

2nd Sunday after Christmas - January 5, 2025
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This is the last day of Christmas. So again, let me greet you. Merry Christmas. Amen. Huling araw ng Christmas.

Tomorrow, we will be celebrating the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord.

Now, our Roman Catholic brothers, they have the feast of the Epiphany today.

So ginagawa nila yan on a Sunday that is nearest to January 6.

January 6, that is the feast of the Epiphany, but they celebrate it on a Sunday na malapit sa January 6.

So today, ito yung pinakamalapit na Sunday sa January 6, kaya they are now celebrating the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord.

But in the CEC, today, we celebrate this as the second Sunday after Christmas, after the birth of our Lord.

Bukas tayo magsasalibrate ng feast of the Epiphany.

And even though it falls on a weekday, Monday, patuloy natin isalibrate yan on that day.

So today, we look at the Scriptures today.

And the Scriptures, if you listen properly, it's so full of meaning.

And many times, we don't pay attention so much on the details of the Scripture.

Minsan, yung mga hinaharap nating problema, yung sagot at solusyon ng problema natin, sinulat na ng Diyos. Amen?

Alam na ng Diyos, nasa buhay na ito, magkakaroon tayo ng problema.

Magkakaroon tayo ng mga pagsubok sa buhay. Alam ng Diyos yan.

That's why He gave us already a letter.

The Bible is a love letter from a father to his beloved children.

And everything, everything you need in life to overcome, to face the challenges, to overcome the obstacles,

yung instructions ng tatay natin sa langit, nandito na sa kanyang salita.

That's why we are encouraged to listen. Okay?

Sometimes we just read, nagbabasa lang tayo ng Bible, pero hindi tayo nakikinig.

Remember, faith does not come from reading.

Faith does not come by looking.

Faith comes from hearing.

So when you read your Bible, yes, you're looking at the Scriptures, you're reading them,

but inside, we have to learn to listen.

Now, dalawa yung tenga ng tao, we have the outer ear.

Okay? The outer ear is what we use to listen to the sound around us.

The inner ear is the most important of all because it listens to what is inside us.

Yan ay nakikinig sa mga bagay na nasa loob natin.

And we know that Christ is within us. Amen?

We know that Jesus lives and resides in our heart and He speaks to us every day.

Kinakausap tayo ng Diyos.

Minsan, hindi tayo nakikinig sa Kanyang.

And sometimes we cry out to God pag may hinaharap tayong problema at nag-iisip tayo minsan.

We think that God doesn't care about us, but He does care.

In fact, He shares what we need to do.

But we don't listen.

We read the Bible. We look at the Bible.

Ibang nga sa atin natutulog, ginagawang unan yung Bible.

Okay?

But we don't bother to listen to what He's trying to say to us.

Minsan, ang problema natin, walang ibang solusyon.

Wala nang ibang solusyon yung problema natin

except that as you face that problem,

all you need is the assurance na may Diyos na nagmamahal sa'yo.

Yan lang naman ang kulak.

Merong mga problema na hindi mo pwedeng ikutan.

There are problems that you cannot get around with.

There are problems that you could not escape

except that you go through the problem.

But we need to hear God say,
I love you. I will be with you.
Yan ang dapat marinig natin.
Pag pumupunta ako sa lamay when someone dies and I go there,
I don't know what to say.
Hindi ko alam yung sasabihin ko.
Walang tutumbas sa lungkot ng pamilya na yan
na nawala ng nanay, nawala ng tatay, nawala ng kapatid.
No amount of words could comfort them.
Nothing can comfort them at that time.
But as I go there, pag pumupunta ako sa lamay,
with nothing to say, I don't know what to do to comfort them.
Your presence alone when people see you,
o nandito si father,
when you come, it brings so much comfort in their life.
Kaya pag uwi ko galing sa lamay,
Thank you, father. Thank you, father.
Salamat talaga, father.
Tinatanong ko, anong ginagawa ko?
Ba't kayo nagpapasalamat? Pinakain yun pa nga ako eh.
Dapat ako magpasalamat sa inyo.
But they received comfort by just being there.
Amen?
Your presence alone brings so much
healing and comfort and peace and consolation to the family.
Bakit ganyan?
No amount of words could comfort them but your presence alone.
It's the same thing with God.
When we sit down and we look at the scriptures and read
and we're going through a problem,
hindi naman kailangan na masolve yung problema.
Ang kailangan lang na maramdaman mo
at malaman mo sa puso mo
na nandyan ang Diyos hindi ka iiwan
at mahal na mahal ka ng Diyos.
The assurance of God's love for you, that's enough for me.
You know, when I was hospitalized
and people came to visit me,
wala naman silang magawa.
Yung pag-bisita nila,
hindi naman magpapagaling ng sugat ko.
Okay, they come there
and it will not heal my wound.
But it gives me the strength to bear
the suffering that I'm going through.
Why? Because of the presence of that person
who came out of his way just to visit me.
Amen? Ganon din ang Diyos.
Now, today, the second Sunday of Christmas,
we're going to talk about
our life as God's children.
Like I've said, we are adopted by God.
Pag sinabi kong adopted, it is not a bad thing.
Ibig sabihin yan, pag inadopt tayo ng Diyos,
talagang pinili ka ng Diyos.
Amen?
At hindi lang pinili, ginusto ka ng Diyos.
Okay?
Even before you were born,
the Scripture says that God already knew you.
God already saw you.
And because He did see you already,
nakita ka na ng Diyos.
With all your success and failures,

