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SERMON OUTLINE

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18 | REV. REVIN VASALLO

In his greeting, Paul addressed the whole church in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons. This shows that what Paul wrote in his letter was not just for those new in the faith, but likewise for the mature and experienced believers. In our passage today, we will learn a valuable principle that applies to the whole church, regardless of generation, position, or experience – that is **to be intentional in proclaiming the gospel**.

In verse 18, the Apostle Paul emphasized the utmost importance of proclaiming the gospel, regardless of the circumstances. However, despite knowing this importance, not all Christians actively engage in this mission. Why? Because whenever the gospel is preached, obstacles and opposition inevitably arise. Yet, our

passage reminds us that nothing can hinder God from advancing the gospel. **God uses even severe obstacles to proclaim the gospel of Christ (vv. 12-14)**. The Apostle Paul was beaten, threatened, and imprisoned for proclaiming the gospel. Yet, through Paul's passion to preach Christ with the right posture in the midst of his imprisonment, the gospel was proclaimed even more boldly.

God also uses even stubborn opposition to proclaim the gospel of Christ (vv. 15-18). While Paul was in chains, various people continued to proclaim the gospel of Christ. There were people who preached out of love and goodwill, while some were driven by envy and selfish ambition. But regardless of their motive, what matters is that the gospel was proclaimed and

heard by many. Knowing these wonderful truths, Paul was able to continually rejoice in the midst of his imprisonment. Through his example, we learn that in seemingly helpless and hopeless situations, genuine joy is available to those whose desire and intention is to proclaim the gospel.

Remember, God uses every opportunity—whether through severe obstacles or stubborn opposition—to advance the gospel of Christ. He will never place us in a situation where proclaiming the gospel is impossible. In fact, God has strategically positioned each of us where we can actively participate in the advancement of the gospel. So, brothers and sisters, I exhort you to be intentional in proclaiming the gospel. ✨

SEEKING GOD'S WISDOM

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Last Sunday, our Senior pastor, Lito Villoria, challenged us to prioritize building people and drawing strength from the Lord as we embark on our Vision 2037 journey. This message resonated with me, especially in light of my recent devotion in 1 Samuel 30. In this passage, David and his men faced devastating loss and the threat of being stoned. Yet, instead of despairing, David turned to the Lord. He sought God's guidance, trusting in His faithfulness. The Lord not only directed David but also assured him of victory. This powerful example reminds us that, even in the face of overwhelming challenges, our response should always be to seek God's will and trust in His promises.

Similarly, Vision 2037 is a project of significant scope, our foundation must be unwavering faith in God. We acknowledge His faithfulness throughout our church's 28-year history and recognize that this journey will require us to seek His guidance through committed and consistent prayer. I encourage all our Growth Groups and everyone who considers GCF South Metro their church family to actively participate in our 40 Days of Prayer for Vision 2037.

Yet, this call to prayer extends beyond these 40 days. We need to keep praying as our utter expression of dependence upon God. As I shared during last Sunday's worship services, we will prioritize prayer above plans,

prioritize prayer above execution, prioritize prayer above details and designs – recognizing that God's wisdom surpasses our own.

By our 29th anniversary in January 2026, we aim for the Vision 2037 Steering Committee to present an initial plan, outlining potential paths for expanding our facilities to better serve our community and fulfill our mission of making disciples.

We must remain sensitive to God's leading, discerning opportunities as they arise. We will seek His wisdom in every decision, allowing Him to open and close doors as He sees fit.

As we continue our 40 Days of Prayer for Vision 2037 praying through the Scriptures, please include the following items in your prayers for:

(1) The Steering Committee:

- That we will be able to complete and finalize the members who will comprise this Committee.
- That we will receive wisdom and discernment from the Lord on the specific steps we need to undertake.
- That we will experience spiritual growth and demonstrate faithfulness in fulfilling our roles.
- That we will have unity of mind, heart, and spirit in every meeting that we will convene.
- That we will receive affirmation

from God on the best course of action to take:

- Should we acquire land (landbank) for future development of the NextGen?
- Should we focus on rebuilding, repurposing, and expanding our current facilities?
- Should we consider physically separating the infrastructure of the church and school?
- If we are to relocate, where should we go and what should we do?

(2) Our Church Family:

- That God, by His grace, will keep using each one of us as tangible expressions of His love to those he places in our midst, wherever He has placed us.
- That God will empower us with the Holy Spirit to stay focused on Jesus, continually pointing people to Him as we seek God's favor to guide us in our Vision 2037.
- That God will enable each of us to multiply disciples all throughout our Vision 2037 journey and beyond.

May God give us confidence that He will remain faithful and will surely fulfill His purposes and grace upon GCF South Metro for the building up of His kingdom and the glory of His Name! ✨

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