

WELCOME to the last installment of our amazing series, *WHO CAN LEAD US? A People in Search of a King*.

In this breakthrough series, we went through a Bible Study on the books of *Joshua*, *Judges*, and *Samuel*.

Our last Talk is still the story in *Samuel* about David. We learned much about him in the last two talks -- how he truly is *a man after God's own heart*. But get ready to be shocked--if you don't know yet what happened next. Because this *greatest king Israel ever had* failed and fell big time, too!

You'll hear the juicy details in our Talk about the *3 Failures of King David*, along with *9 Life-Saving Lessons* we learn from his catastrophes.

Above all, we'll learn that despite King David's big failure, he still finished strong.

FINISH STRONG!

In *David's Song of Praise* on the day the Lord rescued him from his enemies, David himself declared: "*You give great victories to your king; you show unfailing love to your anointed, to David and all his descendants forever.*" (2 Samuel 22:51 NLT)

He finished strong because of *God's Unfailing Love*-- the title of our last Talk.

This Holy Week, we admit and confess that we all fail too. Even the best of us do. Yet, by God's unfailing love, mercy, and forgiveness we can still finish strong.

Get ready for another life-changing Feast!

Welcome to The Feast, where *You are loved!*

Mayroong Magandang Mangyayari sa 'Yo!

Alvin Barcelona

P.S. Join us in our Holy Week Retreat from April 17 to 20 – Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday-- at SMX Manila. Buy your tickets now and let God's Kingdom come to your life. See you there!

Sure! Surely!

WHEN someone asks us a favor, and we can grant it, that's what we say: "Sure!"

Last Sunday's Gospel was about a woman caught in adultery and people wanted to punish her by stoning her to death. Was there hope she'd be forgiven?

Sure! The details Rev. Fr. Paul Henry Bocboc relates the details in his Homily last Sunday Feast, *page 3*.

The shepherd David had to fight a giant and later he was trapped in failures. Will he ever become king?

Sure! Bro. Alvin Barcelona shares details in today's Feast Talk, the last of our amazing series, *WHO CAN LEAD US?* He introduces Talk 9 on *page 1*.

Despite David's mistakes, will the Lord make him King? *Surely, the Lord Will!*

That's the message of Talk 8 presented by Bro. Bo Sanchez last Sunday Feast, *page 10*.

It's not easy, but can we take David's posture who said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow you?"

Sure, we can, said Bro. Ben Sanchez as he welcomed us to The Feast, *page 20*.

If street children go wayward, is there hope that they may be reconciled and live together with their parents again?

Surely! That's the reason that He Cares Mission led by Bro. Joe Dean Sola, well-supported by wife Sis. Ardis, bought a farm and built houses for the children and their families, *page 22*.

Life is not perfect. But can the Lord come and help you overcome life's challenges?

The answer in this issue of *The FEAST FAMILY* is *Surely, the Lord Will*.



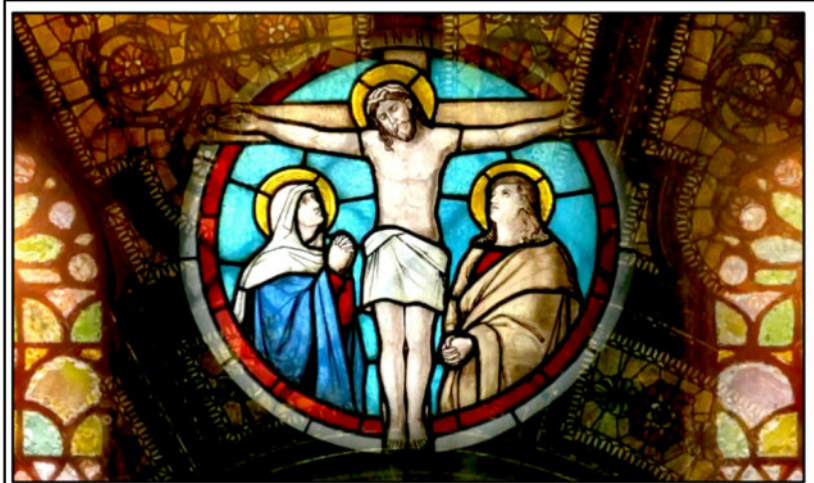
All for God's Glory,

Randy Borromeo
Media Ministry
Executive Director





Holy Mass



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Homily

REV. FR. PAUL HENRY BOCBCOC

on the Gospel John 8:1:11

Excerpts:

THEY say that life is a journey through time. We all have pasts. We are living in the present. We are heading towards our future. Truth is, many of us are haunted by our past mistakes, sins, and regrets.

Sometimes, we think: May pag-asa pa ba ko?" "Do I still have hope?"

In today's Gospel, we meet a woman caught in adultery. She was dragged into the public square, humiliated, and condemned to death by stoning. The crowd wanted justice. They wanted her to pay for her sin and they thought Jesus would agree. But instead of condemning her, Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground-- words that silenced the crowd: "Let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone."

Everyone kept quiet, and everyone left. Because the truth is, we are all sinners.

The most beautiful moment was when everyone was gone and only the woman and Jesus remained. She was full of shame and He was full of mercy.

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."

