

# Love Jesus Above All

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

What is your source of joy? There are many good things on this earth that can bring joy – our families, hobbies, even the work of our hands – but for the Apostle Paul, nothing brought him more joy than the Lord. His letter to the Philippians is filled to the brim with his perspective and experiences in loving God above all, so much so that he urges the Philippians with full authority and credibility to rejoice in the Lord (Philippians 3:1). But if our ultimate joy is found Jesus alone (John 15:9-11), why does joy seem so hard to come by? The secret is in our attitude and the way our attitudes cause us to live our lives. Experiencing the abundant joy that God has for us begins with loving Jesus above all.

## Love Jesus Above All Gain

If anyone had reason to boast about their credentials or accomplishments it would have been Paul. By the standards of the men of his day, Paul had everything anyone could want and more: he was a descendant of Abraham, was circumcised on the 8th day, from an elite tribe of Israel, and was even from the elite sect of pharisees. Yet despite having a pedigree that many others wanted, Paul now counted these things as loss for the sake of Christ (Philippians 3:7). The things that he once boasted of and held dear now paled in comparison to the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus. If we want to love Jesus above all, He must come before any of our interests, desires, or accomplishments.

## Love Jesus Above All Things

What are you willing to lose to follow Jesus? Paul didn't just count his pedigree as loss, he even counted his personal freedom and liberty as loss having written his

letter to the Philippians from prison. Knowing Jesus, experiencing the renewing power of His resurrection, and having an intimate relationship with Him was enough of a reason for Paul to count all things as loss (Philippians 3:8). In the same way, we too will have to count the cost of following Jesus. When we are all-in for Christ, we can look forward to experiencing His power like Paul did, and we get to watch God work! Is there anything in your life competing with your love for Jesus?

## Love Jesus Above Our Past

For many of us, the biggest obstacle to loving Jesus above all is our past – unforgiveness, wounds from past relationships, or maybe even guilt. If anyone knew about having a terrible past, it was Paul. Once a persecutor of Christians, complicit even in the stoning of Stephen (Acts 22:20), Paul did not let his past define him. Instead, Paul said, "Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14)." Jesus' redemptive work on the cross is greater than any of our pasts. It says in Romans 8:1, "There is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus." If your past is a burden that is holding you back from loving Jesus above all, remember that you do not have to carry that burden anymore.

When we love Jesus above all gain, above all things, and above even our past, He equips us to press on and energetically pursue His will for us without any hesitation. Are you willing to tell the Lord today, "Jesus, I'm all yours. Use me."?

### last week's memory verse

But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8

### discuss this message

- Do our interests, accomplishments, and desires get in the way of our love for Jesus?
- Does anything or anyone get in the way of our love for Jesus?
- Are there things in our past that get in the way of our love for and pursuit of Jesus?

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4WS EVERY MONDAY!

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# In Jesus, you can be a new you.

See you at the Welcome Center!



## step into the the community

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

### WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN

#### Release: Unleashing God's Abundant Blessings

Session 3: The Prayer for an Enlarged  
Territory with Malu Ortiz

March 6, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

ALSO STREAMED ONLINE

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### B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

#### B1G Fridays Love Series

[F5] Relationships: From Self-Centered  
Love to Christ-Centered Relationships

March 7, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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### NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

#### Love Connection

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

ZOOM: for ages 7-12; 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM  
message us at [facebook.com/ccfnxtgen](https://www.facebook.com/ccfnxtgen)  
to sign up

ONLINE: Bible Lesson Video Premiere  
9:00 AM at ccfnxtgen

### ACROSS FAMILY

#### Before and After I Do: A Marriage Seminar

for married and about-to-get-married couples

March 8, 2/F LAI Building

REGISTRATION FEE: PHP4,000 per couple,  
inclusive of meals and materials

Contact (0998) 965 4731 or

email [across@ccf.org.ph](mailto:across@ccf.org.ph) for more details

### MOVEMEN+ ALL MEN 18 Y/O AND UP

#### MoveMent Launching Session: The Fall & Rise of Man

March 8, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Room 2A

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## learn more about our faith

#### Be GLC-Equipped in your Discipleship Journey!

Power-Up: Leadership Training  
to Empower DGroup Leaders

A Series on Crucial Conversations

March 9, 16, and 23, Sundays

11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

#### GLC PREMIERE

Training Orientation for

Current & New Trainees

March 16, Sunday, 1:30 PM, 2/F LAI Building

#### GLC LEVEL 1 — Be a Disciple

Book 1: One by One, Session 1

ONSITE: March 23, Sunday

10:30 AM, Room 2A

ZOOM: March 26, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines, Session 1

ONSITE: March 23, Sunday

1:30 PM, Room 2A

ZOOM: March 26, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

#### GLC LEVEL 2 — Be a Discippler

Book 7: Family Life, Session 2

ONSITE: February 23, Sunday

1:00 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: February 27, Thursday, 7:30 PM

#### How to Start a Dgroup Workshop and GLC in Dgroups

ONSITE: March 9, Sunday, 11:00 AM, Room 3A

ZOOM: March 10, Monday, 7:30 PM

BE PART OF GLC: [linktr.ee/ccfglc](https://linktr.ee/ccfglc)

YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here  
for His purpose.

#### 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*

#### 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*

#### 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*

#### 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*

#### Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I  
am a sinner. I believe that You died on  
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your  
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please  
come into my life and be my Savior and  
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal  
life. Make me the kind of new person You  
want me to be. Thank You for giving me  
eternal life. Amen.

#### 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

### Saturdays

5:00 PM

### Sundays

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN,  
and 3:00 PM

### Online Livestream

[ccf.org.ph](https://www.ccf.org.ph) [ccfmain](https://www.facebook.com/ccfmain) [ccfmainTV](https://www.youtube.com/ccfmainTV)  
9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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