

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - January 26, 2025  
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As I reflected on our readings for this Sunday, Christ is revealing Himself to us.

We will never be able to know Jesus unless He reveals Himself.

We cannot know and understand God, but we can only understand what He shows us. Yun lang ang maintindihan natin.

And so, this Sunday we're going to look at the readings, and I believe Jesus would like to show Himself to you

so that you can encounter Him in your life and build a relationship with Him.

I remember when I was consecrated as your bishop here, June 14,

there was a portion in the ceremony where two deacons would put the gospel book over my head.

Ayawan ko kung naalala nyo pa.

May dalawang deacon na hahawak ng gospel book na to.

Bubuksan nila at ilalagay on top of my head. Hindi naman ipapatong.

I remember when I became a deacon, nung naging deacon ako, hawak ko rin yung gospel book.

Yun ang assignment ko as a deacon, nung nahahawakan ko yung gospel book.

And at that particular time, tinuro sa amin, sinabi sa amin that, you know, as a deacon,

it is your responsibility to carry the Word of God to the world.

So yun, daladala ko yung gospel book.

Nung naging bishop ako, ibang klase.

Yung gospel book hindi na binigay sa akin para buhatin ko, pinatong na sa ulo ko.

You know? Sabi ko, ibang klase to. You know?

Binuksan yung gospel book, at it was placed on top of my head.

I was given the privilege to choose the deacons.

Mamimili ako ng deacon kung sino ang gagawa at hahawak nun.

I chose one deacon from Antique, from the church where I came from.

And I chose one deacon from St. Michael, a deacon that I'm going to work with.

And so silang dalawa ang pinili ko.

Ang pakiusap ko lang sa kanila, huwag nyong bitawan ang libro.

Okay? Baka pumalo sa ulo ko.

And while they were doing that to me, and the patriarch was saying his prayers over me, nakalagay yung gospel book,

I remember what Bishop Ricardo said to me many years ago.

Sabi niya,

Teach what you believe.

Kung anong pinaniniwalaan mo, ituro mo.

Don't teach anything that you don't believe.

Amen?

Huwag kang magturo ng forgiveness kung di ka naman naniniwala na dapat tayo magpatawad.

So sabi niya, you teach what you believe.

What you believe.

Then he said, when you do that, the next step is to practice what you teach.

So habang nakapatong yung gospel book sa ulo ko, I remember his words to me.

The responsibility of a bishop is he has to teach what he believes,

and he has to practice what he teaches.

Now before we go into that, let us look at our Old Testament reading today, because we're going to talk about the power of God's Word.

Amen?

Pag-uusapan natin, the power of God's Word.

In our Old Testament reading today, it is the story of the Israelites, yung paunti-unti na silang bumabalik sa Israel.

Remember, they were taken captives by the Babylonians.

And through how many years nandun sila sa Babylon,

then unti-unti na silang nakakalabas at umuuwi na sa Israel.

And one of those groups who came home was Nehemiah.

So nung pagdating nila sa Israel, the land where they came from, the whole place was really destroyed, sinira talaga.