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Three Points for Reflection

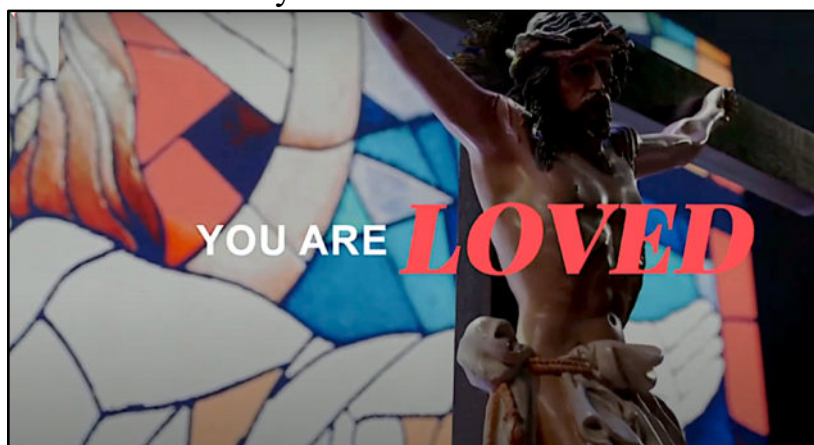
Allow me to highlight my Homily with three points for our reflection:

1. Our past does not define us.

Many of us are trapped in our past. Maybe we have hurt someone. Maybe we have made choices we have regretted. Maybe we feel unworthy of love and forgiveness.

The good news is that God does not define us by our worst moments. Our past does not have the final say. God does.

And He says:



You are forgiven.
You are loved.
You are precious.
You are more than
the mistakes."

Kung ang Diyos
ay nagpapatawad, sino tayo para
hatulan ang ating sarili?

If God forgives, who are we
to judge ourselves?



First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

*16 Thus says the Lord, who opens a way in the sea
and a path in the mighty waters, 17 who leads out chariots and
horsemen, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never
to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. 18 Remember not
the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; 19 See,
I am doing something new!*

*Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert
I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. 20 Wild beasts honor me,
jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my
chosen people to drink, 21 the people whom I formed for myself, that they might
announce my praise.*



2. God's mercy is always greater.

The woman in the Gospel did not ask for mercy but Jesus gave it to her, anyway.

Why? Because God's love is not something we earn. God's love is a gift to us, His children.

Marami sa atin ang natatakot lumapit sa Diyos dahil iniisip natin na hindi tayo karapatdapat... Many among us fear going to God because we are unworthy to be with Him. But what is the truth? The more unworthy we are, the more we are sinners, the more He wants to embrace us...

He does not see you a sinner.
He sees you as His beloved one. God does not want us to remain in sin.

He tells us what He told the woman: "Go and sin no more."

Not only does He forgive us.
He gives us a new beginning.



Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

8 Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ,

the righteousness from God, depending on faith 10 to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, 11 if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.



3. A second chance is waiting for you.

No matter how dark our past was, there's light waiting for us. We are meant to rise, to change, and to begin again.

This Lent, let's come home to Christ. Let's offer our hearts to Him. We are meant to rise to change and to begin again. Come home. Let us allow His love to heal us. Let His love complete us.

As I end my reflection, I would like to leave you a few lines from a classic song close to our hearts. You probably know this song.

It's like a message of God to us

Maging Sino Ka Man

By REY VALERA

*Ang pag-big ay sadyang ganyan
Tiwala sa isa't-isa'y kailangan
Dati mong pag-ibig, wala akong pakialam
Basta't mahal kita, kailan pa man.*

*Huwag kang mag-isip ng ano pa man
Mga paliwanag mo'y 'di ko kailangan
At kahit ano pa ang iyong nakaraan
Mamahalin kita maging sino ka man*

*Mahal kita
Basta't mahal kita
Iniisip nila ay hindi mahalaga
Mahal kita maging sino ka man*

My dear Brothers and Sisters, always remember this: God loves you no matter what. Whoever you are-- strong or weak, joyful or broken, faithful or lost-- God loves you just the same. He is not looking for perfect people. He is looking for hearts willing to come back to Him.

You are never too far from His love. Come home to God. He is waiting with open arms.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

**R: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

1 When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing. (R)

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." 3 The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed. (R)

4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the torrents in the southern desert.

5 Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. (R)

6 Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves. (R)



Responsorial Psalm (Ps 27)
**THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US;
WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY**

Worship!

SIS. PAULINE GUEVARRA:

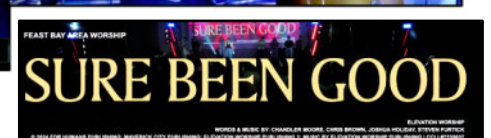
Oh, my God, you sure been good to me!

Church, God's goodness, God's love-- that's who He is. Unchanging, unconditional. No amount of sin or shame can ever make God love us less. His grace is freely given not because we're perfect but because *He is*.

So, I want to invite you to make our Worship as response to His perfect love. Let's lift our hands high up to the heavens because God is good.

He always will be.

Let's sing this together:



