

# When disillusioned, FOCUS ON GOD

## LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

What do we do when life doesn't turn out the way we expected? Disappointment can easily become disillusionment, leaving us discouraged, isolated, struggling to move forward, and even questioning God and His presence in our lives. But in the same way we study how to succeed, we also need to learn how to recover when things fail or go wrong. Habakkuk reminds us that when life feels overwhelming, unfair, or even miserable, we have a choice: we can either run from God or run to Him. So, what do we do when disillusionment threatens to consume us? Let's learn three lessons from the story of Habakkuk.

### Turn to God

The book of Habakkuk opens with the prophet honestly bringing his disappointment to God. His prayers seemed to go unanswered while injustice and wickedness prevailed around him (Habakkuk 1:2-4). Instead of turning away, Habakkuk chose to turn to God. Disappointment is inevitable when we focus on people or circumstances, but God reminds us that He is always at work, even when we cannot understand His ways (Habakkuk 1:5-6). Habakkuk struggled with the reality that wicked people were prevailing, but He also knew God was pure and just (Habakkuk 1:13). Trials will always be painful, but God uses each one to develop perseverance and character in us so long as we continue to focus on Him (Romans 5:3-4).

### Wait on God

Waiting on God is difficult because we often want answers and solutions immediately. Even if what God revealed about Judah was difficult to understand, God asked Habakkuk to wait. In a show of God's undeniable faithfulness, God's promises were eventually fulfilled. In the same way, we can wait because we trust God's Word, power, goodness, and character. Psalm 27 reminds us to wait for the Lord with courage and hope. Habakkuk declared that the righteous would live by faith and trust God even when they do not understand His ways (Habakkuk 2:4). May we live in the same way – knowing that God is sovereign and in control instead of taking shortcuts or focusing on our circumstances.

### Worship God

Worship does not necessarily change our circumstances, but it certainly changes our perspective by turning our focus back to God's greatness and faithfulness. Habakkuk responded to God by choosing to worship even if he knew difficult circumstances lay ahead (Habakkuk 3). He declared, "Yet I will exult in the Lord", regardless of the lack of improvement in his situation (Habakkuk 3:17-19), because true worship doesn't wait for circumstances to change. It declares that God is good even when things are bad. When we recognize our weakness and focus on God, He becomes our strength and salvation. We can trust His goodness, mercy, and faithfulness, knowing that He is for us.

### last week's memory verse

... the righteous will live by faith.

HABAKKUK 2:4

### discuss this message

What do you do when you are disillusioned and disappointed?

What is the right thing to do about it?

How will you worship God in spite of your disappointments in life?

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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

 [ccf.org.ph](http://ccf.org.ph)  
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starts 30 minutes  
before each service

### WEEKDAYS 24/7 VIDEO ON DEMAND

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

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**Longing to experience more  
of our Extraordinary God?**  
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!  
[go.ccf.org.ph/VolunteerSignUp](https://go.ccf.org.ph/VolunteerSignUp)

