

GOD DEVELOPS CHANGEMAKERS, COOPERATE!

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

We have been going through the series CHANGEMAKERS, where we investigate the lives of Bible characters God used to accomplish His will and purpose in the lives of others and for His glory. He uses ordinary and imperfect people and develops them to bring about positive change, as we can see in the life of Gideon. How does He do this?

GOD USES PROBLEMS

God allows problems to awaken a sense of dissatisfaction, capturing our attention and motivating us to action. Often, it's only when we face significant challenges that we begin to seek God. For example, God allowed the Midianites to oppress His people for seven years (Judges 6:1-2), causing them to cry out to Him for help. Understanding problems from God's perspective can help us recognize that He uses trial and challenges to refine our character and draw us closer to Him. The New Testament emphasizes this truth in Hebrews 12:5-6, which reminds us how God's discipline for those whom He loves. When we struggle, we may think that God no longer loves us, but God's fatherly love includes discipline (Hebrews 12:7-10), showing that He is invested in and concerned about His followers. Although discipline may not be pleasant and can be painful, Hebrews 12:11 assures us that it leads to "the peaceful fruit of righteousness."

GOD SEES OUR POTENTIAL

God does not see us as we are now — He sees our potential in Christ! Similarly, we must also view others in this way. God is capable of transforming people, as He did with Gideon in Judges 6:12. Despite Gideon's lack of confidence and military experience, God called him a "valiant warrior" and planned to use him. Gideon asked God genuine questions and felt abandoned because of his circumstances. Nonetheless, God reassured him by promising to be with him (Judges 6:16).

When we face challenges, do we stand with God or against Him? God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise so that no one could boast before Him (1 Corinthians 1:26-29). Reflect on the people God used: Noah got drunk, Jacob was a deceiver, Peter denied Jesus, and Paul was a persecutor, yet God used them powerfully!

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, valiant warrior."

JUDGES 6:12

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GOD TRAINS US PROGRESSIVELY

God's training of people is progressive, like how athletes are trained step by step. In Philippians 1:8, Paul assures us that the work God began in us, He will continue until it is perfected. This means that God will efficiently use us, but we must take it step by step. Judges 6:25-26 shows us how God trained Gideon, giving him a mission to obey Him step by step despite the risks. To be used by God, we must remove idols, as seen in Gideon's story. Idols are anything that takes God's place in our lives such as money, relationships, self-centeredness, self-sufficiency, and even ministry. The key to true happiness is holiness, which comes from being set apart for God. The Christian life involves God breaking our idols, one by one. So, we must let God train us progressively, and work in our lives to remove idols.

GOD WANTS US TO PARTNER WITH HIM

God desires to partner with us in our lives. This requires a commitment to God's will, His way, His time, and His power. When we partner with God in this way, it leads to His victory and glory. We see an example of this in the story of Gideon in Judges 6 and 7. When the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, he called an army to follow him, but he knew that he could not do it alone. Gideon confirmed his partnership with God multiple times and trusted that God would see him through the task. God told Gideon that he needed to reduce his army to only 300 men so that Israel would not become too proud and think that their own power had saved them. Gideon obeyed and this led to a great victory for the Israelites.

God empowers us to be changemakers by leading us through a transformative process that requires our complete submission to His Lordship. It is only by trusting in God's guidance and following His lead every step of the way that we can truly fulfill the purpose He has for us.

DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

What is a challenging situation you are facing right now? What has been your perspective and response?

What struck you the most about God's work through Gideon? How can you relate this with your present situation?

What has God convicted you to change or continue in your perspective and response to your present challenges?

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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

A Woman's Forum with Earl Beja-Paolo

April 27, Thursday

10:00 AM, Multi-Purpose Hall

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

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM via Zoom

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Soul Care

May 5, Friday

7:30 PM, Multi-Purpose Hall

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KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

Changemakers:

Be God's Agents for Change

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

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FAITH

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

GLC Level 2 – Zoom Cycle 1 (Ongoing)

Survey of the Bible, Sessions 5-6:

Books and Places of the Old Testament

April 27, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Join GLC's Training Cycle 2 this May!

GLC Level 1 – Face-to-Face

Session 1 starts May 14, Sunday, 1:00 PM

GLC Level 1 – Zoom Cycle 2

starts May 17, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

GLC Level 3 – Zoom Cycle 2

starts May 11, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Go to bit.ly/GLCTraining2023 to register

JOIN AND PARTICIPATE

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

Premarital Counseling Class Online Class

OPEN TO SINGLE AND ENGAGED COUPLES

May 25 - July 25

Enrolment is open until May 22 **only**

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B1G True Life Retreat: #BestWeekendEver

OPEN TO ALL SINGLES

June 16 - 18, Mt. Makiling Re-Creation Center

RETREAT FEE: PHP4,500

Visit the booth at the G/F lobby to register

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

SATURDAYS, 5:00 PM
MULTI-PURPOSE HALL

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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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