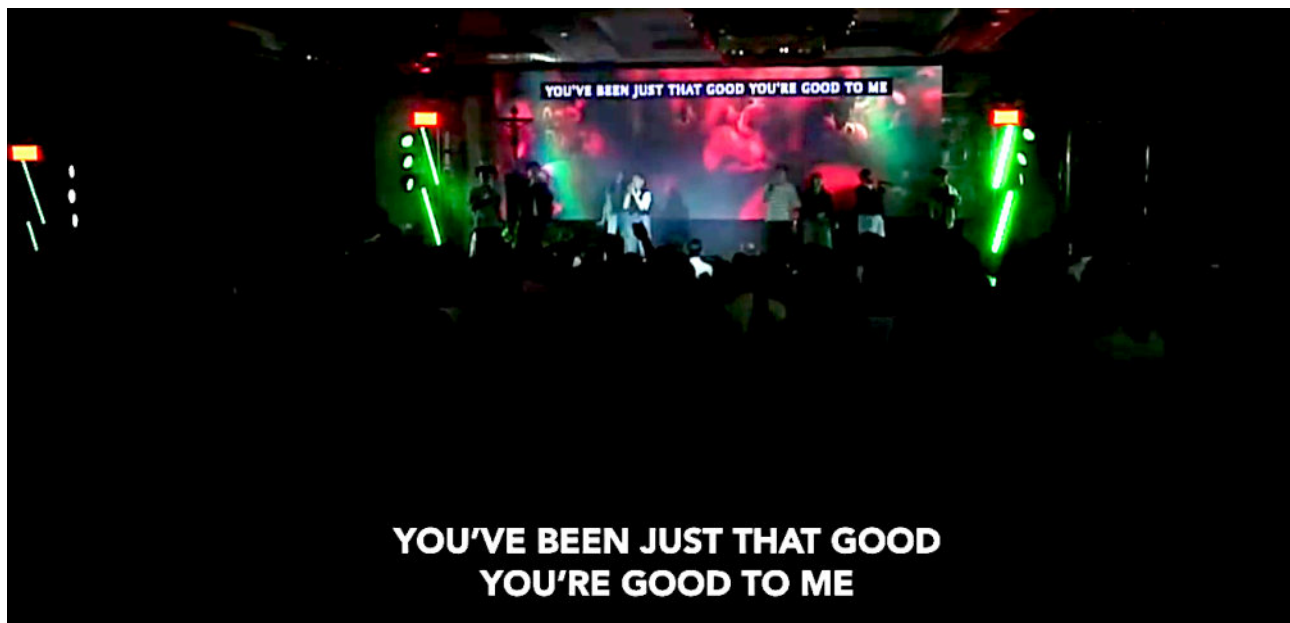
BRO. BEN SANCHEZ:

God, when we feel like, right now, we don't have enough, we keep going to different places, distant lands, trying to find meaning, trying to find purpose, happiness. But the truth is, the goodness that we've been seeking and searching for all our lives is actually found at home, in the Father's house. And so, whether you're a prodigal, or you're an older brother who's been lost in the fields, God's inviting you to come home today.



And I believe that this Sunday morning, this April 6, there's a party in Heaven because prodigals and older brothers, skeptics, confused, people who are just tired, are coming home to join the party. The party that's coming from Heaven and is overflowing down here on Earth.

So, this is what I want you to do. Can you just loosen those muscles? Come on, we're going to dance like Heaven is coming here on Earth, and this is the party for prodigals, party for older brothers, this is the party that the Heavenly Father is throwing. Because He is good!



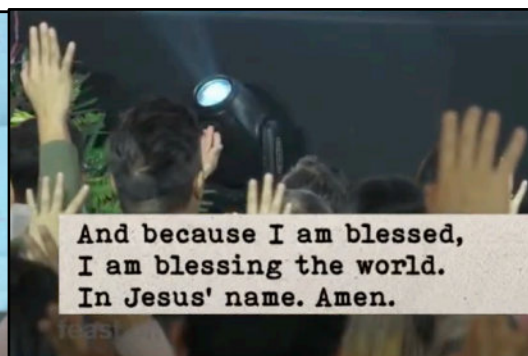
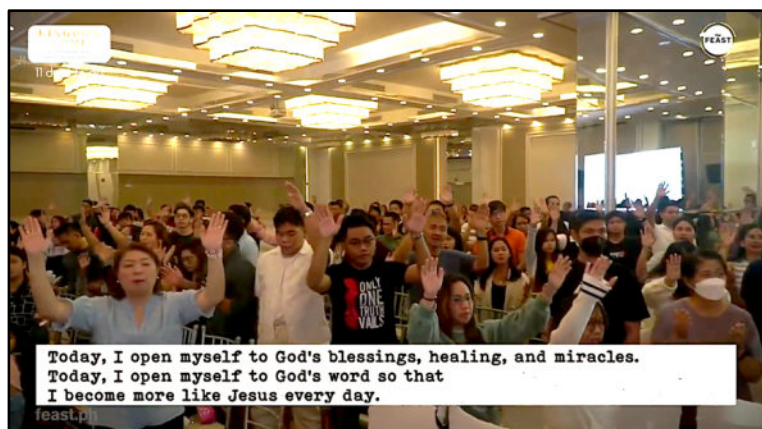
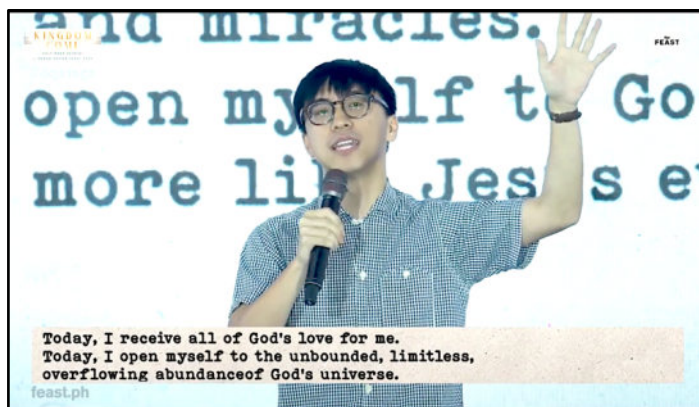
NOVENA TO GOD'S LOVE

DECLARATION OF ABUNDANCE

My name is Ben and I'm one of the youth leaders here at The Feast. If you're attending here for the first time, welcome!

In the Youth Ministry, we always say, "If you want to belong, you already do."