nakita na ng Diyos yan.
And because He saw you, He already loved you.
Wala ka pang ginagawa.
Wala ka pang sinasabi.
Minahal ka na ng Diyos.
Amen?
That's why because He loves us so much,
He adopted us to become His children.
Pwede naman tayong hindi i-adopt eh.
Pwede namang sabihin ng Diyos,
Uy, cute nyo.
Okay? Pero hanggang dyan lang kayo.
Wag kayong lumapit sa akin.
No, the Father did not do that.
When He loved us,
pinili ka niya
that you become His child.
At anong ibig sabihin yon?
What does it mean?
It means that everything He has is already yours.
Because that is what true love is.
True love, you find a way to give.
Pag ayaw mo magbigay,
hindi po pagmamahal at mag-ibig yan.
The Father loves us so much,
He wants us to receive,
He wants to bless us,
to give to us.
At hindi lang yung bigyan tayo ng konti
para mabuhay lang.
No, He wants to give everything He's got.
Sigurado ka ba, Father?
Yeah.
You look at the cross.
He gave His best.
The best that God has is Jesus
and yet binigay niya sa'yo si Jesus.
Okay?
Now, will God withhold anything from you?
No more.
He has given you His best.
Meron nga isang pare na nagturo sa akin,
sabi niya,
pag pumunta ka sa Diyos at may kailangan ka,
wag ka nang humingi.
Sabi niya, bakit?
Wala nang maibibigay ang Diyos sa'yo.
Bakit? Binigay na lahat.
He has nothing more to give to you
because He has given you everything.
All we need to do, sabi niya,
when you come before God,
is just to tell God,
Lord, thank you.
Thank you for my healing.
Thank you for the food.
Kaya nga, puro salamat.
Bakit?
Because we know God already gave us everything.
When He gave Jesus to us,
He gave us everything.
Yun lang, tayo,
minsan pag hindi natin nakikita,
akala natin hindi binigay.

Kaya nang hihingi pa rin tayo.
Well, it's okay.
But when you come to that point
and realize and understand in your life
that God has given us everything
that pertains to life and godliness.
Anong ibig sabihin ng everything?
Ha?
Anong ibig sabihin ng everything?
Lahat.
Now, ano ibig sabihin ng lahat?
Everything.
Okay.
Ang ibig sabihin ng lahat,
ibig sabihin nun,
walang isang bagay na natira sa Diyos
dahil binigay Niya lahat.
He gave us everything that pertains to life and godliness.
Everything you need in life
to become the person that God wants us to be.
Everything you need in life
to live as the best version of yourself.
God already provided that.
That's why we should be grateful to God only.
Pag may kailangan tayo't hindi natin nakikita,
alam mong binigay na yan.
Ba't hindi ko pa nakikita, Lord,
bakit kailangan mo na ba talaga?
Okay?
We should just be,
Father, I thank You.
I thank You for the food.
Kahit walang pagkain.
Walang pagkain.
Wala akong nakikita ang pagkain.
Lord, thank You for Your provisions upon us.
Why?
We know God already gave us.
Amen?
Now, what is our response
because of God's adoption,
we become His children,
He provides for everything we need.
Anong response natin diyan?
How do we respond to God?
Well, we say,
we will thank God.
That's true.
We should thank God.
Ano pang response natin?
We should love God.
Amen?
Amen?
Kung minahal ka ng isang tao,
anong klaseng tao ka hindi ka marunong magmahal?
Hindi ka marunong magsukli
ng pag-ibig na binigay sa'yo?
Well, if God loved us,
our response is we say thank you to God
because we don't deserve it.
Hindi natin binili yung pag-ibig niya,
binigay niya lang ko sa...
Bakit hindi natin binili
at bakit binigay niya?

