Person in the Trinity, also was like us. He was a regular worker.

I'm imagining that just like you and me, Jesus had clients who were difficult, who would always ask for better and cheaper products, for quick delivery of those products.

Probably, Jesus' excellence in his craft was oftentimes overlooked. Somebody probably asked Jesus to redo something that was already perfect. You mean to tell me the Son of God made an imperfect table?

I believe that Jesus was like us. He was tired, hungry, dusty. When He came home, he was greeted with clothes that needed to be laundered, dishes that must be washed.

And Mama Mary telling Him, "Son, please take out the garbage."

What is my point? Jesus was like us. He knew the struggle of work. Because he went through it, working a 9-5 job.

After I preach here at The Feast, after I meet with our leaders, after praying for people, after doing the exciting stuff of ministry, the next thing that I do is go home and help my family.

My wife Kristel and I teach the kids their homework. I help around the house. We do the dishes. We do the laundry.

After I come home from work and I attend to clients here and there, after I shake some important hands, what's the next thing that I do?

I drive for my wife to the grocery store. I drive her to the dentist or I drive her to the mall and while we're there, I make sure I never let go of her hand.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not complaining. I truly believe that it's in these ordinary moments where real growth happens.

I believe that if I continue to show up in these ordinary days, the Lord is slowly preparing me for those extraordinary moments where He's going to bring me to glory.

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Our Task

We like to encounter God in the adventurous thrills of life. But how many of you know that you encounter God more in the mundane, in the ordinary days?

We like to meet God on the mountaintop of life. But how many of you know that God oftentimes shows up in the valleys where there are problems?

That's when the Lord is loudest to whisper in your ear.

Jesus stayed in Nazareth. Small town. No spotlight, No miracles. No fame. No glory. No media coverage. Just wood, nails, and sweat every day.

The Lord had been preparing Jesus for the time He would face that extraordinary moment where He would once again meet wood, nails, and sweat.

It's in the ordinary days of your life when you are bored to death that God is using that as a training ground for when He's going to call you for that extraordinary moment.

I want to teach you something very practical right now. If you have a lot of tasks in your life, tasks that bore you to death because they are so monotonous, so repetitive, here's what you do: You turn that task into a TASK. A tiny act of selfless kindness.

T-iny
A-ct
S-elfless
K-indness

Whether it's typing a report that you've been doing for the 98th time, you turn that into a tiny act of selfless kindness. Whether it's picking up trash that you didn't even throw to begin with, you turn that into a tiny act of selfless kindness.

Colossians 3:23 says: *"Whatever that you do, do it with all of your heart as if you're working for God and not for man."*

I promise you that every little act of kindness that you do is like a little seed that's planted in somebody's heart. If you keep doing that, the Lord promises that you're going to reap a good harvest.

Jesus did not change the world in one dramatic fashion. The Cross was just a finish line. Jesus did it in little moments of tiny kindnesses, simple services of walking with people and forgiving them even though they didn't deserve it. He did it through daily love.

If you want to change the world, do it in your hidden ordinary work.





Image of Jesus Working: His Crown of Thorns

From the very beginning, the Lord always revealed Himself not just as our Creator but as a worker.

Jesus built the world with His hands. He fashioned every detail of the world according to His grand design. He breathed life into humanity.

That's why it's not a surprise that when Jesus came, He came as a construction worker who would silently sweat in His wood shop.

But the greatest representation of Jesus' relationship with work is His image wearing the crown of thorns.

In Genesis 3, the symbol of thorns became the very symbol of the curse of work.

When Jesus wore that crown, it was His message to the whole world that at that moment, He's taking this broken labor onto His head and that He's changing the whole game.

Today, you no longer need to work the way that the world wants you to work.

Even now, the Lord is working in your heart through this message.

I pray and hope that the Lord is ministering to you. Whatever difficulties that you are going through, know that the Lord is working right now.

Everybody, lift your hands and let us honor the God who works, the God who thirsts, the God who loves:

"Father, look at Your children right now. Bless the work of their hands, but start with their heart to change the intention of why they do their work. May they see every single thing that they do from the small to the largest as an act of worship. See them and love them the way that they truly are-- as Your children. Thank You so much that You are always working. We give You the praise and the glory for working. Amen."





