

The Ordinary Person God Uses

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Though the world may never know our names and we may sometimes feel insignificant, God reminds us that we are never overlooked by Him. As our loving Father, He knows each of us intimately. He has called us by name, we belong to Him, and He holds our lives securely according to His perfect plans and promises (Isaiah 43:1). Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly demonstrates that He delights in using ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary purposes. In the life of Epaphras—a man whose name may be unfamiliar to many of us—we see a powerful reminder that God often works in remarkable ways through those who simply trust and follow Him.

SHARE CHRIST

In Colossians 1:3–8, Paul credits Epaphras as the one who first brought the gospel to the believers in Colossae. Although Epaphras is mentioned only a few times in Scripture and was never considered a prominent figure, he loved Christ deeply and faithfully made Him known. His example reminds us that when we experience God's saving grace, we cannot keep it to ourselves. We have been entrusted with both the privilege and the responsibility of sharing the good news of Jesus with others so that they, too, may come to know Him.

SERVE CHRIST

Paul describes Epaphras as Christ's "beloved fellow bondservant" (Colossians 1:7), a servant who willingly devoted himself to his Master out of love rather than obligation (Exodus 21:5–6). Jesus Himself perfectly modeled this kind of servant-hearted life by consistently placing the Father's will above His own. Like Epaphras, we are called to follow Christ's example through practical acts of love and humble service. Whether it means going out of our way to care for others when it is inconvenient or laboring earnestly in prayer on their behalf (Colossians 4:12), we reflect the heart of Christ when we faithfully serve those around us.

SURRENDER TO CHRIST

When we remember who we are in Christ, we find rest as we come before Him in complete surrender. Paul refers to both himself and Epaphras as "fellow prisoners in Christ Jesus" (Philemon 1:23), reminding us that true freedom is found in willingly living under Christ's authority, regardless of our circumstances. Surrendering to Jesus means laying down our own plans and submitting ourselves to His perfect will. As prisoners of Christ, we are not confined without purpose or direction. Rather, we are strengthened by His grace to go wherever He sends us and to faithfully do whatever He calls us to do, trusting that His plans are always greater and far better than our own.

LIVING AS ORDINARY PEOPLE IN THE HANDS OF AN EXTRAORDINARY GOD

The gospel changes lives when ordinary people choose to trust and follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Whether God calls us to share the good news, serve others with humility, or surrender more of our lives to Him, He delights in working through those who are willing to love and obey Him. God's work has never depended on extraordinary people. It has always depended on our extraordinary God, who powerfully accomplishes His purposes through ordinary people who simply trust Him and faithfully walk in obedience.

last week's memory verse

Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.

COLOSSIANS 4:12

discuss this message

Evangelist: Who do you commit to sharing the gospel with this week?

Servant: Who do you commit to serving in a simple yet significant way this week?

Prisoner: What aspect of your life do you need to fully surrender to Jesus?

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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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WEEKDAYS

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3:00 AM/PM, 6:00 AM/PM

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**Who is our constant anchor
in these unsettling times?**
Come, let's talk about it in the Welcome Center.

#GoServe One Service
One service can make a difference.

Serve at Host Team,
NXTGEN, or Welcome Center!
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Our Community

CCF NET ONLINE COMMUNITY

Net Connect

August 9, Sunday, 9:00 AM
Visit the booth at the G/F lobby!
CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE
zoom go.ccf.org.ph/ccfnetconnect

WOMEN 2 WOMEN ALL WOMEN

Forgotten Virtues: Rediscovering Godly Character in an Ungodly World

Honor with Bea Moral
August 13, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH
CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE
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B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

B1G Fridays

August 14, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH
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FRIDAY OUTREACH OPEN TO ALL

Evangelism Training and Outreach

Saturdays, 3:00 PM, Room 3A
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NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

Extraordinary

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>

Our Classes

Be Biblically Grounded

GLC LEVEL 1: Be a Disciple

BOOK 1: September 6, Sunday
10:30 AM, 2F Annex
BOOK 2: September 6, Sunday
1:30 PM, 2F Annex
BOOK 3: September 6, Sunday
1:30 PM, Room 3A
BOOK 4: September 27, Sunday, 1:30 PM
ZOOM: Books 1, 2, and 3
September 8, Tuesday, 7:30 PM

Be Equipped to Lead

GLC LEVEL 2: Be a Discipler

BOOK 5: August 9, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 4A
ZOOM: August 13, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Be a Leader Who Raises Leaders

GLC3 LEAD: Be a Multiplier, Cycle 2 For Dgroup Leaders Only

BOOK 9: August 9, Sunday, 11:00 AM, Room 4A
ZOOM: August 13, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Welcome Wednesdays

Visit our Convo Corner —
a safe space to share, listen, and be heard.
Wednesdays, 6:00 PM, Social Hall

August 12, Wednesday, 7:00 PM

The Fruit and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
— BS Room 1
Cultivating the Habit of Worship and Fellowship — BS Room 3
The New Life in Christ — MPH

Other Events

How to Facilitate a DGroup Workshop
with Ptr. Aumar Aguilar
August 16, Sunday, 2:00 PM, 2/F Annex

GLC Baptism Class

ONSITE: August 9, Sunday, 1:30 PM, 2/F Annex
ZOOM: August 10, Monday, 7:30 PM
WATER BAPTISM:
August 16, Sunday, 1:30 PM, G/F Annex

REGISTER FOR OUR CLASSES AND EVENTS:
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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

**We are willing
to listen and improve!**

If you have any concerns and feedback, our pastors are willing to listen. Email them along with your name at osp@ccf.org.ph — Pastor Peter Tan-Chi
oepp@ccf.org.ph — Pastor Ricky Sarthou

Note: Emails without **full name** shall not be entertained.