

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

God is the ultimate change maker. He accomplishes extraordinary things through ordinary people like us as we obey and rely on His power to make a difference in the world. In 2 Kings 22 to 23, we find a young king named Josiah whom God used as an agent of change during a time when Judah was in deep spiritual darkness and dryness. Josiah's life teaches us several valuable lessons about bringing change into our own lives and the world around us.

CHANGE STARTS WITH GOD IN US

The first lesson we learn from Josiah is that change starts with God in us. The people of God had turned away from the Lord to worship idols, and the temple of God was in a state of disrepair. Josiah set out to do physical repairs to the temple of the Lord (2 Kings 22:3-6), but the people of God needed far more than just renovating a place. They needed a change of heart, and Josiah had to show them that change through his own actions. When the high priest, Hilkiah, found the Book of the Law by accident in the temple, Josiah realized that he needed to assume responsibility for where God had placed him. He responded with deep sorrow and repentance, and by knowing more of what's on God's heart (2 Kings 22:11-13). Josiah's example teaches us that before we can bring change to others, we need to make sure we ourselves are right with God. We need to search our hearts, repent, and humble ourselves before God for any sin that we may have committed and allow His grace to transform us.

COMMIT TO GOD'S WORD

The second lesson we learn from Josiah is to commit to God's Word. The judgment of the people's sin was unstoppable, and it reminds us of the truth of the stewardship of influence (2 Kings 22:14-20). We are given a certain circle of influence by God, but we cannot change people's hearts. God is the real change maker. Josiah understood this and wanted the people to hear the Word of God (2 Kings 23:1-2). Leading by example, he made a public covenant before the Lord, and all the people joined him (2 Kings 23:3). When we help bring people into the refreshing presence of the Word, we bring them into the refreshing presence of Jesus, the Living Word.

CLEAN OUT IDOLS

The third lesson we learn from Josiah is to clean out idols. This is not just a matter of what we need to start doing but also what we need to stop doing. The people of God were burning their children as a sacrifice to Molech (2 Kings 23:10-11), and they were deeply depraved by idolatry for a long time. God was replaced by idols in the hearts of the people. There were representations of false gods inside the temple of the Lord (2 Kings 23:4), and King Josiah had them burned and their ashes carried outside his territory. He ordered the Ark of the Covenant returned to where it belonged. In the same way, we need to identify and remove any idols in our lives that are competing with God's rightful place in our hearts.

CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

Finally, we learn from Josiah to celebrate God's grace. It is only by God's grace that a changed life is used to help change other people. This was evident in Josiah's time when they observed and celebrated the Passover, as recorded in 2 Kings 23:21-23. Today, we celebrate the Lord's Supper in remembrance of what He has done for us. We celebrate His grace when we tell others about what God has done in our lives so that they can be drawn to the real change maker. We can be God's change makers on Earth by telling someone about Jesus. This is where change begins, when God is in us and when God is in that person.

Judah was eventually conquered, but a hundred years later, the prophet Zechariah prophesied that God would send a King to Jerusalem, riding on a donkey. This King is none other than Jesus, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords! God sent Jesus so that we could receive complete forgiveness and be spared from His wrath through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. God sent the King who saves us forever!

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Josiah removed all the abominations from all the lands belonging to the sons of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel to serve the Lord their God. Throughout his lifetime they did not turn from following the Lord God of their fathers.

2 CHRONICLES 34:33

DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

How can you be more committed to knowing and applying God's word? How can you help others (family, friends) do the same?

What idols do you need to get rid of in your own life?
How can you help others do the same?

With whom can you celebrate the grace of God by sharing the Gospel to them and possibly discipling them?

DOWNLOAD THIS CHRONICLE ONLINE!

ccf.org.ph/chronicle/

DOWNLOAD THIS SUNDAY'S 4WS EVERY MONDAY!

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Want a summer to remember? Know Jesus!

Let's chat and pray at the Welcome Center. See you at the 2/F lobby!

STEP INTO THE COMMUNITY

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!



WOMEN2WOMEN

ALL WOMEN

She Did What?: Queen of Sheba
Women Who Made a Difference

April 13, Thursday
10:00 AM, Multi-Purpose Hall



ALSO STREAMED ONLINE

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Women Living Free

for women seeking answers on gender identity and God's design

Wednesdays starting April 12
7:00 PM via Zoom

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B1G MINISTRY

SINGLES

Family Feud or Family is Good?
Showing Love & Forgiveness in the Family based on God's Word

April 14, Friday
7:30 PM, Multi-Purpose Hall

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
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KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

Kids' Church: Resurrection Sunday: Victory on the Cross

Sundays, 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM
G/F North Wing, CCF Center

ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE

  ccfnxtgen for ages 4-12
 zoom for ages 7-12

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

STARTS

APRIL 15, 5:00 PM

MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, CCF CENTER

ALSO STREAMING LIVE AT

 Christ's Commission Fellowship

 B1G Ministry

  Elevate Main

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FAITH

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

How to Start a Dgroup Workshop
Today, April 9, 1:00 PM, Room 2A

GLC Level 2 – Zoom Cycle 1 (Ongoing)
Survey of the Bible, Session 1:
Books and Places of the Old Testament
April 13, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Join GLC's Training Cycle 2 this May!
Go to bit.ly/GLCTraining2023 to register

JOIN AND PARTICIPATE

Come together with the community to learn and grow, or to retreat and recharge!


True Life: Start Anew

A GLC EVENT, OPEN TO ALL
April 28-29, CCF Center
Go to bit.ly/TrueLifeRetreat2023 to register or visit the booth at the G/F lobby

A Beautiful Exchange

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN 21 Y/O AND UP
April 29 - May 1
Mt. Makiling Re-Creation Center
RETREAT FEE: PHP4,900
Go to bit.ly/ABERetreat2023 to register

FTW Volleyball Clinic

OPEN TO AGES 12-19
April 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, and May 6-7
CCF Center, Pasig City
REGISTRATION FEE: PHP3,800
Register at  [forthewinsportsacademy](https://www.facebook.com/forthewinsportsacademy)
Contact (0917) 626 3610 for details

LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments –Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.




You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13



JOIN US ON SUNDAYS

AT CCF CENTER
10:00 AM (English)
3:00 PM (Filipino)

ONLINE
10:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM
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