Just by deciding to come here this Sunday morning, that indicates that you want to belong-- and guess what, you already do. If you believe that you belong to The Feast, let's say our favorite prayer:



My invitation for you is to open your ears, open your heart, and allow God to speak to us. Let's welcome our preacher today. Nobody else but my Dad.
Please welcome Bro. Bo Sanchez!

Talk



BRO. BO SANCHEZ:

I WANT to preach the message: *Surely, the Lord will.*

Surely, the Lord will speak to you. Surely, the Lord has a plan to bless you. Surely, the Lord will vindicate you. Surely, you will see His victory in your light at the end of the age. Surely, the Lord will work all things for your good. Surely, the Lord will turn your problems into your greatest blessing. Surely, the Lord will turn the difficulties that you are going through right now into actually an answered prayer.

Our key passage is
from 1 Samuel 26:10:

1 Sam 26:10 NLT
"Surely the Lord will strike Saul down someday, or he will die of old age or in battle."

I'm sure your response is: "What? Strike down? Die? Why is that?"

We're going to explain to you, and you will find out the context, and when you do, your response will be different.

Everybody say: "I'm not going to rush. I'm going to be patient. I'm not going to take matters into my own hands."

Put your hand over your chest and say:
"Jesus, You brought me to this place to speak to me. Empower me. Equip me. I'm giving You permission to do your stuff in my life. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

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*Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet
And a Light unto my path.*

When Good Turns to Bad...

Have you ever had that experience where good things are happening in your life and prayers are being answered, but all of a sudden, everything crashes, and you slide back to where you came from?

This is what happened to Marlo, 27. He was praying for a dream job.

One day, he received a miracle. Out of 200 applicants, he was able to get the job. He posted it on his Instagram.

Three months later, he was dying. His stress level was through the roof. He realized that he didn't have the skills for the job. His boss scolded him every day. His officemates were so frustrated that he could not do the job. He could hear grumbling murmurs down the corridor.

People were speaking behind his back: "When will he resign? He's not fit for this job!"

Marlo cries out to God: "Lord, I thought you answered my prayer. What's happening?"

This was the same experience of Reena-- but for a different reason.

She was a good Catholic girl and single.

She prayed: "Lord, give me a husband. Someone who is mature -- emotionally, spiritually, and financially. Lord, it will not hurt if he's cute."

She prayed, and until one day, this man walked into her life. A devout Catholic, vice-president of a bank, and cute. He fell in love with her. She was treated like a queen. He would give her roses and chocolates. She was on Cloud 9. She was already 38. This phenomenon of a man falling head over heels for her was as rare as a meteor hitting planet Earth.

They went on three dates. On the fourth date, he was late. She messaged him but he did not reply. She waited for two hours. He ghosted her. Two months later, he messaged Reena to apologize.

He said, "I'm sorry that I disappeared. I cannot contact you again. God bless!"

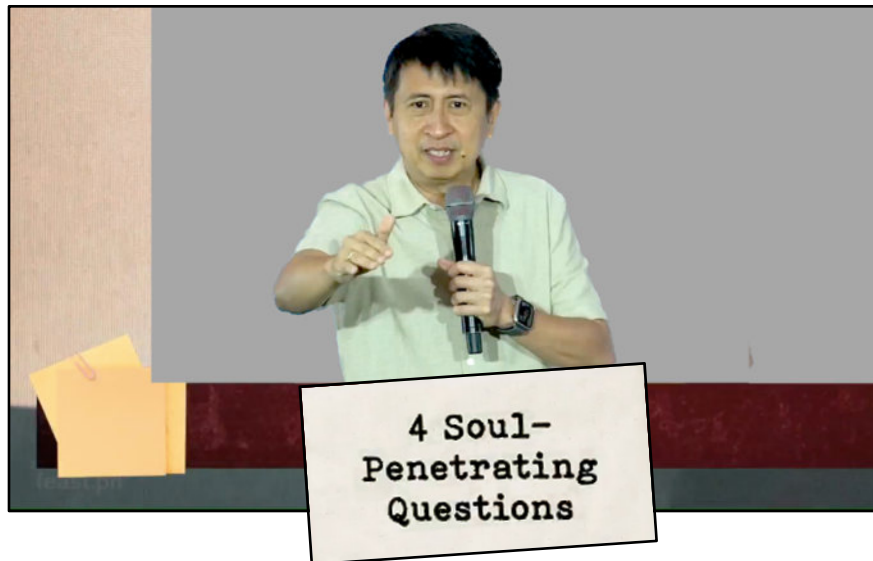
I'm telling true stories. I just changed their names.

Reena was devastated.

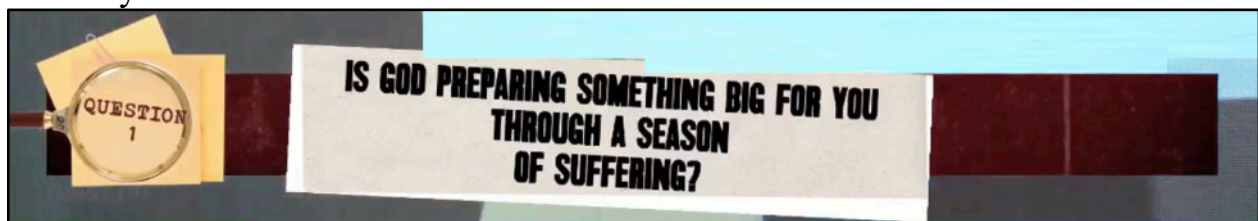
She asked God: "Why did you even allow it to happen?"