It was devastated.  
You know, you could just imagine na dati nung dyan kayo nakatira,  
ang ganda-ganda ng mga bahay,  
maalala mo yung memories mo of your childhood and everything.  
Then suddenly pagbalik mo, wala na, sira na, it was leveled to the ground.  
And the people were very sad when they came back to Jerusalem,  
when they came back to the holy city, kasi sira na yung city nilang.  
So Nehemiah, purpose in his heart, to rebuild the city.  
And he started out with a project to build the wall first,  
to protect the city first.  
And during the time they were doing that,  
the copy, the holy scriptures was discovered.  
Na wala na kasi yung copy nila ng holy scriptures.  
It was discovered.  
And it was discovered by the high priest Ezra.  
O sino yung mga taga Ezra, Holy Society of Ezra dito?  
Wala nang taga Ezra dito?  
O yun, dapat alam nyo yan.  
He discovered the scriptures, the holy scriptures.  
And so sabi ni Nehemiah, you read it to the congregation, read it to the whole  
nation.  
And so, very early in the morning, habang madilim pa,  
they all gathered together in the city square, pumunta silang lahat.  
Women, men and women, all of them, they went there.  
And from dusk till noon day,  
binasa yung scriptures at inexplained sa kanila ng ibang pare.  
So mayroong reading at may homily din.  
Homily is just an explanation of the scriptures that they were reading.  
So ilang oras yun, early in the morning, natapos sila noon day.  
They listened.  
Ezra stood in a platform and read the word of God to them.  
And the other priests also explained to the people what is being read.  
For how many hours the people stood to listen.  
Mabuti nga tayo, nakaupo tayo habang nakikinig sa salita ng Diyos.  
Sila nakatayo.  
Kaya minsan siguro subukan din natin na nakatayo tayo habang nakikinig sa  
homily.  
Ako naman yung uupo.  
So they listened to him.  
To Ezra, he was reading the scriptures.  
And in the middle of the day, nung matapos na yung binasa yung scriptures, the  
people started to cry.  
Hearing the word of God move them.  
It moved them and they started to cry.  
They were cut to the heart.  
There was no hope.  
They started to cry.  
They were cut to the heart.  
There was a change, a renewal that happened to them.  
So nung nakita na ni Himaya, their leader, nakita niya, the people were crying,  
they were so sad. Why?  
Eto yung sabi ng Diyos, hindi natin ginawa.  
Many times, meron tayong mga ginagawa sa buhay.  
And you know, sometimes you don't even know that what we are doing is destroying  
us. Why?  
Nakalimutan natin yung sinasabi ng Diyos.  
Sometimes, may magkamali sa atin, hindi natin papatawarin.  
And we know talagang, hindi tayo nagpapatawad.  
We forget that the more we live in unforgiveness, the more unhappy we will  
become.  
At nagririklamo tayo.  
Sinisisi natin ang gobyerno.  
Sinisisi natin yung ibang tao. Bakit hindi tayo happy?  
Hindi, ikaw yan mismo.

Because you have harbored sin in your heart.  
Kaya nung narinig nila yung salita ng Diyos, umiyak sila.  
Tayo palang may kasalanan.  
It's not God's fault, it's us who is the wrong here.  
And so they started to cry. And ni Himaya said,  
Okay, huwag na, huwag na kayong umiyak.  
This is not a time to be sad.  
We should rejoice because God is speaking to us again.  
We should rejoice because we have heard the word of God again.  
So sabi ni Himaya, stop crying, stop mourning.  
This is a sacred day.  
You go home, you eat with your family, you drink.  
And for those who cannot afford, sabi niya, okay, isamam nyo na rin sila,  
pakainin nyo na rin.  
This is the time to rejoice. Why?  
Because the joy of the Lord is your strength.  
Diyan ang galing yan sa ni Himaya.  
Amen.  
Kaya pag nanghihina ka na, nabibikatan ka na sa buhay mo,  
it's time to go back to the word.  
You look at the word again.  
Read the scriptures again.  
Encounter the scriptures again.  
And it will bring out the joy in you.  
You see, that's the work of the Holy Spirit.  
The scripture says the word of God is spirit.  
Amen.  
The word is spirit.  
And when you read the word of God,  
you are being filled with the spirit of God.  
That spirit is the spirit of joy.  
It will renew your strength.  
Minsan, ganyan tayo, pag may mga problema, malayo ang salita ng Diyos sa atin.  
Minsan, may nakakausap ako, sila sabi niya, nakakawala ng gana, Father, basahin  
yung Bible.  
Tama, pag may problema ka.  
And the more na hindi mo babasahin ang Bible mo, the more kang manghihina.  
At papatong-patong yung mga problema.  
At nagiging mabigat ang buhay araw-araw.  
So it's time to get the scriptures.  
The scripture has the ability to renew your strength.  
It has the ability to bring out the joy of God in you.  
The spirit, the word is spirit.  
There is a connection between the word of God and the spirit.  
They're not separate.  
Where the scripture is read, where the scripture is digested, the Holy Spirit  
comes in.  
And fills you up.  
We can go on and on. Matatapos tayo dito hanggang first reading lang tayo.  
The second reading talks about the body.  
That we are baptized into one spirit.  
And we are made to drink of the same spirit.  
We only drink of the same.  
What does it mean to drink of the spirit?  
To drink of the spirit is to drink the water of the word of God.  
And that water, sabi niya, you are made to drink of the one spirit.  
And now, the body, though it has many parts, they have now become one.  
The ability of the word of God to unite people.  
To bring people together.  
That's the power of God's word.  
We drink of the spirit.  
How do we drink of the spirit?  
When we take in the word of God.  
Amen?

