

# FINISH WELL: LIVE IN GOD'S PRESENCE

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

To live in the presence of God is to grow in intimacy and in awareness of Him. In John 15:4-5, Jesus commands us to abide and stay connected to God to bear fruit, just as branches are connected to a vine. We need to acknowledge our need for Him and depend on Him for everything, and He promises to never abandon or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). When we love Jesus and obey His Word, He promises to dwell within us permanently (John 14:23).

Joseph's life vividly illustrates the significance of living in God's presence. He could have given in to trials and circumstances, but he continued to cling on to God, embracing His presence, and trusting Him in every situation.

## WORK LIFE

In Genesis 39:1-3, we find Joseph in Egypt, sold as a slave to an Egyptian officer named Potiphar. Despite his hardships, Joseph made a conscious decision to continue following God. He held onto the teachings and promises taught by his father, Jacob, and chose to live in God's presence. Joseph's commitment did not go unnoticed by Potiphar, who recognized his exceptional qualities and granting him favor by making him overseer of the estate (Genesis 39:4-5). The people in Potiphar's household experienced great blessings because of Joseph's excellence — and the source of his success and excellence was God. Colossians 3:23-24 reminds us to do everything for the Lord, recognizing that we serve Him. Living in God's presence significantly impacts our excellence in all our endeavors, showcasing our commitment to glorifying the Lord.

## MORAL LIFE

As Joseph rose to a position of authority and trust, he encountered a moral temptation: Joseph was handsome, and his master's wife tempted him to have an illicit affair with her (Genesis 39:6-7). This was a direct assault on Joseph's moral integrity, but because he lived in God's presence, he remained steadfast and did not yield. Joseph carefully considered the consequences and recognized that it was not worth trampling on God's goodness. He took a firm stand and declared to his master's wife that engaging in such actions would be a sin against God

Himself. When we sin, we bring sorrow to God, and He deserves better than such disrespect. Joseph managed to resist the temptation, but unforeseen events, including false accusations against him, led his master to send him to prison.

## THOUGHT LIFE

Joseph's mind and thoughts were fixed on the goodness of God, even while confined in jail. He remained committed to doing what was right, resulting in prosperity even within the prison. Instead of pitying himself, Joseph displayed concern for others, encouraging and helping them by interpreting their dreams. At one point, he requested the cupbearer to remember him and speak favorably of him to the king — but he was sadly forgotten, which brought him to a season of waiting. Then, God granted Pharaoh a perplexing dream that no one could interpret (Genesis 41:1). It was only then that the cupbearer remembered Joseph, and he was summoned to the king's presence. Joseph consistently attributed his ability to interpret dreams to God. Due to his wisdom, he was appointed as the second-in-command to the king. Even when confronted with prosperity, honor, and power, Joseph remained steadfast in God's presence.

## FAMILY LIFE / LEGACY

In Genesis 45:3-8, we witness Joseph's remarkable kindness towards his brothers, despite the afflictions they caused him. He forgave them instead of seeking revenge, sharing how he perceived the hidden blessings within the trials he had endured (Gen. 50:20-21). As children of God, we need to remember that there is a concealed blessing within every adversity. Joseph's ability to forgive his brothers stems from his unwavering faith in God's promises, including the inheritance of the Promised Land.

Romans 8:28 reminds us that all things work together for our good. When we live in God's presence, we can rise above circumstances and find purpose in every experience!

## DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

How do you practice continuously living in God's presence?

What difference will it make in your life if you live in God's presence? (work, moral, emotional)

How will you apply this message to those people who have wronged you or hurt you?

## LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to keep many people alive.

GENESIS 50:20

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## Don't forget the most important thing this summer!

Is it putting on sunscreen? An umbrella? No, it's knowing more and learning about Jesus!

See you at the Welcome Center, 2nd floor lobby!

## STEP INTO THE COMMUNITY

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

### WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN

#### Hey, Bro. Joel: How-to: Find Hidden Treasures in Trials with Marivic Lualhati

June 1, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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June 2, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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Sundays, 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

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## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FAITH

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

### Join GLC's new training cycle this June 2023!

#### GLC Level 1 — Face-to-Face

starts June 11, Sunday, 1:00 PM

Book 1: One by One, Room 2A

Book 3: The Holy Spirit, Room 3A

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starts June 14, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Book 1: One by One

Book 3: The Holy Spirit

#### GLC Level 2 — Face to Face

starts June 11, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 4A

Book 5: Starting Point for Small Groups

#### GLC Level 2 — Zoom Cycle 1

starts June 15, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Book 5: Starting Point for Small Groups

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starts June 15, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Module 1: The Multiplier

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## 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*



## SERVICES AT THE CCF CENTER

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE AT THE MPH 5:00 PM

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE MAIN AUDITORIUM 10:00 AM (English), 3:00 PM (Filipino)

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

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