This was exactly the feeling of David. One morning, this big-shot prophet, Samuel, walks into his house, and bypasses his elder brothers. He gets a jar of oil, pours it onto the head of David, and anoints him as king.





I'm going to ask you 4 Soul-Penetrating Questions. I pray that you will really look at your life.



The truth is, God's anointing is God's adversity. He's going to mentor and train you. The only way to do that is through adversity. God's anointing is God's spiritual strength training.

You gain strength only through this training. Thank God I was able to lift this. This is 15 lbs. It's heavy.>

But that's the only way for you to become stronger: *through burdens.*

When you answer God's call, you will have many battles with your inner demons of pride, lust, greed, and selfishness.

The battle between David and Goliath was just the first battle. There were going to be many battles after.

How did it all start? Why did it all go downhill? Let me describe it to you...

At first, King Saul loved David as he would play the harp to soothe his tormented mind. David became the best friend of King Saul's son, Jonathan. David rose through the ranks of the army of King Saul. David became such a great general. He was the mightiest general. He started winning battle after battle. He would not take any credit. He was such a loyal general of King Saul.

God's anointing is God's apprenticeship through adversity.



Preparation for Something Bigger

Everything changed when Saul heard one song:

1 Sam 18:6-9 NLT

"When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul. They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals. This was their song: 'Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!' This made Saul very angry. 'What's this?' he said. 'They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they'll be making him their king!' So from that time on Saul kept a **jealous eye** on David."



A jealous eye is like a crack on a windshield. If you ignore it, it's going to spread. Saul was jealous of David as he was getting more attention, more praise, and more love.



One day, David was playing the harp for Saul who seemed to be so possessed that he just grabbed his spear and threw it to David. It was a good thing that David was able to duck.

Then, King Saul put David at the front of the battle so he would die. But he didn't.

David became a fugitive after that. King Saul started treating him like a criminal. He would hunt David to kill him. Saul transitioned from someone who loved David to somebody who hated him and wanted him dead.

How many of you have a toxic boss? If you raise your hand, maybe your boss is toxic.

But I think David had it worse. Has your boss ever held a spear and threw it at you? Has your boss sent an army to kill you? That was David's experience and it lasted for 15 to 20 years. But all of these prepared him to be king.

God is preparing you. It might last 5, 10, 15, or 20 years of suffering-- but God is preparing you.

Between David's anointing to David's crowning,
there were 15 to 20 years of suffering.

If you are claiming this in your heart, stand, jump, and say:
"This is mine. This is my blessing!"

**TRUST THAT YOUR PROBLEMS ARE PREPARATION
FOR SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOU'VE EVER IMAGINED.**



Why did Saul self-destruct?

WHY DID SAUL SELF-DESTRUCT?

When your identity is based on public opinion, it becomes a problem.

If your identity is based on how people like and look up to you, you are a walking time bomb. You're going to crash one day. The people's opinion about you is very fickle. It changes from day to night. One day, they like you. On another day, they don't like you.

Your identity must be based only on God's opinion about you.

I've got news for you. God's opinion about you is that He really, really likes you. You are amazing. You are wonderful in His eyes.

That's where your identity comes from.

**Behind most anger is fear.
Panic. Terror.**

Saul's anger was really fear. Most of people's anger is based on fear, panic, and terror. If your self-worth is based on the praise of other people, and then that is transferred to someone else younger and better, you lose your self-worth. You panic, and then you get angry.

And that's what happened to Saul.

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Why did this whole thing drag on for 15 to 20 years?

David was anointed as the next king. I think it's time to step back. I think it's time to step down. I think it's time to give the scepter to a more capable man. If only Saul did that, the Book 1 of *Samuel* would be half its length. A total of 15 chapters would have been subtracted. Saul did not do that, and so, the battle expanded.

Evil Is Real

How many of you have an emotional struggle that has been lasting for years?

I'll give you an example. After The Feast, there was this woman who was waiting for me for a selfie and an autograph. When it was her turn, she started shedding tears like a waterfall. She related:

"Bro. Bo, I've been a mistress for 12 years. My partner left me. One day, he just said, 'I want to go back to my wife. I want to be faithful to my wife-- that's what God has been telling me.'"

"He left me, anyway. Thanks be to God that I did not kill myself. But every single day is like torture to me. I love him so much."

So, I prayed for her: "God, continue to work in her life."

Then I told her, "Go into our Light Group. I want you to go to the counseling center. I want you to be part of our Ministry. I want you to be part of The Feast."

I asked her, "By the way, when did he leave you and go back to his wife?"

She said, "Seven years ago."

I was floored. I wanted to fall on the floor. Talk about dragging the emotional struggle of being attached to something that was never yours.

Parents, this applies to you too: Your children are not yours. Many times, we are dragging our emotional struggle because we're not letting go of our children to God. You want to control them, but they're already older, and guess what, they're not yours, anyway. You surrender them to God, and you'll cut short your emotional struggle. You don't have to drag it for years.

I meet people who are attached to persons, things, and situations. Your attachment is lengthening the struggle uselessly. It doesn't have to be that long. Surrender. Trust God more.

Let's do a little Bible study. Remember that the biblical writers would always write their books with *Genesis* as a lens. Therefore, you need to read the Bible also with *Genesis* as a lens.

In the Garden of Eden, the serpent tried to plant a lie in the hearts of Adam and Eve-- that God was against them. Do you see the parallel? The serpent was back in the story of Saul and David. The serpent was now planting a lie in the heart of Saul-- that David was against him. But David was not.