Meron akong nakausap na doktor, sabi niya.  
Sometimes, people have problems with their kidneys.  
Kasi hindi masyado sila umiinom ng tubig.  
We don't drink water.  
Sabi niya, eto, makinag ha. Doktor nagsabi nito.  
Baka magalit kayo sa akin.  
Lalo na yung mga senior.  
Kung hindi mo bantayan, sa isang araw, isang baso lang ang iinomin.  
Kaya, bantayan ang mga lola at mga senior.  
Kaya, bantayan ang mga lola at lola.  
Tanungin nyo, lola, uminom ka na ba ng tubig?  
Oo, ilang baso, kalahati.  
Kailan? Kahapon.  
Okay?  
So, they have to drink water all the time.  
Para hindi masira yung mga organs natin.  
Sabi ng doktor, minsan, umiinom lang tayo ng tubig pag nauuhaw na tayo.  
When we are thirsty, we drink water.  
But, sabi niya, kung nauuhaw ka na, ibig sabihin, natuyo na ang tubig sa katawan mo.  
Naghihingi na yung katawan mo. Sumisigaw na para sa tubig.  
So, the doctor said, drink water every hour.  
Huwag mo nang antayin mauuhaw ka, uminom, unahan mo na.  
Okay?  
Okay.  
Medical tip.  
So, the body of Christ is like a physical body.  
You have to maintain it with water, and the water is the Word of God.  
Kailan ka iinom?  
Yung naghihingalo ka na?  
When are you going to drink your water?  
When you're already thirsty and you're almost dying, you're so dehydrated, dun ka lang magbabasa ng Bible mo.  
Kaya, minsan, may mga Kristiyano, magbabasa ng Bible kung may problema na.  
Kung may mangyari sa buhay nila na hindi nila gusto, hahanapin nila ang Bible nila.  
Then they start reading.  
Magulong isip.  
Babasahin ng Bible, e mas lalong gugulong isip mo.  
You have to take in water.  
The water of God's Word.  
Everyday may problema sa wala, uminom ng salita ng Diyos.  
To keep your spirit, your soul healthy.  
Why?  
Because it has the ability to unite, to bring together.  
That's why sabi niya, the body has many parts, but is only one body.  
And we're made to drink in one spirit.  
Some of the problems in the church is because, minsan, marami tayo sa simbahan.  
Nag-aaway-aaway, hindi magkaintindihan.  
Galit yung isa sa isa.  
Galit yung isa sa isa.  
Pag nagtatrabaho, ayaw magtrabaho sabay.  
Kanya-kanyang trabaho dahil nag-aaway.  
And that simply shows kulang tayo sa pag-inom ng salita ng Diyos.  
Because if we're drinking the water of God's Word everyday, then all of us will come together.  
It brings us together.  
It unites us.  
Amen?  
Amen?  
The power of God's Word to renew and change our life.  
Every time we encounter the Word of God, we are encountering Christ Himself.  
Because Christ is the Word of God incarnate.

