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SERMON OUTLINE

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On this sermon series break, let us together exalt the Lord and praise Him for His goodness and faithfulness. There are three key promises that the Lord gives that I would like to highlight that should lead us to conclude that there is none truly worthy of our praise than our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I refer to what I shared in my last sermon in November, 2024 when I share the three purposes why God allowed me to have cancer: PROCLAIM who Jesus is, ENCOURAGE people who also go through their own "cancer" journey, and POINT people to Jesus for them to find hope and security as they go through challenges in life.

First, from my own journey, I have experienced **SECURITY**

in Jesus in spite of the many challenges I have experienced since February. Indeed, the Lord keeps in perfect peace those who trust in Him (Isaiah 26:3-4). Let us praise God for the peace and security we have in Jesus!

Second, Jesus Christ is the ultimate **SACRIFICE** who alone fulfills the requirement of a perfect offering for the forgiveness of our sins (John 1:29). Jesus' perfect sacrifice enables us to receive the precious and free gift of salvation that is ours for the taking. Let us praise Jesus for His sacrifice at the Cross.

Third, the Lord promised to **SHEPHERD** Israel (Ezekiel 34:11-16), as those who were tasked to do so failed miserably (Ezekiel

34:1-10). They did not feed the sheep, the weak they did not strengthen, the sick they did not heal, the injured they did not bind up, the strayed were not brought back, the lost were not sought and worse, they ruled the sheep with harshness and severity. Let us praise Jesus, our Great Shepherd!

My prayer is that at the end of our time today, we will be convinced beyond any doubt by the unflinching truth of God's love based on these three promises. These should lead us to render the highest honor, glory and praise unto Jesus who sits at the right hand of God. He alone is truly worthy of our praise. No one else deserves it! ✨

SMALL ACTS, ETERNAL IMPACT: SERVING JESUS BY SERVING OTHERS

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Serving Jesus always goes hand in hand with serving others. We cannot truly claim to serve the Lord while turning away from the needs around us. Every act of kindness, every quiet service offered in His name, becomes a bridge -- a chance for someone to see Jesus, to encounter His love, and to be drawn to Him.

But what about when no one notices?

There's a quiet ache that comes from serving daily in unseen places, especially in the context of family. The meals you prepare. The long commutes. The never ending responsibilities. The emotional support you give. The effort to love when it's not returned. You pour yourself out, day after day, and still, it can feel like your service is invisible. You wonder if it matters. You wonder if anyone sees.

And yet, Someone does.

There once lived a woman named Dorcas (Acts 9), whose life wasn't marked by loud declarations but by quiet love. She was known not for speaking on stages, but for sewing clothes for widows. She lived in a small coastal town, where she simply did what she could with what she had. Her hands moved in rhythm with compassion. When she passed away, the people she

served mourned deeply. They didn't remember titles. They remembered the clothes she made. They remembered her care. They remembered her love.

Her story teaches us that our smallest acts, when done with a willing heart, carry eternal weight. She served not for recognition, but because love compelled her. And through her ordinary kindness, people caught a glimpse of an extraordinary God.

So what does it mean to live like that?

It means showing care. Taking the time to see people and respond. It might be preparing food for the sick. Asking a friend how they really are. Sending a message to someone who feels forgotten. It could be folding the laundry no one will ever thank you for, or picking up the emotional load others have dropped. True service is not measured by how much we do, but by how much we are willing to see the needs of others and quietly respond.

It means showing commitment. Dorcas didn't serve once or twice. She served faithfully, again and again. Real love is rarely flashy; it's found in the quiet, consistent moments. A servant's greatest legacy is not what she achieves, but the lives she touches through faithfulness in the small things. Whether

at home, at work, in church, or in the margins of community life, your presence, your commitment, your faithfulness matters.

It means showing Christ. Her life of love pointed people to someone far greater. Every act of service, no matter how unnoticed, becomes a chance to reflect Jesus. It's not about doing big things. It's about doing everything with His joy, His humility, His heart. When people see your generosity, your gentleness, your grace, may they see Jesus.

Because at the end of the day, it is not the applause of people that gives our service its value. It is the gaze of the Savior who sees even what is done in secret. And that is enough.

So here's the challenge: Wherever you are in life: single, married, working, caregiving, retired, overwhelmed, overlooked, serve Jesus by serving others. Not for praise. Not for position. But because love demands it. Because He sees. And because your small acts, when offered in surrender, echo in eternity.

You don't have to do something loud to leave a legacy. Just love deeply. Show up daily. Serve faithfully.

Let Jesus be seen in you. ✨

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A MID-YEAR ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE GCF SOUTH METRO FAMILY

JULY 2025

Dear GCF South Metro Family,

God is at work in our midst—and it's a joy to witness how His hand continues to guide, grow, and grace our church family. From pastoral transitions to discipling breakthroughs, and from strategic church plants to the unfolding of Vision 2037, this year has already been a testimony of God's faithfulness. As we approach the second half of 2025, we'd like to give you an update and invite you to walk even more closely with us as we pursue His calling together.

The Lord continues to expand our reach. GCF South Metro has been privileged to plant seven churches to date—among them, GCF Batangas, Sta. Rosa, Parañaque, Bacoor, Iloilo, and more. Our partnerships also extend to Cross Pointe Church Cebu and new efforts in Alfonso, Dasmariñas, and even Pagadian City. These are visible signs of God's expanding work through our church family, both near and far.