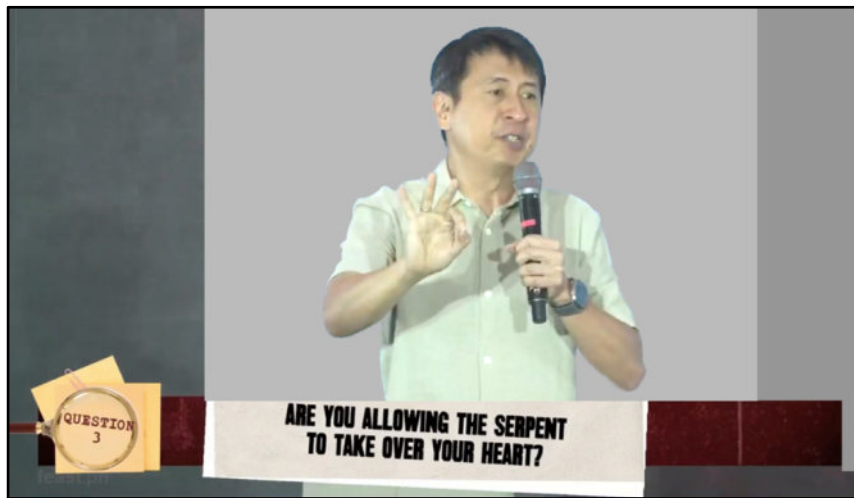
In another *Genesis* story, Cain killed his younger brother Abel out of jealousy. In the same way, Saul, out of jealousy, wanted to kill David.



Lesson:
If you get attached to what isn't yours anyway, you will extend your battles uselessly.

The serpent of Genesis is back. Evil is real--and it took over Saul. And if you allow it, evil will take over your life too.

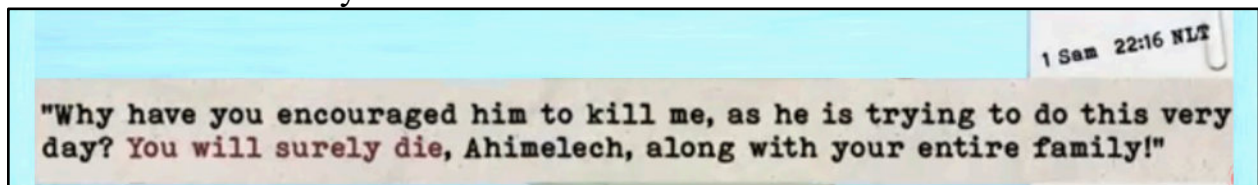




Be forewarned. I'll give an example:

There was this time when David, who was already a fugitive, was running away from Saul. David went to a priest who fed him and his soldiers. King Saul found out about it. He went to Ahimelech, the priest.

This is what he says:



When did you hear that in *Genesis*?

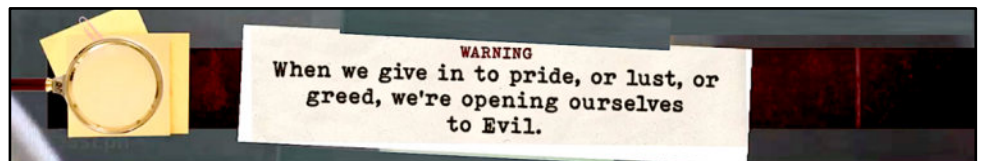
God said to Adam and Eve: "You will surely die if you eat the forbidden fruit."

So, the writer of *1 Samuel* was saying that Saul was now playing God. He now acted like God. He killed 85 priests, their wives, their children, and their livestock.

When the serpent takes over, you commit the most evil crimes-- and believe you're doing God's work. That's why there's Hitler.

But it doesn't have to be Hitlers of the world. A husband can do it. A wife can do it. A mother can do it. A father can do it. A neighbor can do it. Some people can be taken over by the serpent, twist their minds, start harming people-- and think they're doing something good. They're going to bash people on social media and feel righteous.

Warning: We're opening ourselves to evil when we give into pride, lust, and greed.





Saul was hunting David to kill him and then, this is what happened:

1 Sam 24:3-4 NLT
 "At the place where the road passes some sheepfolds, Saul went into a cave to relieve himself. But as it happened, David and his men were hiding farther back in that very cave! "Now's your opportunity!"

King Saul was doing a *number two* while David was at the back of the cave.

David's men whispered to him. "Today the Lord is telling you, 'I will certainly put your enemy into your power, to do with as you wish.'" 1 Sam 24:6 NLT
 "The Lord forbid that I should do this to my lord the king. I shouldn't attack the Lord's anointed one, for the Lord himself has chosen him."
 David refused immoral shortcuts to fulfill God's Promise sooner.

You see, just because something is easy, it doesn't mean it's God's will. David

was a good and loyal man. All he had to do was chop off Saul's head, and he'd be king. It was an immoral shortcut. David refused to kill Saul to fulfill God's promise sooner.

Just because something is easy doesn't mean it's God's Will.

1 Sam 26:10 NLT
 "Surely the Lord will strike Saul down someday, or he will die of old age or in battle."



David was saying: "I'm not going to be the one to do it. I'm not going to take a blade and slice off his head. I'm not going to take matters into my own hands. I know that God wants me to be king, but I'm not going to take any immoral shortcuts. God will be the one to strike him someday."

The verse says here: "...or he will die of old age."

It means that David was willing to wait another 20 years. He believes that God's promise will happen even if he's going through all the suffering.

Do you know that David was a figure of Jesus? Do you know that all through Scripture, you will find David simply being a figure of who Jesus was?