Every time you open the Holy Scriptures and begin to look into the Holy Scriptures,  
you read the Holy Scriptures, you reflect on the Holy Scriptures,  
you are encountering Christ.  
You are looking into the face of God in Christ Jesus.  
It will renew your life.  
It will transform your life.  
And also, it will bring unity among us.  
It will bring unity in our community.  
It will bring unity in our family the more we look into the Word of God.  
Amen?  
That's the first and second reading.  
Now, let's go to the Gospel.  
The Gospel speaks today of Jesus who is the Word of God.  
And He came to preach the Gospel.  
Pumunta siya sa sinagog, binuksan niya yung Scriptures.  
And the Scriptures was the Word of God and He was there talking to them.  
Sabi niya, He has come to bring good news to the poor.  
What does it mean?  
The Word of God brings hope to the poor.  
Amen?  
When we find ourselves in situations where we can do nothing about it,  
we look into the Scriptures because it will bring hope to us.  
Kailangan natin yung hope.  
Amen?  
Amen?  
When we are in a very difficult situation,  
mawala ng lahat sa'yo, huwag ka lang mawala ng pag-asa.  
And the Word of God has a way of always bringing hope to you.  
He preached the Gospel, announced the good news to the poor.  
Jesus, the Word of God, brings hope to us, to the poor.  
To set the captives free.  
Wow!  
The Word of God will deliver us.  
There is one particular Scripture that I love so much.  
Sabi niya,  
Sabi niya,  
Sabi niya,  
Sabi niya,  
Pero tingnan mong sinabi sa Scripture,  
How do we do that?  
Hindi ang Diyos ang magbabasa ng Bible para sa'yo.  
Tayo ang magbabasa ng Bible.  
It is not God who will do His meditation and reflection for you.  
You have to reflect on the Scripture.  
When you read the Scripture, parang mirror yan.  
Okay?  
The Scripture is like a mirror that everyday you look there.  
And you always look at the Word of God and see yourself in the Word of God.  
Kaya pag may nabasa ka dito, binasa mo sa Bible,  
Ay, dapat ito, kaya ganito.  
Ay, dapat ito, mabasa ni ano.  
Hindi, tinitingnan mo ibang tao.  
Hindi, tingnan mong sarili mo sa Scriptures.  
It is like a mirror.  
Sino sa inyong may puntahan na importanteng lakad  
na pag tapos niyo lumabas sa banyo,  
bihis kayo diretsyo na at hindi tumitingin sa salamin?  
Sino?  
Ha?  
Okay.  
One time, nangyari sa akin yan sa sobrang nagmamadali.  
Pagkatapos ako maligo, bihis ka agad, takbo na.  
When I arrived there, sa pupuntahan ko,

lahat ng tao nakatingin sa akin.  
Sabi sa akin,  
kasi hindi ko alam bakit nakatingin sa akin.  
Yun pala may sabon yung tenga ko.  
Hindi ko nakita may sabon pa.  
Okay, why?  
Pati hindi ko napansin may sabon pa.  
I did not look at myself in the mirror.  
And sometimes we are like that.  
Akala natin ang bait natin.  
Akala natin okay ang buhay ko.  
Hindi ka nakatingin sa salitan ng Diyos.  
Because the Word of God ay parang salamin yan.  
Pag tinignan mo ang sarili mo,  
hindi sinungaling ang salitan ng Diyos.  
Pag hindi mabuti ang ginagawa mo,  
lalabas talaga yan dyan.  
The Scripture is also like a double-edged sword.  
Yun ang sinabi sa Bible.  
It is a double-edged sword.  
It will cut.  
It will cut your heart.  
What does it mean  
that the Word of God is a double-edged sword?  
It will cut through your heart.  
You know, sometimes  
ang dami natin sinasabi  
na hindi naman yun ang iniisip ng puso natin.  
Bakit mo siya sinampal?  
Father, gusto ko lang talaga siyang turuan ng leksyon.  
Mahal ko siya sa sobrang pagmamahal ko.  
Hindi ko kayang hindi siya maturuan.  
Kaya sinampal ko lang, Father,  
kasi gusto kong turuan.  
Basahin mo yung salitan ng Diyos.  
You read the Bible and read it  
because that Word will cut your heart.  
Kung mali ang ginawa mo,  
masakit talaga yan.  
Sasabihin talaga ng Diyos yan.  
It's really well.  
And sometimes we make excuses.  
Palapit na tayo sa Lent.  
Again, in Lent,  
we will do  
our yearly evaluation of our heart.  
Kasi minsan ayaw natin tingnan yung puso natin  
kasi pag tinignan natin,  
ang dami natin  
ayaw natin gusto makita sa puso natin.  
Kaya nagbibisi-bisihan na lang tayo.  
Busy ako dito, busy ako doon.  
So that we will not have time to look at our hearts.  
Well, coming Lent,  
we will evaluate our hearts again.  
In the sacrament of confession,  
when we go to confession,  
marami nagsasabi na  
direct na ako kay Lord.  
Direct ako kay Lord.  
Hindi ko kailangan ng sacrament.  
Hindi ko kailangan ng pare.  
I can go to God  
and just confess my sins to God.

