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SERMON OUTLINE

JESUS AS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

JOHN 14:1-14 | REV. LITO VILLORIA

After Jesus predicted about Peter's denial, He exhorted the disciples not to be troubled. They, too, were agitated, as they sensed Jesus would leave them soon. Jesus was the one who anticipated death at the Cross, yet it was He who gave them comfort. He commanded them to have faith in God and in Him (v. 1).

The disciples must believe God has reserved an eternal dwelling place for them. Jesus would go ahead of them to prepare their rooms in the Father's house. Jesus did not elaborate on the details of these rooms. Instead, He emphasized the reality of His return in God's perfect timing to take His own and bring them before God's eternal presence (vv. 2-4).

Thomas expressed that they did not know where they were going. Jesus responded by asserting that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jesus, as the Way, signified that He is the only way to the Father. As the Truth, He personified the character and person of God. And as the Life, He affirmed that He is the source of life. In essence, Jesus is the Way that reveals the Truth about God that leads to Eternal Life (vv. 5-7).

Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father, and it would be sufficient for them. Jesus rebuked him for failing to grasp that He had been revealing the Father through His words and works. He affirmed that He and the Father are one, that He does not speak on His own

authority, and that the Father works through Him (vv. 8-11).

Jesus asserted that anyone who believes in Him will be commissioned to do what He does. After His ascension, those who believed in Him would do greater works in the sense that they would be able to direct more people to God based on Christ's death on the Cross and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus assured them that He would grant the prayer of anyone pertaining to the accomplishment of His work in their lives (vv. 12-14).

In this sermon, we will be challenged to surrender our all to Jesus, knowing what it means for Him to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. ✨

LET'S START THEM YOUNG

KAREN JOY MONROY

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6

Whenever I hear the word "train," I am constantly reminded of an athlete. An athlete is disciplined, committed, and focused. An athlete can endure and persevere despite hardships and setbacks. An athlete is willing to spend hours, days, months, and even years of training. I am reminded of this image, especially with the recently concluded Olympics, wherein various athletes from different countries gathered, all of whom had trained hard for their respective events.

Proverbs 22:6 is a familiar verse for teaching and training our children. It is so familiar that we often hear it being used and quoted by different people. It can be instantly and easily shared and memorized at times, even without looking at the Bible. However, we must work hard to accomplish and achieve this over time.

The focus of this verse is not on the child but on his trainer. Training involves more than just giving instructions because the lessons being taught to the trainee have a more significant impact on the trainer's life and actions. Is he doing what he is teaching? This now becomes

a call to start within ourselves as the children's trainers. As trainers, we must live out what we teach by modeling the values and godly morals the Bible teaches us.

We are one with every family in discipling their children in the ways of God. While it is the home's responsibility to teach and share the ways of our Lord (Deut. 6:5-7), your church is here to support and partner with you every step of the way. Let us make disciples at home.

Summer Jam 2024

We praise and thank God for the privilege of journeying with the parents and even guardians in the discipleship of their children. We thank God for making the church a complimentary venue for the continuing discipleship of our children. The past two months have been full of fun-filled activities and events for the children. Arts and crafts, baking classes, DVBS, camp, and basketball and volleyball clinics were conducted and attended by children of every age. This was a time to learn new skills, improve on their talent, connect and reconnect with friends, and, more importantly, grow their knowledge and love of Jesus.

We are equally grateful to all our co-ministers who took the time to help during all these activities

by sharing their God-given skills and talents with the children. More than the knowledge they imparted, they were a tangible expression of God's love and care for every child.

We pray that all the children will continue to come to know and seek our God.

Children's Grow Group

GCF South Metro is a Multiplying Disciple church; our main vehicle is the Growth Group. It is also essential for our NextGen, including the children, to be part of one. This is another way of partnering with the home in the discipleship of the children. While discipleship happens at home, your church is your loving and available partner.

Grow Groups are our small groups for children. We cater to their age-appropriate needs and capabilities. Our Grow Group is the venue to get-to-know new people, strengthen existing relationships, and more importantly cultivate a growing desire and love for our Lord.

We will resume our Children's Grow Group in September. We encourage parents to register their children who have yet to join a group. You can visit our Children's Ministry booth to register or look for T. Karen Monroy for more details. ✨

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