Like David, Jesus was also hunted down. Like David, Jesus was treated as a criminal. Like David, Jesus waited not for a crown but for a cross. The kingdom of David did not last because it was only the foundation of the Kingdom of Jesus which, unlike David's kingdom, was not built on stone or wood. Jesus' Kingdom is a kingdom that will last forever.

This Jesus stands here in front of you and says: "Will you follow me even when you're struggling? Will you be patient that my promise may not yet be fulfilled now-- but it will? Will you surrender your life to me? Will you follow me and trust me?"

Trust. Surely, the Lord will.

Surely, the Lord will do it. Surely, the Lord will vindicate you. Surely, you will win in the end. You may be losing now, but surely, your victory is coming. There may be pain in your heart right now, and the battle has been so long, but surely, the Lord will bring everything to completion. He will finish what he started in you.

Put your hand over your chest and say: *"Father. do Your work in my life. I believe that surely, You will finish what You started. I'm going to trust You. In Jesus' Name. Amen."*



Surrender

May I invite you to make Jesus the King be above all? Above every desire that you feel is your priority in your life? Whether that is something you've been praying for. It could be an attachment. It could be a dream. Whatever that is, it may be good--but place it under the lordship of Jesus. Make Jesus your sovereign King. Submit your life to Him today.



For many of you, it's a renewal of your baptismal promises.

You've been saying this prayer over and over again and that's beautiful. Do it again today and mean every word.

For some of you, it might be the very first time you're giving your life to Jesus, the King.

I invite you to do it with all your heart.

Everybody say: *"Jesus, I open my heart to You. Come, be my King. Rule over my life. I will follow You all the days of my life, until my last breath. I surrender."*

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Welcome!

BRO. BEN SANCHEZ:

Thank You, Jesus. Thank You for speaking to us.
Thank You for Your Word: *Surely the Lord Will*.

Such a powerful message because we always want God to be on our timeline. But the posture that we want is the posture of David:

When we say: “Yes, Lord. Whatever it is whenever it is, I will follow you.” Amen.

We welcome 100 students from Bataan. Thank you for coming to The Feast today.

For first-timers, we have a special gift for you.

Some reminders, what I want to invite you guys to:



- *The Chosen*: What happened before Jesus demonstrated His great love for us -- for you and me--on the Cross. This is going to be a fund-raider for our Youth Ministry's Youth Camp.
- The Sacrament of Confession is at the lobby, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- Light of Jesus Family Holy Week Retreat

I have to hand it to the Creative Team that pulls on all the stops so that we don't just hear the message about the Holy Week but experience it with all our senses.

So, if you want that special encounter with God, with family and all the friends, come and join the Holy Week Retreat.

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Love Offering

Thanks, Everyone, for attending The Feast. You know, doing this is not easy, nor is it free. But the event is open to everyone, it's free because of the generous people who do give and support our Ministry to reach people who need this space, who need this home.

So, I just want to invite you -- nobody's being forced or coerced, it's not a requirement, there's not even a number that we're asking for. It's just between you and God --whether that's 1%, 5%, or 10%. However much God has blessed you, maybe God has blessed so much that today you're feeling like emptying your GCash balance, today I know that's up to you, that's between you and God.

This is not just a segment in The Feast where we give to God. But make this a moment when we dedicate and when we entrust finances and the blessings that God has given us back to the One who gave it, anyway. And trust that He's going to use this to continue to bless more people who need Him and who need a home where they can encounter Him.

So, these are the ways to give>

Let's pray for our Love Offering:



*In the Name of the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.*

*Lord, we Thank You so much that we have
an opportunity to give. Whatever amount
that You've blessed us with, that's what we want
to give back to You, Lord -- whether it's 1%, 5%,
10%, it doesn't matter to You. What matters is the
disposition of our heart.*

*And so, today our prayer, Lord, is that You make our heart a generous and giving
heart just like Yours.*

*We want to be like David, a man after Your heart. Lord, may our generosity
be an act that opens up to receive even more blessing, and even more generosity
that comes from You.*

*We know that You will never leave us. You are our provider, and we love You so
much. This is our little way of saying: "I love You back."*

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

With smiles, let's give to the God who is so good to us.





MERCY MINISTRIES

*God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

--Matthew 5:7



'For I Was Homeless...'

LONGTIME viewers of *The FEAST FAMILY* know by now that He Cares Mission serves street children-- gets them off the streets, takes care of them in the He Cares building shelter in Quezon City.



He Cares Missions provides the children food, clothing, education, medical care, and most important, spiritual nourishment.

It all started with Bro. Joe Dean Sola, himself once a wayward teen, practically living on the streets. By Divine Grace, he found his way to the Light of Jesus Family, from there built He Cares Mission, flourishing with the support and dedication of his capable wife Ardis.



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A Child Needs a Home

Still, even with the many benefits they have been receiving, children living on the streets need a home.

That need became more pronounced at the onslaught of the Coronavirus Disease Pandemic in early 2020 and subsequently, the lockdown that prevented the spread of the disease.

Families were not able to visit their children, and far away from their loved ones, wouldn't the children inevitably sink into loneliness if not utter despair?

So, what about having a home where a child and his/her family would be together --like they should?

Also, with the lockdown, it was difficult to get to the sources for the children's food.

So, what about building the homes in a farm where the families can directly get their food sources?