MERCY MINISTRIES

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

--Matthew 5:7

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Hermie Morelos
Chairman
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ANAWIM Year 30

Loving the Abandoned Elderly

WE began on September 9, 1980, when Tito Gene Sanchez, and his wife, Tita Pilar, started the Light of Jesus Family at the garage of their home on Chicago Street, Quezon City, with daughters, *from left:* Chelle, Bubu, Tina, Pinkie, and Beckie, and only son, Bo.



In 1994, some LOJ members wanted to serve the Lord and become missionaries, going as far as giving up their lucrative jobs. Their desire was granted: a mission field on a five-hectare land at Sitio Tañag, Barangay San Isidro, Montalban, Rizal.



Bro. Bo then followed a leading of the Holy Spirit to put up a haven for the abandoned whom he called *anawim*, the Hebrew word for *God's poor*.



By Divine Design, the Anawim Lay Missions (ALMS) was born in December 1994. And in March 1995, ALMS Foundation was registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as a non-stock, non-profit charitable foundation.

Here, Tita Pilar and Bro. Bo lead groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Anawim cottages. With them are the donors, *from left:* Erwin Bulatao, Aida Dy, Lynda Reyes, Donna and Rolly España.



AND NOW: ANAWIM YEAR 30!



This Special Day, we honor three decades of compassion, service, and God's faithfulness for Anawim.

The day begins with a Thanksgiving Mass presided by Rev. Fr. Ivan Panistante, CICM.



Liturgy readers, *from left*:
Jonnie Vasquez, First Reading;
Maria Lyn A. Salazar, Responsorial Psalm;
Plus our Choir.

Memories



By hosts **Stella Marie Josefa Apao** (*extreme left*), Anawim Admin and Human Resources supervisor, and **Ruby Jean Albino**, Central Fundraising head, here are details of the joyful Anniversary program, beginning with a song by our beloved **Lolos and Lolas** with a slideshow of memories reflecting the joy, love, and life they've found in Anawim.



What an inspiring and touching performance from our dear Lolos and Lolas.

Welcome!

Bro. Arun Gogna, Feast Alabang District Builder, welcomes everyone to Anawim Year 30 celebration. He encouraged our Lolas and Lolos to receive the love supporters give them.

To the donors, he said what they have given to our elderly, they've given to God. God cannot be out-given, so they will receive back more than what they have given. So, Bro. Arun added, get ready to receive the blessings of the Cycle of Generosity.



MORE NEXT ISSUE



Thank You!

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

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

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

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

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

FOR EXISTING DONORS:

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

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

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Our Partner Beneficiaries

Jeremiah 33 Foundation

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



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



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

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



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

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



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



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

The Light of Jesus Prison Ministry

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



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

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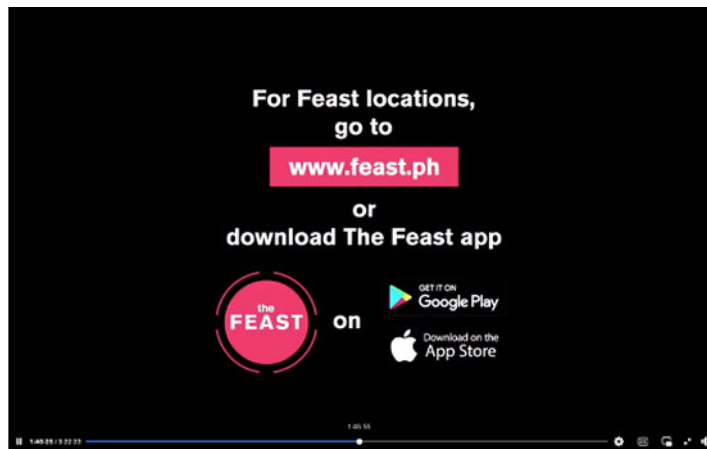
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Go and make disciples of all men.
— Matthew 28:19

