

GCFSM SUNDAY BULLETIN

JANUARY 5, 2024
BULLETIN ISSUE #01



SERMON OUTLINE

CERTAINTY OF SUCCESS IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY

JOSHUA 1:1-9
REV. DON GUICO

As we enter yet another year, we know that uncertainties will line the path ahead. But despite the certainty of uncertainties, one thing is certain where the people of God are concerned - they are assured of success if they carefully follow His Word and trust Him. And the Book of Joshua is a great example of this.

Following the death of Moses, God appointed Joshua as his successor to lead the young nation of Israel (vv. 1-2a). Moses lived to be 120 years old, and 40 of those years were spent leading the million-strong people to reach the land promised by God.

Moses' journey had been difficult as the Israelites

grumbled against him and God. Joshua would have his own challenges, but God Himself assured him of success. God promised Joshua that (1) they will reach and come into possession of the vast land that, though, occupied by other nations, it will be given to them (vv. 2b-5a) and (2) He will always be with them as He was with Moses (v. 5b-d), but they have to do their part. Three times did God admonish Joshua to be strong and courageous (vv. 6, 7, 9) because of the many challenges they will have to face. But three times did God also assure him of His presence and help (vv. 5b, 5c, 9), twice giving the assurance of success IF, by being strong and courageous, they carefully observed it (vv. 7-8). Throughout Scripture, we

find that success is intrinsically intertwined and directly related with one's relationship with God and obedience to Him.

In today's sermon, may we be reminded that God and His Word should be our highest priority and respond by committing to KLASP JESUS even more, far above all aspirations and pursuits in life. May we have confidence in God that in the midst of changes, troubles and challenges that we will face this 2025 and beyond, we can trust Him and His promise to be with us. We can rely on GOD, the promise-giver of success! ✨

COUNT ON GOD IN 2025

REV. DON GUICO

Over dinner with friends on one of the last days of 2024, I overheard a young person say she was anxious because she did not know what 2025 would bring. This had me thinking.

Yes, the thought of uncertainties may bring fear to our hearts, which could quickly immobilize us. But as God's people, we can always rely on His character and promises, which provide hope, comfort, and assurance. We can count on God's faithfulness, guidance, provision, peace, and love. The following are several things about God that we can hold onto to help us move forward in faith and confidence:

1. God's Presence and Guidance.

In Joshua 1:9, God promises His constant presence and guidance wherever we go. We can trust that He will be with us through every situation in the new year. God promises to guide us with His wisdom and care. He will teach us the right path and counsel us as we navigate the year (Psalm 32:8).

2. God's Peace.

In John 14:27, Jesus offers His peace that is not dependent on circumstances. In moments of uncertainty, His peace will calm our hearts. Isaiah 26:3 says, "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you because he trusts in you."

3. God's Provision.

God promises to provide for all our needs - financial, emotional, and spiritual - according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus

(Philippians 4:19). Matthew 6:31-33 says that if we seek God's kingdom and His righteousness first, He will take care of our practical needs.

4. God's Strength and Empowerment.

God promises that His strength will empower us to do whatever He calls us to (Philippians 4:13). In Isaiah 40:29, "He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength." God promises to renew our strength and empower us to persevere and succeed.

5. God's Unfailing Love and Faithfulness.

God's love for us is unshakable and unchanging. No matter what happens, His steadfast love will never leave us. His love and faithfulness are constant and never-ending, being renewed every morning (Isaiah 54:10, Lamentations 3:22-23).

6. God's Hope.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). This timeless favorite assures us that God has good plans for us - plans that bring hope and a bright future. We can trust that He is working for our good.

7. God's Victory over Adversity.

In Isaiah 54:17, God promises protection and victory in the face of opposition or adversity. Whatever challenges arise, He will defend His people. And in 1 Corinthians 15:57, our position in Christ is that we are victors.

8. God's Healing and Comfort.

Psalm 147:3 says, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." If we experience emotional pain or hurt in the new year, we can rely on God to heal and restore our broken hearts.

Knowing these is not enough, though. God will do His part, but we have to do ours. Here are some steps as to what we could do to hold on to these promises:

- Pray: Ask God daily to help you trust His promises and give you the strength to rely on Him in all situations.

- Meditate: Reflect on the character of God and meditate on His Word daily. Let His promises encourage and sustain you, especially when facing challenges.

- Declare: Speak these promises out loud, affirming your trust in God's Word and His faithfulness to fulfill His promises.

- Trust: No matter what the year brings, rest assured that God is with you and will fulfill His promises.

In this new year, I pray these will serve as a solid foundation for your faith. May God's presence, peace, provision, strength, love, and hope guide you through every moment. The Lord bless you and keep you! ✨

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Let us continue to be found faithful in our giving.
You may deposit your giving to:

ACCOUNT NAME:
GCF South Metro, Inc.

BDO
BRANCH: MADISON

Current Acct. No:
00650-802-2882

ROBINSONS BANK
BRANCH: LAS PIÑAS, DAANG HARI

Current Acct. No:
174-230-000-138

SECURITY BANK
BRANCH: ALABANG ACACIA

Current Acct. No:
0000-0063-65400

CHINABANK
BRANCH: AYALA ALABANG

Current Acct. No:
128-195-0910

BPI
BRANCH: ALABANG TOWN CENTER

Current Acct. No:
1591-0091-56

SECURITY BANK
DOLLAR SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BRANCH: ALABANG ACACIA

Dollar Account Number:

0000013183012

Swift Code:

SETCPHMM

Bank Code:

CHIPS UID 010457