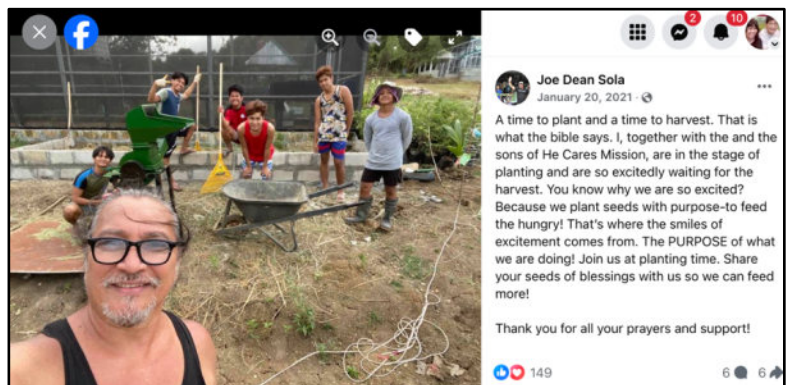
The Good News of late, aside from the initial shelter building, He Cares Mission bought a 5.3 hectare land in Bulacan and asked for support from friends, among them, our Light of Jesus Family Feast.

Earlier, Bro. Joe Dean and our LOJ founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez, became best friends. So, when Bro. Joe Dean started He Cares Mission, Bro. Bo promptly led the Light of Jesus Family to be among the staunchest supporters of He Cares Mission. *At right, Bro. Bo (seated 2nd from left) with He Cares volunteers.*



So, now, at the farm, He Cares Mission has built homes for the children and their families-- thus they get their food sources just around their homes. And bonus: With volunteer agriculture experts, children already old enough to work learn livelihood skills as they help plant vegetables and fruit trees, and take care of chicken, ducks, and geese.

Yes, it's a time to plant and a time to harvest--as Bro. Joe Dean posts online>





God's Call

There are more than 1.5 million street children in the Philippines-- about 700,000 of them in Manila alone. --https://www.hecaresmission.com/hecares_mission.html

If you feel the Lord is calling you to help, here's how:

- You may donate supplies such as bibles, bible story books for the children's library, VCDs and other materials which we can use to bring the street children and their families to a personal relationship Jesus Christ.
- If you have contacts with bookstores and other suppliers, you can help by soliciting and coordinating donations of their products.
- You may help get donations from corporate sponsors.
- You may volunteer to participate, share, teach or attend the weekly prayer meetings and children's activities.

In whatever way you help, you can make a difference in the lives of the street children.

He Cares Mission's BPI PESO SAVINGS ACCOUNT #001953-1184-71
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To all who care, our deepest gratitude and our prayer for the fulfillment in your life God's promise for eternal place with Him in Matthew 25:34-40:
And here's why: I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me.

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Thank You!

The Feast Family, now organized as the Feast Mercy Ministries, is a spin-off ministry of the Light of Jesus Family founded by Bro. Bo Sanchez.

Earlier named as Kerygma Family, The Feast Family is a unique online, non-physical, borderless, international community of friends who support each other's personal growth.

Partner beneficiaries of the Feast Mercy Ministries flourish because of your generous support.

Thank you for being with us. We pray that you find your daily source of inspiration from the resources that we send to you. We pray too that you may consider giving to The Feast Mercy Ministries. No gift is too small.

Thank you very much in advance for your gift. Our prayer is that God will continue to reward you as you give.

FOR EXISTING DONORS:

Thank you for the Love. Your monthly donation helps us to continue extending support to our Light of Jesus spin-off organizations, including our partner beneficiaries. Your gift will sustain our operations and, we hope, help us reach out to the persons our Lord has called us to make disciples and give them renewed hope.

Be a Feast Family member. Write or call us. Now.

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Our Partner Beneficiaries

Jeremiah 33 Foundation
is a shelter for minor girls
particularly victims
of sexual abuse.



Grace To Be Born
is a halfway home
for pregnant women
in crisis.



He Cares Mission
provides shelter
and pastoral care
for street children.

Pag-asa ng Pamilya Foundation
grants scholarships
to indigent students.



Jesus Christ Cares for Cancer
provides financial assistance and pastoral care
for indigent cancer patients.

The Light of Jesus Pastoral Care Center
ministers to those who are emotionally
and spiritually wounded.



H.A.I.L. MARY is acronym for Healthcare Assistance for
Indigents and Lepers of Mary, adopting the Blessed Mother
as the patroness of its mission to eradicate leprosy in Abra
within 8–10 years.



The Light of Jesus Disaster Recovery Ministry
provides evacuation assistance,
relief goods, financial aid, and other needs of calamity victims.

The Light of Jesus Prison Ministry
brings Jesus to the Correctional Institution for Women
to give them hope for a new life of dignity.



Anawim Lay Missions Foundation provides a home for poor elderly
who have been abandoned by their family and have nowhere else to go.

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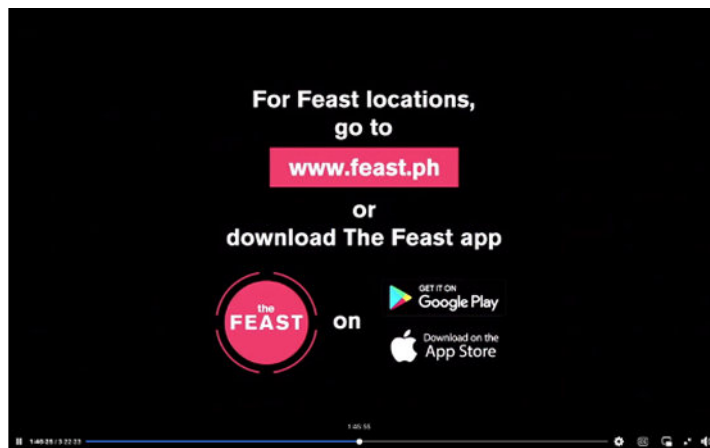
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— Matthew 28:19

