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FOLLOWING JESUS #05

THE TESTED SON AND OUR CALL TO FOLLOW

LUKE 4:1-13 | REV. LITO VILLORIA

Before Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom, Luke showed how the King was tested. The beloved Son, declared from heaven, entered the wilderness under the Spirit's leading. In deprivation and confrontation, His identity was challenged. The wilderness revealed not weakness, but faithful obedience under pressure.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led into the wilderness for forty days and was tempted by the devil (Luke 4:1-2). The testing was Spirit-directed, not accidental. Hunger exposed real human weakness, yet divine affirmation preceded the trial. The wilderness echoed Israel's history and revealed what true Sonship looks like under sustained spiritual confrontation.

The first temptation targeted physical need (Luke 4:3-4). The devil challenged Jesus to use His identity for self-preservation. Jesus answered from Deuteronomy 8:3, refusing to redefine Sonship through independence. He chose

dependence upon the Father's word over immediate relief. Where Israel grumbled in hunger, Jesus trusted Scripture and remained anchored in covenant obedience.

The second temptation escalated to authority (Luke 4:5-8). The devil offered the kingdoms of the world in exchange for worship. Jesus responded from Deuteronomy 6:13, rejecting illegitimate power and affirming exclusive allegiance to the Father. Authority would not come through compromise, nor glory apart from obedience shaped by faithful worship.

The third temptation moved to Jerusalem and the temple (Luke 4:9-12). Scripture was misused by the devil to invite spectacle—to pressure Jesus into proving His identity through dramatic public display rather than simply trusting the Father. Jesus answered from Deuteronomy 6:16, refusing to test the Father or demand visible proof of identity. He would not force divine intervention to secure recognition. Trust replaced

manipulation; obedience replaced performance.

The devil departed until an opportune time (Luke 4:13). Where Adam failed and Israel rebelled, the beloved Son obeyed. Before public ministry, He proved faithful in private submission and established the pattern of obedience that would define His mission.

The Son declared from heaven proved His identity through obedient submission under testing, revealing that true Sonship is defined by dependence, exclusive worship, and unwavering trust. He succeeded where Adam failed and where Israel faltered, establishing the integrity from which His mission flowed.

The purpose of this sermon is to assure believers that discipleship begins with allegiance to the faithful Son, making obedience, trust, and perseverance possible as we follow Jesus. ✠

THE MISSION CONTINUES: NDC 101 IN BOHOL

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A Movement Taking Root

This past week, I had the privilege of leading the National Disciplemaking Campaign (NDC) 101 Conference at the Bohol Cultural Center. It is a joy to see how God is stirring churches across our nation.

One of the greatest encouragements in Bohol was seeing the Next Generation rise and take ownership of disciplemaking. Young pastors, ministry leaders, and church workers were not merely attending sessions—they were listening with conviction and expressing a clear desire to build churches that multiply disciples.

This is not just an event.
This is not just a conference.
This is a movement.

NDC 101 is designed to clarify foundations. We revisited the biblical mandate of Matthew 28:18-20 and examined what it means to make disciples, not just gather crowds. We emphasized that disciplemaking is not a program added to the calendar. It is the central calling of the Church. It shapes preaching, leadership development, small groups, evangelism, and how we measure faithfulness.

In Bohol, we walked through core convictions:

Discipleship precedes disciplemaking.
Formation must precede function.
Authenticity must guard activity.
Grace must fuel endurance.

A Generational Responsibility

We challenged leaders not to settle for maintenance Christianity. The Church must not drift into comfort. We must

not measure success by attendance alone. We must measure success by disciples growing in Christ, leaders discipling others, and generations multiplying faithfully.

What deeply moved me was seeing pastors commit to transfer, entrust, and multiply the gospel to the next generation. Disciplemaking is not for one generation alone. It must be entrusted to faithful men and women who will teach others also (2 Timothy 2:2). That four-generation vision is not optional. It is biblical.

The hunger for clarity and intentionality was evident. Leaders desired not only inspiration, but structure and direction. The mission continues.

As I reflect on what God is doing nationally, I am reminded that this is not separate from what the Lord is doing among us at GCF South Metro. Our call to follow Jesus deeply and pursue accountable and intentional discipleship is part of the same larger movement of God.

Disciplemaking is not a trend. It is obedience.
It is not optional. It is essential.
It is not seasonal. It is generational.

An Invitation to Act

With that in mind, I would like to invite you to take a concrete step.

On March 28, 2026, we will gather for IDMC Manila 2026 with the theme: **"Unshakable: Empowered in Warfare, Weakness, and Witness."** This conference is not simply another event on the calendar. It is a strategic gathering designed to reinforce our commitment to intentional disciplemaking.

PARSON TO PERSON

In the afternoon, five parallel workshops will apply these truths across generations and callings:

- Family: A House That Stands - Elder Raymond Sanchez
- Marketplace: Called Not Compromised - Justice Macky and Atty. Mikee Ong
- Senior Citizens: Still Standing, Still Serving - Capt. Jun and Marivic Parcon
- Pastors: Shepherded Before Shepherding - Rev. Don Guico and Rev. Dong Villatito
- NextGen Leaders: Rooted and Resilient - Teacher Mir Monroy- Salvador

These tracks are designed to help every generation—home, work, ministry, and leadership—apply the same unshakable gospel power where God has placed them. This gathering is not meant to leave us inspired alone, but equipped and accountable as we build a sustainable disciplemaking culture together.

The conference fee is P500, inclusive of lunch, snacks, and materials. I encourage everyone from our church family to attend, especially our church leaders (elders and deacons), Growth Group leaders and assistant leaders, and co-ministers, to prayerfully consider participating. Come as a group. Sit together. Debrief afterwards. Let it shape not only what we know, but how we lead.

If we desire to see a strong church ten, twenty, or thirty years from now, we must invest now. We cannot outsource disciplemaking. We must embody it.

I am grateful for what God is doing in Bohol. I am grateful for what He is doing among us. I am confident in the Lord that the mission He entrusted to His Church will continue until every generation hears and obeys.

The mission continues. ✠

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