Yeah.  
But the problem with your heart  
when you talk to God,  
your heart is deceitful.  
Amen?  
Your heart is deceitful.  
Pwede mong sabihin,  
nag-confess na ako kay Lord directly.  
Anong sabi ng Diyos?  
Okay lang daw.  
Okay?  
Then tomorrow, you do it again.  
Then tomorrow, you do it again.  
You keep on doing the same sin.  
Because ang excuse mo,  
I look at God,  
I just confess my sin to God.  
One time, a person came to me.  
Pumunta siya sa akin.  
Itong sabi niya,  
pagod na ako sa kasalanan ko.  
I talk to God.  
I confess my sin to God.  
But I keep on doing the same mistake.  
So sabi niya,  
Bishop, hindi ko talaga kaya, Bishop.  
Nambababae talaga ako.  
Nangangapid ako.  
Awang-awa na ako sa asawa ko.  
Tuwing uuwi ako sa bahay,  
yung asawa ko hindi alam ang ginagawa ko.  
Pinagluluto pa ako.  
Pinupunasan ako.  
Pinaplansyay yung damit ko.  
Sabi niya,  
naawan ako sa asawa ko.  
Kaya gusto ko nang isabihin sa kanya na,  
you know,  
nambababae ako.  
Sabi ko, huwag mong gawin yan.  
Sisirain mong buhay ng asawa mo.  
Ikaw ang may problema,  
hindi yung asawa mo.  
So he came to confession.  
Sabi niya, every night,  
bago daw siya matulog,  
kinakausap niya si Lord.  
Itong sabi niya kay Lord,  
Lord,  
I'm sorry.  
I did it again.  
Yan lang sinasabi niya.  
So sabi ko,  
ano namang natatanggap mo kay Lord?  
Sabi niya,  
sabi ni Lord sa akin,  
okay lang.  
Kaya kinagbukasan,  
ulit na naman.  
Punta na naman siya doon  
sa kanyang girlfriend.  
And then,  
it goes on and on  
and on and on.

And finally,  
nakita niya sa simbahan  
that we have the sacrament of confession.  
So he came.  
Sabi ko,  
ba't nandito ka?  
Pwede mo namang kausapin si Lord direct.  
Sabi niya,  
pero paulit-ulit yung kasalanan ko, Father.  
I want it to end.  
So sabi ko,  
okay, you come here.  
Then he confessed his sin.  
Sinabi niya,  
etong ginagawa ko,  
etong ginagawa ko,  
etong ginagawa ko.  
When he made that confession of the sin,  
this is what I told him.  
You  
will not  
do that  
again.  
Huwag mong gagawin yan,  
ulit.  
Pwede ba, Father,  
na dahan-dahan lang,  
imbis na five times a week kami nakikita,  
eh three times ko na lang.  
Tapos next month,  
two times na lang kami makikita  
ng girlfriend ko.  
Anggat sa  
one year,  
one time na lang kami makikita.  
Once a year na lang.  
Sabi ko sa kanya,  
no.  
Today,  
you stop doing that.  
Yan ang hindi niya narinig sa Diyos.  
Narinig niya sa pare.  
And a few months later,  
he came back  
and he said,  
I cut my relationship  
with that girl anymore.  
I love my wife.  
Tinapos ko na, Father.  
Ayaw ko na.  
What was that?  
What was that?  
He encountered  
the Word of God.  
Amen?  
In the sacrament of confession,  
you are allowing the Word of God  
to speak to your heart.  
I said to him,  
don't do that anymore.  
Mahirap yung  
direct to God, eh.  
Okay sana yan.  
Pinapatawad talaga tayo ng Diyos



