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FOLLOWING JESUS #24

FAITHFULNESS UNTIL THE
KINGDOM COMES

LUKE 21:1–38 I REV. REVIN VASALLO

In Luke 19:45–20:47, Jesus exercised divine authority while religious leaders resisted Him. Luke 21 now teaches how His followers must live while awaiting His return. Rather than providing a timetable for speculation, Jesus prepares His disciples to remain faithful through deception, opposition, upheaval, suffering, temptation, and the pressures of life.

Jesus saw a widow place two coins into the temple treasury. While the wealthy gave from their abundance, she gave everything she had for her livelihood. Her unnoticed offering revealed wholehearted trust and showed that God measures faithfulness by surrender rather than outward size. Her generosity also contrasted with religious leaders who exploited widows while displaying devotion. (Luke 21:1–4)

When people admired the temple,

Jesus foretold its destruction and warned against false messiahs and claims that the end had arrived. His followers would face persecution, betrayal, hatred, and death. Yet opposition would become an opportunity for witness. Christ would supply wisdom and preserve those who endured in faith. Even death could not destroy the life secured for disciples who remained allied with Christ. (Luke 21:5–19)

Jesus warned that armies would surround Jerusalem, bringing judgment in AD 70. Jerusalem would remain under Gentile domination until God’s appointed purposes were fulfilled. Beyond this judgment, cosmic signs would precede the visible return of the Son of Man. Believers could raise their heads because their final redemption was approaching. Christ’s return would bring judgment upon the world but complete deliverance for His people. (Luke 21:20–28)

Like leaves announcing summer, the signs will show that God’s consummated kingdom is near. Christ’s words remain certain even when creation passes away. Therefore, disciples must guard their hearts from self-indulgence and life’s anxieties, remain awake, and pray for strength to stand before Him. As He approached the cross, Jesus continued teaching faithfully, modeling the obedience He required. (Luke 21:29–38)

Jesus will return in power and glory to complete His kingdom and redeem His people. Therefore, disciples must give their whole lives to God, bear witness through opposition, remain hopeful through every upheaval, and watch and pray at all times. The certainty of Christ’s coming produces faithfulness in the present.✱

SEEKING GOD’S WISDOM AS WE
MAKE DISCIPLES

REV. LITO VILLORIA

In my devotion last Friday, the Lord reminded me through Solomon’s prayer in 1 Kings 3:9:

“Give your servant therefore an understanding mind...that I may discern between good and evil.”

When God invited Solomon to ask for whatever he desired, Solomon did not request wealth, long life, or victory over his enemies. Recognizing his inexperience and the responsibility entrusted to him, he asked for an understanding mind to govern God’s people and discern what was right.

Solomon’s prayer reminds us that we need God’s wisdom for every responsibility He entrusts to us. Whether we are leading our families, serving in the church, making decisions at work, or helping others follow Jesus, we must humbly seek the wisdom that comes from God.

Last weekend, around seventy men participated in our Men’s Crossroad Weekend. I was personally blessed to be with them and witness how God revealed Himself to each one through His Word, personal reflection, and fellowship. It was encouraging to see them respond to the Lord with humility, honesty, repentance, faith, and renewed commitment to follow Jesus.

Let us continue praying for every participant. Pray that the seeds of the gospel and God’s Word planted in their hearts will take deep root and bear lasting fruit. May their commitments become faithful patterns of obedience as they follow

Jesus in their homes, workplaces, church, and community. Pray that God will give them wisdom and strength to become the spiritual leaders and disciplemakers He has called them to be.

Yesterday, Saturday, August 29, I led an NDC Clinic for pastors and leaders representing around twenty churches in the Zambales area. Our continuing thrust through the National Disciplemaking Campaign is to encourage and guide churches to become the disciplemaking churches God has intended them to be. We desire to help them develop intentional and sustainable disciplemaking processes that will become part of their culture and way of life.

Please pray that God will grant these pastors and leaders wisdom as they assess their churches, strengthen their ministries, and equip their people to follow Jesus and help others follow Him. Today, I will also be preaching during the morning and afternoon services of Subic Bay Community of Faith. Pray that God will use His Word to strengthen the congregation.

This coming Wednesday, Linda and I will lead around twenty-three of our NextGen leaders to attend IDMC Conference 2026 in Singapore. This year’s theme, “Let Incense Arise,” will focus on worship and prayer in our lives, families, churches, cities, and the world. Together with believers from Singapore and other nations, our team will learn principles and practices that can deepen their daily encounter with Jesus.

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Please pray that this conference will make a lasting impact upon their lives and ministries. Pray that they will consecrate themselves fully to Christ, grow in their commitment to follow Jesus, and become faithful disciplemakers who will disciple others who will also disciple others. May God raise a new generation of leaders who will love Christ, live by His Word, depend upon Him in prayer, and serve His purposes throughout their lives.

After the conference, Linda and I will attend our annual retreat with our mentor, Rev. Edmund Chan, founder of the Global Alliance of Disciplemaking Churches, from September 6 to 8. We value this opportunity to receive spiritual guidance, reflect, pray, and seek God’s wisdom for our life and ministry. Lord willing, we will return on September 9.

Finally, let me give one last reminder about our 30th Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest. The deadline for submitting entries is next Sunday, September 6, at 11:59 PM. We encourage our artists, designers, young people, families, Growth Groups, and ministry teams to offer their creativity for God’s glory through an original design reflecting His faithfulness, our journey as a church, and our theme, “Built for His Glory.”

In all these opportunities, may we continually seek God’s wisdom. Only He can enable us to discern what is right, serve faithfully, and make disciples who will make disciples—all for His glory.✱

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