But growth is not only numerical or geographical. God is also calling us to go deeper—in our stewardship, our faith, and our facility. Late last year, after much prayer and discernment, the Lord led us to formally launch Vision 2037: a 12-year roadmap that seeks to maximize the ministry potential of the Daang Hari property He entrusted to us.

This 5,000 sqm land, purchased for ₱25 million in 2004, is now valued at over ₱1.0 billion. More than a financial asset, we see it as a sacred trust. Already, this facility has been used to bless public schools, host professional gatherings, support sports clinics, and serve as a space for rest, worship, and fellowship. The question we asked was simple yet convicting: How does God want to use this land to bless our immediate community, our nation, and other nations for His glory?

This launched the three-phase rhythm of our roadmap:

- 2025 - Year of Prayer
- 2026 - Year of Preparation
- 2027 - Year of Building Project (GCFSM's 30th Anniversary)

In January, we began with a 40-Day Season of Prayer for Vision 2037. At its conclusion, the Lord clarified our direction through the following statement:

"To heed God's call for GCF South Metro Church and GCFSM Christian School to be a greater blessing to our community, throughout the Philippines, and across other nations—reaching people of all generations for Christ by being a global discipling and leadership center through the expansion of the strategic facility He has entrusted to our care, in fulfillment of His global purpose."

This statement captures our shared vision with GCFSM Christian School: one mission, one heart, one direction. We want to be a greater blessing—not only to our immediate community, but to the nations. We want to raise up leaders and disciplers from every generation. And we want to develop a facility that will support the long-term growth of both church and school.

We have begun consulting with professionals to design an eight-story building on the 2,500 sqm rear portion of our property. With 2,500 sqm per floor, we envision a 20,000 sqm facility that includes:

- Shared work and study spaces
- A full-featured indoor gymnasium
- A NextGen discipleship center
- Conference rooms and breakout spaces
- And potentially, a swimming pool for wellness and baptism

Based on current cost estimates of ₱70,000 per square meter, the project is estimated at ₱1.4 billion. While the figure is daunting, we are confident in this: If this is God's work, He will provide. And while we do not move in presumption, we walk forward in faith and invite you to pray with us for zoning approvals, consulting with engineers and architects, and seeking God's miraculous provision and sovereign timing.

At our recent mid-year ministry planning, we rejoiced over new members and a growing number of people in our Growth Groups and Evangelistic Growth Groups. We welcomed 90 new members—more than half newly baptized. We now have a little over 1,000 people in our Growth Groups and 300-plus people in Evangelistic Growth Groups in different businesses owned by our church members. We heard how God has opened new doors for our pastoral team to teach and serve beyond our walls—speaking in IDMC Conferences conducted by other churches. We are also thankful to God for using GCF South Metro as a model church in the discipling movement in our

denomination, the Conservative Baptist Association of the Philippines, as well as in the National Discipling Campaign under the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches. We ended our meeting with one simple reminder: Keep walking with Jesus. That is the only way forward. That is the only path that leads to fruitfulness and faithfulness.

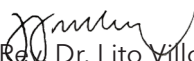
As we look to the next year in 2026, three anchor words will guide our planning:


- **Accountability** - Ensuring Growth Groups meet regularly and meaningfully
- **Intentionality** - Developing more leaders to carry the mission forward
- **Sustainability** - Empowering our groups to remain the core of our discipling model

Our Vision 2037 is not about building a building; it is building the church—the people of God! It's about being faithful to what God has entrusted to us. It's about embracing our calling to be a blessing to our community, our nation, and other nations—not only in our present generation but in the generations to come. It's about living for something far greater than ourselves—for the kingdom of God and His glory alone, until Christ returns.

Let's continue to walk together. Let's remain dependent on God's Spirit. Let's move forward not in human strength, but in the sufficiency of Christ. Because in our weakness, His power is made perfect.

In Christ,


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Vision 2037

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Explanation of the Key Elements in Vision 2037

- **"To heed God's call..."** - Affirms that our initiative is divinely prompted, ensuring that our vision aligns with His direction.
- **"...for GCF South Metro Church and GCFSM Christian School..."** - Reflects the unified vision of both leadership teams and reinforces that the school is a ministry of the church.
- **"...to be a greater blessing to our community, throughout the Philippines, and across other nations..."** - Acknowledges how God is already using these ministries while expressing our desire to expand our impact locally and globally.
- **"...reaching people of all generations for Christ..."** - Emphasizes an inclusive, multi-generational vision, with a continued focus on discipling the Next Generation.
- **"...by being a global discipling and leadership center..."** - Expresses our desire to be a global center multiplying authentic disciplers and developing excellent leaders who make a significant impact in their respective nations. *[Note: "multiplying authentic disciplers" and developing excellent leaders" pertain to the focus of the church and school, respectively.]*
- **"...through the expansion of the strategic facility He has entrusted to our care."** - Underscores our responsibility as faithful stewards of the Daang Hari property that God provided 20 years ago, ensuring its growth for greater kingdom impact.
- **"...in fulfillment of His global purpose."** - Reinforces a kingdom mindset that transcends borders, breaking down barriers to reach all people groups with the gospel of Christ until He returns. ✨