if we confess to Him.  
But the problem is  
our heart,  
our heart does not listen.  
The heart is deceitful  
above everything else.  
So after that confession,  
he came back to me  
and sabi niya,  
yeah, the temptation is there.  
But after that time,  
we talked.  
Sabi niya, hindi na naulit.  
At pinagdadasal ko,  
Father, hindi na maulit.  
I broke up my relationship  
with my girlfriend.  
Sabi ko, yeah,  
you go on and love your wife.  
Discover that love again.  
Fall in love with your wife again.  
You understand what I'm saying?  
The Word of God  
is a double-edged sword.  
It will cut your heart.  
Bakit ganito?  
Ang dami nating dahilan  
sa sarili natin,  
ang dami nating sinasabi  
na hindi naman totoo.  
But when you take the Word of God,  
it will cut you.  
At sasabihin talaga ng Diyos  
yung tunay ng motive  
ng puso mo.  
And we don't like that.  
Amen?  
Now,  
if we're able to take  
the Word of God,  
it will transform  
and renew our life.  
But,  
the Word of God  
also remind us  
that if we receive  
the Word of God,  
we become  
servants  
of the Word of God.  
The term we use there  
sa sambahan natin,  
ang tawag natin dyan,  
ministers of the Word.  
Sino sa inyong  
tumanggap  
ng salita ng Diyos  
sa buhay nyo?  
You took the Word of God.  
Amen?  
Amen?  
Noong nagka-problema ako  
sa buhay ko,  
ang sabi ni Bishop Ricardo

sa akin,  
wag ka mawala ng pag-asa,  
tutulungan ka ng Diyos.  
Salita ng Diyos yun.  
Alam mo,  
pinanindigan ko yun,  
hinawakan ko yun,  
and true enough,  
true enough,  
God delivered me  
from the problems  
I was facing then.  
The Word of God  
saved me.  
I listened  
and I held on  
to the Word of God.  
I put my trust  
and confidence  
in the Word of God  
and it saved me.  
I have received  
the Word of God  
in my life  
and it saved me.  
Now,  
now,  
I am  
a minister  
of that Word.  
I am a servant  
of that Word  
and as servants  
of the Word of God,  
we are compelled  
to go  
and speak  
the Word  
to the world also.  
We are dispensers  
of God,  
of the Word now.  
Kaya nga, sabi ko,  
ang sarap ng buhay ninyo  
pag linggo,  
nakaupo lang kayo dyan.  
Nakikinig kayo sa akin.  
Ako, buong linggo,  
buong linggo,  
I reflected  
on the Scriptures  
that I'm going to share  
with you.  
Pinag-aralan ko,  
I reflected on it.  
Linuto ko,  
inayos ko.  
Then early morning  
on a Sunday,  
I pray the Word again.  
I pray again  
the things that I'm going  
to share with you.  
I tell the Lord,

