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WHEN RIGHT SEEMS RARE: INTEGRITY IN A CORRUPT WORLD

DANIEL 6:1-10 | REV. MIKE DUCO

In a world where compromise feels normal and conviction entails inconvenience, Daniel 6:1-10 shows us what integrity looks like under pressure. When faithfulness is tested, the anchor of our devotion becomes clearer. This passage reveals how integrity rooted in worship remains steady even when obedience is costly.

Daniel first appears as a man distinguished above the other officials because an excellent spirit was found in him. His leadership was examined and found without corruption or negligence. His faithfulness in administration exposed the insecurity of those around him. Integrity was visible before it was further tested, and his consistent character set him apart within a corrupt system. His excellence was not occasional; it was deeply habitual. His reliability was not selective; it was comprehensive. What the king

observed publicly had already been cultivated privately (Daniel 6:1-4).

Unable to discredit Daniel's conduct, the officials shifted their strategy and targeted his personal devotion. They manipulated King Darius into issuing an irreversible decree that criminalized prayer to anyone except the king for thirty days. What appeared to be political loyalty was mere engineered persecution. When corruption could not compete with character, it sought to criminalize worship. The attack was not against productivity but against piety. It was not against competence but against covenant allegiance (Daniel 6:5-9).

When Daniel knew the decree had been signed, he did not retreat or react in panic. He continued to pray as he had done previously. His devotion remained unchanged. The crisis did not create his faithfulness; it revealed it. Integrity anchored in consistent worship withstood

calculated opposition. He did not close his windows to avoid attention. He did not adjust his posture to minimize risk. He did not postpone obedience. His allegiance to God outweighed his concern for consequences (Daniel 6:10).

God preserves the integrity of His faithful servants by anchoring them in devotion to Himself rather than in human systems. He forms character in quiet seasons long before public trials arrive. He exposes the fragility of corrupt structures through steady obedience. He sustains courage when laws shift and pressure rises.

The purpose of this sermon is to exhort believers to continually grow in integrity that is solidly grounded in devotion to God even when faithfulness is tested and costly. ✱

CELEBRATING GOD'S WORK THROUGH CHURCH PLANTING

REV. LITO VILLORIA

This Sunday I will be preaching at the 25th Anniversary of GCF Batangas, the first church plant of GCF South Metro.

Anniversaries like this remind us that church planting is not merely about starting another congregation. It is about extending the mission of Christ and multiplying disciples across communities and generations.

Over the years, God has graciously allowed GCF South Metro to participate in the planting and strengthening of several churches. These include GCF Batangas, GCF Sta. Rosa, GCF Parañaque, Landayan Community Fellowship in San Pedro, GCF Iloilo, GCFSM Bacoor, and Julianahan Community Fellowship. Each of these works stands as a testimony that when disciples are formed intentionally and sent faithfully, the gospel multiplies.

Today we are also prayerfully working toward future church planting efforts, including GCF Alfonso and a ministry work in Pagadian City. These steps remind us that the mission of Christ continues to move forward through ordinary believers who follow Him faithfully.

As I preach in Batangas this weekend, Rev. Mike Duco, our Satellite Development Pastor will be preaching here at GCF South Metro, continuing our Real Talk series with RT.3 titled "When Right Seems Rare: Integrity in a Corrupt World" based on Daniel 6:3-10. I pray God will bless your time of worship and encourage you to walk closely with Christ as a church family.

Preparing Hearts for the Women's Crossroad Weekend

Please also remember to pray for the Women's Crossroad Weekend

happening on March 13-15 at the Center for Community Transformation in Tagaytay City.

This year's theme is "Arise: Walking in the Light of God's Glory."

Crossroad Weekends create intentional space for spiritual alignment. Participants step away from the pace of everyday life in order to listen carefully to God and respond to His work in their hearts.

Let us pray that every woman attending will encounter the Lord deeply, experience renewal in her walk with Christ, and return strengthened to live faithfully in her family, workplace, ministry, and community.

Strengthening Disciplemaking through IDMC Manila

When the world feels unstable, believers must become unshakable.

Recent events remind us how quickly tensions can rise and how uncertain our world can become. In moments like these, followers of Christ are reminded that our hope and stability cannot rest on the shifting conditions of this world. Our confidence rests in the unshakable kingdom of God.

This is the heart behind IDMC Manila 2026, happening on March 28, with the theme: "Unshakable: Empowered in Warfare, Weakness, and Witness."

IDMC is a strategic gathering designed to strengthen our shared commitment to intentional disciplemaking. In the afternoon, several focused workshops will help believers apply the gospel faithfully across different callings and life stages.

These include:

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

Each workshop is designed to help believers live out the same gospel convictions within the specific responsibilities God has entrusted to them—whether at home, in the marketplace, in ministry leadership, or among the next generation.

The conference fee is P500, inclusive of lunch, snacks, and materials. I encourage every church leader, Growth Group leaders and members, and co-minister to prayerfully consider attending. Come as a group, sit together, and take time afterward to reflect on how these truths can shape and strengthen our disciplemaking culture as a church.

As we continue this year of preparation toward Vision 2037, may the Lord help us remain faithful in what matters most: following Jesus closely and helping others follow Him as well.

From celebrating God's work in church planting, to preparing hearts for renewal at Crossroad, to strengthening disciplemaking through IDMC, these opportunities remind us that God is continually forming His people and sending them forward for His mission across generations. ✱

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