## OUR COMMUNITY

WOMEN 2 WOMEN ALL WOMEN

### Lies Women Believe:

"I Have to Have \_\_\_\_\_  
to Be Happy" with Joy de Leon

October 15, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

### Bridges of Love:

How Moms Can Navigate

Gender Identity Conversations

October 17, Saturday, 9:00 AM, Social Hall

### CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE

  ccfwomen2women  
 CCFWomen2WomenMinistry

B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

### Discipleship Series: Session 3: Together, Despite Hardships

October 16, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

### CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE

  b1gministry

EVANGELISM  
MOBILIZATION OPEN TO ALL

### Evangelism Training and Deployment

Saturdays, 1:00 PM, Room 3A

### CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE

  ccfevangelismmobilization

NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

### Little Acts, Big Impact

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 Equipped to Lead

**GLC LEVEL 2: Be a Discippler**

**BOOK 6:** October 11, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 2A

**ZOOM:** October 15, Thursday, 7:30 PM

### Be a Leader Who Raises Leaders

**GLC 3 LEAD: Be a Multiplier, Cycle 2**

**For Dgroup Leaders Only**

**BOOK 12:** October 11, Sunday, 11:00 AM, Room 4A

**ZOOM:** October 15, Thursday, 7:30 PM

### Welcome Wednesday

October 14, Wednesday, 7:00 PM

**OPEN TO ALL**

**Evangelifestyle** — BS Room 1

**GLC Level 2: Book 8, Session 1**

**with Ptr. Marty Ocaya** — MPH

October 21, Wednesday, 7:00 PM

**OPEN TO ALL**

**Rewind Series: Galatians** — BS Room 1

**GLC Level 2: Book 8, Session 2**

**with Ptr. Marty Ocaya** — MPH

October 28, Wednesday, 7:00 PM

**OPEN TO ALL**

**GLC Level 2: Book 8, Session 3**

**with Ptr. Ricky Sarthou** — MPH

**FOR DGROUP LEADERS ONLY**

**Apologetics: Think Discipleship**

**with Judah Paolo** — Choir Room

Come as early as 6:00 PM for our Convo Corner!

### Other Events

#### How to Facilitate a Dgroup Workshop

**F2F:** October 18, Sunday, 11:00 AM, Room 3A

**ZOOM:** October 19, Monday, 7:30 PM

#### GLC True Life Retreat

October 23 and 24, Friday and

Saturday, 8:00 AM, MPH

**FEE:** PHP1,300 (inc. lunch, materials, shirt)

#### GLC Graduation 2026: Ready, Send, Go!

Completed any GLC level? Apply now!

**GRADUATION PACKAGE:** PHP1,300

November 20, Friday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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**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](mailto:osp@ccf.org.ph) — Pastor Peter Tan-Chi

[oep@ccf.org.ph](mailto:oep@ccf.org.ph) — Pastor Ricky Sarthou

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



### GOD LOVES YOU.

He desires for you to have eternal life  
with Him and an abundant and meaningful  
life with Him.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave  
his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him  
may not die but have eternal life." — John 3:16

"The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and  
destroy. I have come in order that you might have  
life—life in all its fullness." — John 10:10



### BUT EVERYONE IS SINFUL.

We have a sin problem that separates us  
from God, and the penalty of sin is death.  
everyone has sinned and is far away from God's  
saving presence. — Romans 3:23

WE OFTEN THINK THAT RELIGION, GOOD WORKS,  
AND GOOD MORALS ARE THE SOLUTION, BUT THERE  
IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION FROM GOD.



### JESUS IS THE ONLY ANSWER.

He is the only way to eternal life  
and completely paid the penalty  
for all your sins.

"For Christ died for sins once and for all, a good  
man on behalf of sinners, in order to lead you to  
God." — 1 Peter 3:18

Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth,  
and the life; no one goes to the Father except  
by me." — John 14:6

MERELY KNOWING WHAT CHRIST HAS  
DONE FOR US IS NOT ENOUGH.



### WE MUST HAVE FAITH IN HIM TO SAVE US.

We are saved by God's grace through  
faith in Jesus Christ alone.

"For it is by God's grace that you have been  
saved through faith. It is not the result of your  
own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can  
boast about it." — Ephesians 2:8-9

"For sin pays its wage—death; but God's free gift  
is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord."  
— Romans 6:23

GOOD WORKS ARE NOT THE MEANS TO SALVATION,  
RATHER THEY ARE THE EVIDENCE  
OF YOUR SALVATION.

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO MAKE THE DECISION  
TO BELIEVE, TRUST IN, AND FOLLOW JESUS AS  
YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR, PRAY THIS IN FAITH:

Lord Jesus, thank You so much for loving  
me. I confess that I have sinned against You.  
Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins.  
Today, I put my trust in You as my Lord and  
Savior. I accept Your free gift of eternal life  
and I surrender my life to You. Thank You for  
forgiving my sins. From this day on, I choose  
to follow You. Amen.



### YOUR ETERNAL LIFE BEGINS.

All of your sins — past, present, and  
future — are paid for and forgiven.

And then he says, "I will not remember their sins  
and evil deeds any longer." — Hebrews 10:17

You are a new person in God's eyes.  
A new life has begun for you.

"Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the  
old is gone, the new has come." — 2 Corinthians 5:17

You are now a child of God!

"Some, however, did receive him and believed in  
him; so he gave them the right to become God's  
children." — John 1:17