Lord, kung merong mga bagay dyan  
sa pinag-aralan ko  
na hindi naman galing sa'yo,  
tanggalin mo sa isip ko.  
I want to speak  
your Word.  
Then eto na yun.  
Ngayong araw,  
sinasabi ko na sa inyo.  
And you guys,  
you just sit down  
and you listen to that.  
Okay?  
Pinaghandaan ko yan.  
Linuto ko yan.  
Pinaghirapan ko lang  
etong salitan ng Diyos  
para maibahagi ko sa inyo.  
Ngayon, etong tanong ko,  
tama ba yan  
na nakaupo kayo,  
nakikinig lang  
at yun na?  
Tapos na?  
Tapos na?  
Hindi!  
Ngayon, natanggap niyo  
yung salitan ng Diyos.  
Ngayon, may responsibilidad ka  
to bring the Word  
to other people as well.  
You have to share it.  
You have to speak it.  
You have to live it out  
so that others can see.  
Others will have hope.  
Others will receive healing.  
What you have received  
from the Word  
is also what  
you are going to give  
to others.  
Kaya pagkatapos ko,  
mag-homily sa inyo,  
pagkatapos natin  
basahin yung scriptures,  
binasa ng  
napakagandang  
bagong lector natin.  
First time niya na mag-lector.  
Lorraine, you did a good job.  
Okay?  
Kanina kasi  
nanginginig na siya.  
Natatakot.  
Sabi ko, no.  
Huwag ka matakot.  
Nanonood ang papa mo sa langit.  
Pinapanood ka.  
You see?  
She spoke the Word of God to us.  
She read from the scriptures.  
Then all of us  
who received that Word,

we are  
responsible  
to bring that Word out.  
We are servants  
of the Word of God.  
We are ministers  
of the Word of God.  
It's not just the priest.  
It's not just the deacon.  
It's not just the bishop.  
But all of us  
who have received  
the Word of God  
have now become  
servants of the Word of God.  
Then you bring it out.  
There is power  
in the words  
that you will speak.  
Because the Word  
that healed you  
is the same Word  
that will heal others  
if you speak it to them.  
The same Word  
that brings joy  
to your life  
is the same Word  
that will restore joy  
in the life of others.  
The same Word  
that blessed your life  
and prospered your life  
is the same Word  
that will bless  
and prosper  
the lives of other people.  
It's our responsibility  
to bring out the Word.  
Now having said that,  
I go back  
to my consecration.  
When I put the Bible  
on my head  
and my memory came back  
to what Bishop Ricardo said,  
he said,  
Teach only  
what you believe.  
Don't teach  
something  
that you don't believe.  
You have  
to have faith  
in what the Word  
of God says.  
When you go out  
and begin to share  
the Word of God,  
share the things  
you believe.  
Amen?  
Do you believe  
the Word of God

can save a person?  
Can you share that?  
You bring that  
to the person.  
When someone comes to you  
and has a problem,  
he will say,  
Father, my wife left me.  
And earlier,  
my boss called me.  
I was fired from my job.  
And earlier,  
Father, my car keys were taken  
and my bank was embargoed.  
And Father,  
when I got home earlier,  
my dog was in the yard.  
And there was a note there  
that my children left.  
Father, what will I do?  
Pearl, what will I do?  
What will you say?  
Do you have a tie there?  
Not like that.  
You get the Word  
the Word of God  
that saved you  
and delivered you  
from all your troubles  
and fear  
and you share that.  
You know what?  
We have a God  
who can do this.  
We have a God  
who promised us  
that in the midst  
of these things,  
He will never leave us.  
He will never forsake us.  
You know what?  
Last year,  
I have the same problem  
with you.  
I lost my job.  
I lost so many things.  
I was burned.  
But this is what  
God did to me.  
This is what God did to me.  
God is faithful.  
You know,  
what you are sharing  
what you are saying  
to that person,  
God knows what  
the Holy Spirit will do  
because that Word  
that you speak,  
He will drink from that.  
He will drink the Spirit of God  
in that Word.  
And that person,  
I believe,

