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FOLLOWING JESUS #25

THE CROSS WE ARE CALLED TO
CARRY

LUKE 22:1–38 I REV. LITO VILLORIA

Luke 21 called Jesus’ disciples to remain faithful, watchful, and prayerful until His kingdom comes. Luke 22 reveals why such readiness is necessary. As Jesus knowingly moves toward the cross, His disciples face betrayal, rivalry, temptation, and opposition. Luke 22:1–38 shows how the cross shapes faithful discipleship under pressure.

As Passover approached, religious leaders plotted to kill Jesus, while Judas willingly agreed to betray Him under Satan’s influence. Passover remembered Israel’s deliverance through the blood of a lamb. Nevertheless, Jesus remained sovereign over the unfolding events. Peter and John obeyed His instructions, found the furnished room exactly as He had said, and faithfully prepared the meal before His suffering. (Luke 22:1–13)

At the Passover table, Jesus looked beyond His suffering toward the fulfilled kingdom. The ancient deliverance now pointed toward a greater rescue. He identified the bread with His body given for His disciples and the cup with the new covenant established through His blood. His sacrificial death would secure forgiveness, salvation, transformed hearts, and fellowship with God for His people. (Luke 22:14–23)

Although Jesus had described His coming sacrifice, the disciples argued about their greatness. He contrasted rulers who pursued authority and recognition with kingdom leaders who serve. Greatness in Christ’s kingdom therefore takes the lowest place. Jesus possessed supreme authority but stood among them as a servant. He promised His faithful disciples fellowship and responsibility in His future kingdom under His rule. (Luke 22:24–30)

Jesus warned that Satan desired to sift all the disciples and predicted Peter’s denial. Yet He had prayed for Peter, whose failure would lead to repentance, restoration, and ministry to others. As hostility approached, Jesus prepared them for changing circumstances, not armed resistance, teaching them to rely upon His preserving strength through trials. Their greatest preparation was dependence upon Christ alone. (Luke 22:31–38)

Jesus alone carried the cross that accomplished salvation, and everyone who receives His grace is called to carry the cross of discipleship. This sermon calls believers to remain faithful to Christ’s call, receive His grace, serve others as He served, and depend upon Him through testing and opposition they face. ✱

BUILDING THE CHURCH FOR HIS
GLORY

REV. LITO VILLORIA

“Be strong and courageous and do it. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the LORD God, even my God, is with you.” – 1 Chronicles 28:20

As we continue our journey toward Vision 2037, I want to emphasize an important truth: **Vision 2037 is not merely about the church building; it is about building the church.**

The expanded facility is not the ultimate goal. It is a means through which we can build lives, multiply disciples, develop leaders, strengthen families, form the next generation, serve our community, and participate more fully in God’s global mission.

Today, we are giving everyone a copy of our first Vision 2037 booklet, *From Calling to Courage: The Story of Our Vision 2037 Journey*. This booklet records how the Lord planted the vision in our hearts through His Word, sustained it through prayer, and strengthened us to move forward with courage. It recounts our 40 Days of Prayer and reminds us that Vision 2037 was not born in a planning meeting but in seasons of seeking God. It also invites every member of our church family to participate through prayers, partnership, and provision.

Let us remember our complete Vision 2037 statement:

“To heed God’s call for GCF South Metro Church and GCFSM Christian School to be a greater blessing to our community, throughout the Philippines, and across other nations—reaching people of all generations for Christ by being a global discipling and leadership center through the expansion of the strategic facility He has entrusted to our care, in fulfillment of His global purpose.”

Every part of this statement points beyond a building. We desire to become a global

discipling and leadership center. The Daang Hari property is a strategic stewardship entrusted to us by God. Its expansion must serve the greater mission of reaching people for Christ, multiplying authentic disciplers, developing excellent leaders, and blessing generations to come.

We are already seeing glimpses of God fulfilling the global dimension of this vision. He is connecting us not only with national evangelical alliances and prominent Christian leaders throughout Asia, but also with leaders from other parts of the world. During my recent Global Alliance Leadership Roundtable retreat, the Lord opened opportunities to build relationships with Christian leaders from Lebanon, Albania, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Kenya, and Nigeria. We receive these connections humbly as early indications of how God may use GCF South Metro to serve His global mission.

Our second booklet will soon be released. It is entitled *Built for His Glory: Preparing the Church for Vision 2037*. While the first booklet tells the story of how God called us into this journey, the second explains how we must prepare to carry the vision faithfully. It calls us to prepare spiritually, organizationally, physically, financially, and pastorally. It reminds us that we are not simply preparing to construct a facility. God is preparing us to build lives, strengthen His church, steward our school, and serve His mission.

In January 2027, we will celebrate our church’s 30th Anniversary throughout the entire month under the theme **Built for His Glory**. On January 24, the fourth Sunday, we will hold our special anniversary service and formally launch Vision 2037. During that service, we will also receive our initial Vision 2037 offering, which will serve as the seed fund for the building project. Let us begin praying about how the Lord would have

each of us participate willingly, joyfully, and faithfully.

I also owe you an update regarding our elevator project. I had hoped and promised that it would be available by last Sunday for our Grandparents’ Day celebration. I am sorry that we were unable to fulfill that commitment. However, after meeting with experienced technical advisers, we realized that proceeding with the proposed home elevator would not be wise or practical for the church’s long-term needs.

There were concerns about its limited passenger capacity, durability under frequent use, safety features, maintenance support, availability of spare parts, warranty, delivery risks, and possible LGU approval for church use. We have therefore decided to pursue a commercial elevator from an established supplier with a reliable brand and dependable after-sales service. Prospective suppliers will inspect our ground-floor lobby and recommend the most suitable design. We are also addressing the necessary waterproofing work.

While this adjustment will require more time, we believe that pausing to make a safer and more sustainable decision is the wiser and more responsible course. Please pray that the Lord will guide every detail, provide the right supplier, protect everyone involved, and allow the elevator to be operational by early January 2027.

The work before us is great because it is for the Lord. Let us build with courage, prepare with wisdom, give with joy, and depend upon God in prayer. Above all, let us allow Him to build us into the people He desires us to become.

The mission remains. The vision is clear. The future belongs to the Lord.

Built for His glory! ✱

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