

S MISSION & OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGE

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LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

When it comes to sharing with others the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, challenges certainly abound. It may come in the form of strongholds - sins and struggles that people find difficult to overcome. Or it can be in the form of arguments - false ideologies and philosophies that people cling to. Or it can even come in the form of pretensions - the pitfall of pride and selfsufficiency that deceive people into believing that they do not need a Savior.

Whatever the case may be, we are to use the mighty weapons of God as we demolish these barriers and take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). The struggles that we are fighting with are not against flesh and blood (Ephesians 6). But God has given us three powerful weapons to help us achieve what we have been called to do.

The Power of Love

Love is the reason why God gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). Because of love, we sinners have been saved and are born again into His family. And love is also the motivation why we are to spread the good news of Jesus Christ: we love people, and we want them to experience God's saving grace as well.

God's greatest commandment is to love Him and to love our neighbor (Luke 10:27). People build shields or even walls to protect themselves from being touched by the knowledge of God and be convinced to change their lifestyle. But love has the power to penetrate the heart and unlock the secret place to welcome God.

Matthew 5:44 commands us to love our enemy. We defeat evil with good (Romans 12:21). We defeat the spirit of hatred and hostility with love and forgiveness. The power of love builds bridges and reconciles people to themselves and to God.

Love will cast out fear from us (1 John 4:18). When we love our enemies, we will not be afraid of them. When we love our enemy genuinely because of God's love, we will dare to take risks and build bridges. The power of love will drive you not only to bless but also to pray.

The Power of Prayer

The challenge before us is that God wants us to serve with our hands, and then shake the nations by being down on our knees. In ministry, God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is using our hands to bless and serve people and our tongue to proclaim the gospel. In prayer, God is using our knees as His hands do wonders and miracles and reveal Himself.

Anybody who has faith in Christ will do what Jesus has done (John 14:12). He performed miracles, opened eyes and the ears, raised the dead, casted out demons, and proclaimed the love of God through the mighty work of His hands. Whatever we ask in His name to bring glory to the Father, He will do it.

Nothing is impossible if we pray for people. Christ will go before us if we are ready to be sent by Him to serve and embrace people and to take them into the kingdom of God. Isaiah 64:1-2 is a prayer to God to rend the heavens and to come down to make His name known. What Jesus did in the past, He is ready to do and will do even greater things only by the power of prayer. Our God is true and alive!

The Power of Truth

Love will soften and reach the heart, the inner chamber. Prayer will send Christ before us and will open people's eyes and ears to make them understand that Jesus is the Son of God.

But the mind also should be convinced. The mind should have answers for honest, sincere questions (1 Peter 3:15). In humility, we answer those who ask us. Atheists, Muslims, Buddhists, etc. have questions about what we believe in. A convincing answer is an answer that will satisfy the mind. People will be delivered from darkness by knowing the truth – and we have the truth. We have the power of the truth that can convince the mind. It is our responsibility to tell someone about it (Romans 10:14).

Love builds the bridge. Prayer prepares the heart and the soul. Truth provides the answers to their questions. Altogether, we have the powerful weapons we need to demolish every argument that sets itself against the knowledge of the Lord.

last week's memory verse

for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

Is there someone you find difficult to love? Have you ever prayed for those who hurt you?

Are you ready to give an answer to those who ask you about your faith?

Write down the names of 2 people you want to win to Christ with the principles you have learned.

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Hope in Jesus, He is forever faithful.

See you at the **Welcome Center** and let's discuss about it.

STEP INTO THE COMMUNITY Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN

The Significant Wife

with Elaine Ongpauco and PWF Team July 18, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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Get ready to graduate!

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Apply now: bit.ly/GLCGraduation2024

Baptism Class and Rites

CLASS: July 21, Sunday, 1:30 PM RITES: July 28, Sunday, 1:30 PM Register now: *bit.ly/BaptismReg2024*

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Book 8: Survey of the Bible ONSITE: July 14, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 2A ZOOM: July 18, Thursday, 7:30 PM

How to Start a Dgroup Workshop

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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 <u>keeps</u> <u>His covenant and His lovingkindness</u> 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