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SERMON OUTLINE

FOLLOWING JESUS #28

THE CRUCIFIED CHRIST, OUR MODEL OF OBEDIENCE

LUKE 23:26-56 | REV. JONAR GARCIA

Luke 23:26–56 continues after Pilate released Barabbas and handed Jesus over for crucifixion. Although innocent, Jesus endured condemnation and continued fulfilling the Father's saving purpose. The passage follows His journey to the cross, His mercy toward sinners, His surrender to the Father, and His followers' devotion through His burial.

The soldiers compelled Simon of Cyrene to carry the cross behind Jesus. When women mourned for Him, Jesus warned them to weep for themselves and their children because judgment would come upon Jerusalem. His comparison of green and dry wood emphasized the severity of that judgment. Despite His suffering, Jesus continued speaking the truth and addressing the spiritual needs of others. (Luke 23:26–31)

The soldiers crucified Jesus between two criminals. Jesus prayed for forgiveness for His executioners while rulers, soldiers, and one criminal mocked Him. The other criminal acknowledged his guilt, affirmed Jesus' innocence, and trusted His kingship. Jesus promised him paradise that very day, revealing His mercy and authority to save repentant sinners through His sacrifice. (Luke 23:32–43)

Darkness covered the land from noon until three, and the temple curtain tore in two. Jesus entrusted His spirit to the Father and died. The centurion praised God and declared Him innocent. The crowds departed in grief, while His followers watched. Jesus' final prayer expressed His surrender and trust as He completed His obedience through death. (Luke 23:44–49)

Joseph of Arimathea, who had opposed the council's decision, requested Jesus' body, wrapped it in linen, and placed it in an unused tomb. The women observed the burial, prepared spices, and rested on the Sabbath. Their actions confirmed the burial's location and expressed faithful devotion through practical service and obedience to God's command. (Luke 23:50–56)

Christ's complete obedience accomplishes our salvation, His mercy welcomes repentant sinners, and His surrender provides our example in suffering. This sermon assures us of His saving work and calls us to obey the Father when obedience is costly, show mercy, entrust our lives to Him, and honor Christ through our devotion to Him. ❋

PARSON TO PERSON

KNOWING HIS WILL, PREPARING FOR HIS GLORY

REV. LITO VILLORIA

"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding." – Colossians 1:9

Last Friday, the Lord reminded me through this passage to pray continually for a deeper understanding of His will. Paul prayed that the Colossian believers would receive spiritual wisdom and understanding so they could live in a manner worthy of the Lord, bearing fruit in good works and growing in their knowledge of God. Understanding His will should lead us to obedience.

This prayer expresses my desire for GCF South Metro as we prepare for another year of ministry. This week, I concluded my monthlong annual reflection and study time seeking God's affirmation for what He wants done next year. By God's grace, I completed the sermon series plans for December, January, and the rest of 2027, as well as the second Vision 2037 booklet **Built for His Glory.** If you did not secure a copy of the booklet last week, I encourage you to **get one at the table in the lobby after the worship service.**

Our December series, **"Christ Our Hope,"** will help us remember God's faithfulness, celebrate our Savior's birth, and approach the coming year with confidence in Him. Anchored in Romans 15:12–13, it reminds us that Jesus is the promised Messiah in whom the nations place their hope. We will consider how hope in Christ sustains us as we remember His works, face our nation's brokenness, trust His Word, and prepare to obey Him.

In January, **"Built for His Glory"** will mark our **30th church anniversary.** Through the month's messages, we will remember God's faithfulness, reaffirm Christ as our foundation, and prepare to fulfill the responsibilities He entrusts to us. Our special anniversary service and formal **Vision 2037 launch on January 24** will call us to depend on His presence and provision as we prepare resources for disciplemaking, leadership development, ministry, and mission.

For the rest of 2027, we will study **1 and 2 Corinthians,** themed **"Called into Fellowship, Built for His Glory,"** anchored in 1 Corinthians 1:9. First Corinthians will challenge us to grow in unity, holiness, love, worship, and the use of spiritual gifts, while strengthening our resurrection hope.

The Corinthian church was richly gifted yet struggled with division, pride, and moral compromise. Paul showed how the gospel must shape relationships, marriage, Christian freedom, and service. These lessons will help us examine our lives, welcome biblical correction, and grow together as disciples who honor Christ in our daily decisions.

As we prepare for Vision 2037, Paul reminds us that we are God's building, with Christ as our only foundation. Our resources must serve the transformation of people for His glory. Second Corinthians will teach us about reconciliation, generosity, and dependence on God's grace.

We will also have **ten messages in our Real Talk sermon series, delivered on Communion Sundays,** applying biblical truth to practical concerns in daily life.

This weekend, I am at **Cross Pointe Church Cebu** to preach God's Word and guide **Rev. Nicolo Padilla and his leadership team** in their strategic planning. Please pray for wisdom, unity, and discernment as we seek God's direction for their church, and that our time together will strengthen their disciplemaking journey.

Following last Sunday's launch of the **GCF South Metro Ministries Foundation, Inc.,** let us pray that God will use this ministry arm of our church to bring Jesus more directly to our community and throughout our nation. Read the Foundation's brochure to learn more about its mission and programs, and prayerfully consider how you can participate.

As Missions Month concludes, our calling continues. Let us pray for one another to understand God's will more deeply, obey His Word faithfully, and bear fruit for His glory– from our community to the nations. ❋

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