I really believe  
I really believe  
in all my heart  
that once that person  
encounters the Word of God,  
He will never be the same again.  
It will make the difference.  
Sometimes,  
many people come to me  
and say,  
Father, thank you.  
Until now,  
they still call me Father.  
They say,  
Sorry, it's Bishop.  
It's the same thing.  
Just call me Father  
if you like.  
They say,  
Father, thank you.  
Why?  
Remember,  
you told me this.  
I already forgot  
that I told you.  
Father, you said,  
I will be promoted.  
He said,  
Father,  
I just got promoted.  
Where do you want to eat?  
I said,  
Did I tell you  
that you will be promoted?  
I don't remember anymore  
because during that time  
I was there,  
I was just ministering.  
I was just dispensing  
the Word  
which I also received  
from the Lord.  
Receiving the Word of God  
brings us the responsibility  
to share the Word of God.  
That's what Bishop said.  
But you've got to believe  
what you are sharing.  
Amen?  
Don't share anything  
that you don't believe.  
Share what you really believe,  
the Word of God.  
And the second thing,  
and I will end with this,  
don't just believe  
what you teach  
we should practice  
what we teach.  
Amen?  
If that is what you are saying,  
it should be seen  
in your life.  
Okay?

And that is very important.  
This is very important.  
We call that  
IN  
TEG  
GRIT  
TY.  
INTEGRITY  
That's the word  
where the word  
INTEGRATION  
was taken.  
INTEGRITY  
INTEGRATION  
is  
BUO.  
Amen?  
BUO.  
Sometimes,  
people don't accept  
the Word of God  
because  
what you are saying  
is different  
from what you are doing.  
It's not BUO.  
It's not the whole inside.  
It's the heart and  
what  
in Tagalog?  
I love the Philippines.  
Right?  
PANATANG MAKABAYAN  
IN THE MIND  
IN THE WORDS  
AND IN  
Hey, you haven't done  
PANATANG MAKABAYAN  
for a long time.  
IN THE MIND  
IN THE WORDS  
AND IN THE ACTION  
What  
we believe  
and what we say  
and what we do  
bring it  
together.  
Integrate it  
in your life.  
That's INTEGRITY.  
And it becomes  
very powerful  
when what you say  
is one with  
what you do.  
We live now  
in a generation  
that cannot hear  
with the ears.  
They hear only  
with their eyes.  
Especially  
the parents

will tell their children  
Son,  
Son,  
pray everyday.  
We used to do that  
when our father told us.  
We do that  
because we are afraid.  
When our father told us,  
we do it.  
Now, the children  
cannot hear you  
when you speak.  
They can't hear you.  
Why?  
Because they need  
to see first.  
That's why when you say,  
Son, pray everyday.  
They cannot hear that  
and they cannot do it.  
But when you say,  
Son, come,  
let's pray first.  
Take your children  
and you just pray with them.  
Why?  
Because they see you.  
They see you.  
And what you say  
is one with what you do.  
Now,  
they get the message.  
One of these days,  
we will leave  
our children behind.  
Hopefully,  
we will be the first.  
And before we  
disappear from this world,  
I hope,  
I hope,  
they will receive  
what we received  
from God.  
Not only the land,  
not only the money,  
not only the riches,  
if you have land  
that you will leave  
to your children,  
that's okay.  
To the parents  
who don't have land  
that they will leave  
to their children,  
that's okay.  
Hopefully,  
not only the money,  
not only the riches,  
But,  
leave  
also the faith  
to them.



Leave  
the love of God  
to them also.  
Will they love God?  
Huh?  
Will they love God?  
What do you think?  
Will they still come  
to church?  
Those are the questions.  
For us parents,  
we have to know  
that one day,  
we will  
leave  
our families  
behind.  
The hour  
will come  
when we have  
to depart  
this world.  
But,  
before we do that,  
pass on  
the word  
to them.  
Not with your mouth  
only,  
but in your life.  
By your daily actions.  
Believe.  
Believe  
what God said.  
Then, teach  
what you believe.  
Amen?  
Then,  
practice.  
Do  
what you teach.  
Do what you say.  
When we do that,  
we become  
true  
servants  
of the word  
of God.  
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