

Joy in Godly Fellowship

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Who are your favorite influencers? From fitness influencers to travel vloggers, we all have someone we follow on social media. Our reasons for following them can range from inspiration to admiration, but ultimately, we follow them because we see something worth imitating in their lives. In Philippians 3, Paul confidently tells us to follow his example not because he was proud of his accomplishments or ministry, but because he followed Christ. As believers, we are called to follow a higher standard – the standard of Christ and the godly examples who will point us to Him.

Follow Godly Examples

Paul was neither sinless nor perfect, but he continued to press on, getting back up again after making mistakes. Knowing and experiencing the transformative power of Christ's resurrection, Paul calls us to follow his example of taking up the cross of self-denial for the glory of God. Paul also warns us against following the examples of "enemies of the cross" - people who are ruled by their appetites for pleasure, pride, and power (Philippians 3:18-19). Even in church, not everyone is a godly example (Proverbs 13:20), so we must carefully discern whose example we follow and, in turn, be good examples for others to follow.

Identity: Know Your Heavenly Citizenship

When Paul wrote to the Philippians about our citizenship being in heaven, they understood exactly what he meant (Philippians 3:20-21). They were Roman citizens, but they lived in Philippi, just

as believers are citizens of heaven living on earth. No matter what we are going through today, we can be assured of the promise that everything will be okay at God's appointed time because of our heavenly citizenship. Just like Moses who didn't get to see the Promised Land in his lifetime (Deuteronomy 3:23-26), many of us have unanswered prayers. When we are tempted to think that we will never receive answers to prayers, remember that God's ways are greater than we could ever imagine! Not only did Moses see the Promised Land at Jesus' transfiguration, but he also came face-to-face with Jesus, and beheld God's glory (Matthew 17:2-3, Hebrews 1:2-3).

Together, Stand Firm

Paul called the Philippians his "joy and crown" (Philippians 4:1). Some may think of their accomplishments or possessions as their joy and crown, but these things will eventually fade away. What does last forever are God, His Word, and the people that we invest in. In the same way Paul urged Euodia and Syntyche, two co-laborers in the Philippian church, to live in harmony and love one another, we too are called to make the same investments in our communities. Jesus is our ultimate example, who, while we were still His enemies, loved us and died for us (Romans 5:8).

Handly Moule said, "I have often prayed that daily, and to the end, I may live as in a tent pitched between the Cross and the Grave of our Lord — the empty Cross, symbol and seal of His finished work of sacrifice and redemption, the empty grave, likewise the evidence and pledge of His eternal victory for us over the last enemy, death, and of our life hid with Him in God. May your tent be ever there also." May we likewise live between the empty cross, and the empty grave, following godly examples knowing that our citizenship is in heaven.

last week's memory verse

Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. ... For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

PHILIPPIANS 3:17, 20

discuss this message

- Who are the Godly examples you are following? What can you do to be a Godly example to others?
- How can you live more like a citizen of Heaven?
- What can you do to help others stand firm and be united in Jesus?

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In Jesus, you can be a new you.

See you at the Welcome Center!



YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here
for His purpose.

step into the the community


Fellowship and learn together with people like you!


WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN

Release: Unleashing God's Abundant Blessings

Session 4: How-To: Experience an
Enlarged Territory with Janette Sandico
March 13, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

ALSO STREAMED ONLINE

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NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

Up with God, Pray for Help

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

Dad Up: Fatherhood Conference 2025

open to all fathers

March 22, 8:00 AM, 2/F LAI Building


REGISTRATION FEE: PHP550

Register at <https://go.ccf.org.ph/dadup>

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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 Discipeler

Book 7: Family Life, Session 4

ONSITE: March 9, Sunday
1:00 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: March 13, 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

Can't attend GLC F2F or GLC Zoom?

Use the Self-Paced Online format
or do GLC in your DGroups!

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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

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9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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