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SERMON OUTLINE

FOLLOWING JESUS #09

FAITH THAT FOLLOWS JESUS

LUKE 7:1-50 | REV. LITO VILLORIA

Following Jesus is not merely believing in Him—it is responding to Him in faith. In Luke 7, we see different responses to Jesus, but not all responses are the same. Some responses stop at recognition, curiosity, or even admiration, but do not lead to true surrender. True discipleship is marked by a faith that trusts Him, receives Him, rests in Him, and follows Him wholeheartedly. This passage calls us to examine not just what we say about Jesus, but how we truly respond to Him.

Luke 7 presented four encounters that revealed the nature of true faith. First, the Roman centurion demonstrated a faith that trusted Jesus' authority. Though not physically present, he believed that Jesus' word was sufficient to heal his servant. It showed that true faith rests fully in Christ's authority.

True faith stands out because it relies completely on who Jesus is and what He says. (Luke 7:1-10)

Second, Jesus raised the widow's son in Nain, revealing His power over death. The crowd recognized His power, but recognition alone did not yet lead to true discipleship. It showed that faith must move beyond amazement to surrender. True faith moves from seeing the work of Christ to trusting the person of Christ. (Luke 7:11-17)

Third, John the Baptist sought assurance while in prison. Jesus pointed him to His works, revealing that faith must rest in who He is and not be offended by His ways. This showed that faith may wrestle, but it must ultimately trust in Christ. True faith does not collapse under questions—it returns to Christ for clarity and confidence. (Luke 7:18-35)

Finally, the sinful woman responded to Jesus with humility and devotion. Her actions revealed a heart transformed by grace, and Jesus declared, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." A forgiven life becomes a devoted life that openly responds to Christ. True faith is expressed through love, humility, and surrender. (Luke 7:36-50)

True discipleship is grounded in a faith that rests in Jesus' authority, receives His grace, and is expressed through humble devotion and obedience. The purpose of this sermon is to assure believers that such faith trusts Him, responds with humility, and follows Him. This is the faith that leads not only to salvation, but to a life of peace with God. ✦

GOD'S PROVISION AND OUR PARTICIPATION

REV. LITO VILLORIA

In my recent devotion from Genesis 28:20-22, I was reminded—and I want to share this with you—that our encounter with God must lead to reverent worship expressed through surrendered giving.

"Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that You give me I will give a full tenth to You.'" – Genesis 28:20-22

Jacob had just encountered God at Bethel in a moment of uncertainty and transition. He was alone, leaving behind the consequences of his past, yet God met him with assurance: His presence, His protection, and His promise. That encounter changed Jacob. He moved from simply knowing about God to personally responding to Him.

Jacob acknowledged that everything he would receive—provision, protection, and peace—would come from God. In response, he made a deliberate commitment to give back to God a portion of all that he would receive. His giving was not casual nor convenient. It was intentional. It was worship. It marked a turning point from self-reliance to dependence on God.

This is the same truth for us today. Our giving is not merely a financial act—it is a spiritual response. It reflects our trust that God is our Provider and our willingness to participate in what He is doing. We give not out of pressure, but out of worship. We give not because God needs it, but because we acknowledge that everything we have comes from Him. What we return to Him reflects the posture of our hearts before Him.

Over the past few months, we have seen this lived out in our church.

From January to March, the Lord has faithfully provided through your giving. Our total giving during this period reached P11.25M, with an average monthly giving of about P3.75 million. When compared with our reset ministry budget of approximately P3.6 million per month, we see that God has graciously enabled us to meet our ministry needs, with a modest surplus of around P150,000.

We thank God for His faithfulness, and we thank you for your obedience.

As we thank God for His provision, we are also taking a step forward in faith.

We have entered into a contract for the structural investigation of our property along Daang Hari. This is a necessary step to understand the condition of the land and existing structures and to determine what can be built safely, wisely, and

sustainably. These studies, including soil testing, structural assessment, and technical evaluation, will guide us as we move forward in the vision God has entrusted to us.

The total cost for this phase is around P720,000. We share this with you as an opportunity to participate in what God is doing among us.

If the Lord places a burden in your heart to give—above your regular giving and offerings—toward this need, we invite you to respond prayerfully. Just as Jacob responded to God's presence with a tangible act of worship, this is one way we can express our trust in God and participate together in what He is building among us.

At the same time, we invite you to pray with us for another important need.

As our seniors ministry continues to grow, there has been a consistent request over the past year for an elevator to better serve our senior members and those with mobility challenges. This is part of caring well for the people God has entrusted to us and ensuring that everyone can fully participate in the life of the church. The estimated cost for this is around P1.85M.

Let us continue to trust Him together—not only for our present needs, but also for the steps of faith He is calling us to take for the future. ✦

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