

# LIVE AS GOD'S CHILD

Fatherlessness is a sad reality in the lives of many people today, and as a result, many struggle to understand what it means to have God as our Father. But even the best earthly dad cannot compare to our Heavenly Father (Job 38:4-11). When we experience and understand the goodness of God as our Father, it changes the way we live. We start living as His children, understanding that He is a Father who leads, links, and lavishes.

## GOD LEADS

Our Heavenly Father leads His children (Romans 8:14), but not everyone is a child of God. All people are His creation, but only those who receive Jesus and believe in His saving work are His children (Genesis 1:27, John 1:12). If you belong to God, He leads you by His Spirit, and His fruit will be evident in your life (Galatians 5:22-23).

We see God's leading from the very beginning of creation. He provides by giving life and sustenance (Genesis 2:7-9), He protects by giving us warnings against what harms (Genesis 2:16-27), and He disciplines out of love when we sin so that we learn and grow (Genesis 3:17, 9; Hebrews 12:6). We can often be tempted to force our way instead of following God's will, but to live as His child means letting Him lead and not playing "god" in our own lives.

## GOD LINKS

Many times, our own experiences with our early fathers or cultural views of fatherhood can distort our picture

of God. But through Jesus, everything changed. Paul taught us that we can call God "Abba, Father" (Romans 8:15-16; Mark 14:36) - a term of intimacy much like "daddy" or "papa." At Jesus' baptism, God declared, "This is My beloved Son", affirming the closeness of this relationship (Matthew 3:16-17).

Even in today's age of digital connection, loneliness runs deep, yet those adopted into God's family are never alone. God adopts us into His family through Jesus Christ, and because of this, our sins are cancelled, we come under His care, and we receive the full inheritance of His children (Romans 8:15).

## GOD LAVISHES

God lavishes His children with an inheritance as fellow heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17). This kind of grace is unimaginable given how we have treated God! The parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15 illustrates this perfectly. Despite everything the son had done, his father ran to embrace him and celebrate his return. More than the son's failure, the story reveals the father's prodigal love - a lavish, extravagant, and undeserved love.

This is how God loves us. He restores, forgives, and gives us privileges as His own children. If you are His child, you can trust that He wants to lavish His love on you even now.



### last week's memory verse

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

ROMANS 8:15

### discuss this message

- Who is leading your life? You or God?
- How intimate is our relationship with God? 1-10? What can we do to improve this?
- Do we live like "heirs" of God? Why or why not?

WATCH THE CONCISE VERSION OF THIS MESSAGE:

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DOWNLOAD THIS SUNDAY'S 4WS EVERY MONDAY!

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## ccf SERVICES AT THE CCF CENTER

SATURDAYS

5:00 PM

SUNDAYS

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

SUNDAY LIVESTREAMS

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# Do you need someone to talk to?

Allow us to listen and pray for you at the Welcome Center!

## STEP INTO THE COMMUNITY

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!



### WOMEN 2 WOMEN ALL WOMEN


#### The Woman-ager: Stewardship of Talent

with Marivic Lualhati

September 18, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE

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### B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

#### Encounters with Jesus

##### The Chosen Series, Session 2: Nicodemus

September 12, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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### WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

OPEN TO ALL

#### Family Life

September 17, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

venue to be announced

REGISTER AT

[bit.ly/WelcomeWednesdayReg](http://bit.ly/WelcomeWednesdayReg)

### NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

#### The House of Faith:

##### Building Homes on God's Promises

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

G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

BIBLE LESSON PREMIERE: for ages 4-12

9:00 AM at   ccfnxtgen

RESOURCES:

<https://linktr.ee/NXTGENFamilyResources>



### FRIDAY OUTREACH

OPEN TO ALL

#### Get trained in evangelism and bring the gospel to the streets!

Saturdays, 3:00 PM, Room 3A

CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE

  FridayOutreach.Philippines

## We are willing to listen and improve!

## LEARN ABOUT OUR FAITH

### Watch out for GLC Level 1's new cycle!

#### GLC LEVEL 1: Be a Disciple

BOOK 1: September 14, Sunday, 10:30 AM

BOOK 2: September 14, Sunday, 1:30 PM

BOOK 3: September 14, Sunday, 1:30 PM

ZOOM: September 16, Tuesday, 7:30 PM

#### Learn Basic Doctrines

#### GLC LEVEL 2: Be a Discipuler

BOOK 6: September 14, Sunday

1:00 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: September 17, Thursday, 7:30 PM

#### Lead to Multiply

#### GLC3 LEAD

BOOK 9: The Spiritual Leader: Competence

September 24, Thursday

7:30 PM, MPH

#### Can't attend GLC F2F or GLC Zoom?

Use the E-Learning format or do GLC in your DGroups!

#### Other Events

BAPTISM CLASS: September 14, Sunday 1:30 PM, G/F Annex Bldg.

WATER BAPTISM: September 21, Sunday 1:30 PM, G/F Annex Bldg.

HOW TO START A DGROUP WORKSHOP:

September 14, Sunday, 11:00 AM, Room 3A

September 15, Monday, 7:30 PM via Zoom

BE PART OF GLC CLASSES AND EVENTS: [linktr.ee/ccfglc](http://linktr.ee/ccfglc)

## SAVE THE DATE

Take note of future events you might want to join!

## MADE MAN

LIVING FOR GOD'S PURPOSE

Men's Conference 2025

September 19-20, CCF Center

TICKET PRICES:

PHP100: via the CCF App only;

exclusive for Dgroup leaders

PHP800: regular rate

PHP1,000: on the day door charge

Register at [go.ccf.org.ph/mensconference](http://go.ccf.org.ph/mensconference)

If you have any concerns and feedback, our pastors are willing to listen.

Email them along with your name at

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Note: Emails without full name shall not be entertained.

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*