

SERMON

OUTLINE

GOD’S GLORY IN TIMES OF

CHAOS

JUDGES 21:1-25 | REV. LITO VILLORIA

The final chapter of Judges revealed that when people attempted to fix spiritual problems with human logic, they often deepened the tragedy. Even sacred practices were manipulated to justify ungodly solutions. Still, God’s sovereign hand remained steady, preparing hearts for the true King to come.

The story began with national mourning, but not genuine repentance. The people lamented that one tribe was on the brink of extinction, yet failed to take responsibility for their own rash and vengeful decisions. Having vowed not to give their daughters to Benjamin, they found themselves trapped by their own oath. They wept before God, but their sorrow lacked humility and self-examination (Judges 21:1-4).

To solve their self-made crisis, the leaders devised a plan rooted in further violence. They annihilated the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead for not joining their earlier assembly, sparing only four hundred unmarried women for the remaining Benjaminites. Later, they authorized the abduction of young women from Shiloh during a festival, encouraging deception to bypass their oath. Their actions, though cloaked in religious fervor, betrayed deep moral confusion and spiritual compromise (Judges 21:5-23).

The book ended with a sobering refrain: “In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” What began as a pursuit of justice deteriorated into chaos, reflecting a people disconnected from God’s rule. Their collective conscience

had been dulled, and even their final solutions echoed the sins they once condemned (Judges 21:24-25).

Yet in the midst of disorder, God’s glory endures. He preserved a broken tribe. He did not abandon His covenant people. And through this fractured history, He stirred the longing for a righteous King—not chosen by men, but appointed by God.

Sermon Focus: Judges concludes in utter moral and societal chaos. Yet, God’s glory is not dimmed. He preserves a remnant, offers the possibility of restoration, and prepares the way for something far greater. The chaos calls for a King—one who brings order, peace, and justice. In our own chaotic world, may we long for and live under the rule of that true King, Jesus Christ. ✱

PRESSING ON TOGETHER

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This past week, I had the privilege of attending the national biennial conference of the Conservative Baptists Association of the Philippines, the theme of which was “Pressing On”. It was a refreshing and stirring time of worship, learning, and fellowship with pastors and leaders from across the nation. But more than anything, it was a moment for our denomination to seek the Lord together and to be reminded of our shared calling.

One highlight that stood out was the presentation of our discipleship framework, KLASP – Know Jesus, Love Jesus, Abide in Jesus, Serve Jesus, and Proclaim Jesus – in the plenary sessions. These five capture not only the heart of discipleship but the very rhythm of the Christian life. For a period of time now, we had been teaching this in our discipleship venues as our identity, our calling, and our next steps. The challenge presented at the conference was clear: as a denomination, we must press on in multiplying disciples, intentional leadership development, and planting churches. And this challenge is not just for pastors or national leaders of organizations. It is for every believer who claims Jesus as Lord.

Imagine what God could do in and through us if each of us intentionally lived out KLASP.

To **Know Jesus** is to grow in His Word daily, letting Scripture shape our thinking and our

affections. We cannot make disciples if we are not first disciples who are rooted in the Truth.

To **Love Jesus** is to respond to His grace with wholehearted devotion, allowing our love to be seen in obedience, worship, and the priorities we choose.

To **Abide in Jesus** is to remain connected to Him in prayer, faith, and dependence, despite the challenges that life may bring. It is to live with the awareness that apart from Him, we can do nothing.

To **Serve Jesus** is to use our gifts, time, and resources to build up the church and bless the world, beginning with the communities around us. No member is without a role. Every part of the body of Christ is needed.

And to **Proclaim Jesus** is to bear witness to the gospel, both verbalized and actualized in our relationships, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and wherever God places us. The mission is not optional: it is central to our identity.

Church, the call to multiply disciples, raise godly leaders, and plant new communities of faith in our neighborhood, workplace, or campus is not far from us. It begins right here, with each of us taking one faithful step. Let us rise to this challenge together, seeking Jesus deeply, obeying Him joyfully, and joining Him in His great work. May we be a church that truly

knows, loves, abides in, serves, and proclaims Jesus for His glory and the joy of many who will come to know Him.

As we embrace this calling together, we also have several meaningful opportunities in the coming weeks to live out our commitment as one church family. I want to encourage each of you to participate wholeheartedly in these gatherings and expressions of worship.

First, we invite all bona fide members to our **Annual Business Meeting** on December 7, a vital moment to discern God’s direction together as the programs and corresponding budget for 2026 are presented for approval. We also encourage you to prayerfully prepare a special offering for Jesus in our **Twelve Baskets of Christmas** on December 7, given joyfully above your regular giving as an act of gratitude this season. Let us celebrate as a family of Growth Groups at **KLASP Together: GCFSM Christmas Party** on December 14, bringing our favorite Christmas food items to share with others. And let us reach out to others by bringing friends and loved ones to **Impossible Grace**, our evangelistic Christmas Services on December 21. Finally, let us come together in worship and reflection at our Christmas Eve Service on December 24 entitled **Incomparable Joy**.

May each of these gatherings draw us closer to Christ and to one another as we enter this season with expectant hearts. ✱

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