Kasi hindi niyo kaya bayaran.

Mahal yan.

Amen?

We should love Him.

Yes, we should revere God.

We should adore God.

We should love Him.

We should love His presence in our lives.

We may not understand

what He's doing sometimes in our life

but we know He loves us.

Sapat na yun.

Amen?

Sapat na yun.

Yung mga batang secure na secure

sa magulang nila,

kahit paluin sila ng magulang nila,

inaakap nila yung magulang nila,

umiiyak sila sa sakit.

But they don't turn away from their parents

because they trust that whatever

my dad, my mom is doing to me,

it's for my good.

Bakit?

Alam na mga bata,

mahal sila ng nanay at tatay nila.

Amen?

But today, I will talk to you about

another response.

If you realize that God has chosen you,

adopted you to become His child,

and poured out His love on you,

one of our response should be

we should serve Him.

Amen?

Kaya maganda talaga kung may anak ka na babae.

Kasi yung anak mong babae,

pag nakaupo ka,

alam na ng anak mong babae,

ugali mo talaga,

magkakape ka,

hindi ka pa nagsasabi,

nagtitimpla na.

Okay naman yung mga lalaki,

minsan tatanong,

gusto mo kape?

Itatanong pa.

Gusto mong kumain?

Yung anak na babae,

hindi ka na tinatanong.

Pa, kape.

Pa, may biskuit.

Bakit?

Yan ang

pagmamahal nila.

Response to the love of the Father
who takes care and provide for them.

That's how they respond.

They serve their Father.

Amen?

Ganon din tayo.

Service of God is not a burden

if you love God.

Hindi mabigat yan.

Bumibigat lang naman yan,
hindi dahil sa trabaho
binibigay sa'yo.
Bumibigat ang trabaho
at pag-serve natin kay Lord
because kulang ito.
Bakit kulang ang pagmamahal sa Diyos?
Kasi hanggang ngayon hindi mo alam
mahal ka ng Diyos.

Amen?

If we struggle to love God,
it's because we struggle to understand
that God loves us.

The Scripture says,
it's not that you love me,
but I have loved you.

Amen?

Yan ang sabi ng Diyos.
It's not that you love me.
Hindi ako hungry for your love, no?
But I'm hungry to love you.
If you realize and understand that now
in your life,
then you will love God naturally.
And how do we love God?

Yes.

We praise Him.

We sing songs to Him.

Yeah, that's part of it.

If we love God,
we will also serve Him.

Amen?

Now, before we go to the Gospel,
let us look at our first reading today.

Our first reading says that
our God does not get tired.

Nabasa nyo sa Isaiah 40?

I was reflecting on it.

Ang sabi ng Diyos,
ang Diyos natin na hindi napapagod.

Ano ibig sabihin yan?

When it comes to your life,
kahit gaano kakakulit,
ang Diyos ay hindi napapagod sa'yo.

Amen?

Every day,
His mercy is new every morning.
Hindi siya napapagod.

Isipin ko naman sa buhay ko,
when I think of my life,
iniisip ko kung ako ang Diyos
at may taong katulad ko,
naaalagaan ko,
mapapagod ako.

Amen?

Kasi matigas ang ulo ko.
So iniisip ko, papaluin ako ng Diyos,
pero hindi naman tayo pinapalo ng Diyos.
Tinitingnan tayo,
tinuturuan tayo.

Amen?

God does not get tired of us.
Yan ang sinabi ni Isaiah.
He does not get tired.

No matter how bad we are sometimes,
no matter how stupid we are sometimes.
Kagaya kahapon,
akala ko brownout.
Ayawan ko anong pumasok sa isip ko.
Akala ko brownout,
hinawakan ko yung plug
na nakadikit doon sa kuryente,
hinawakan ko lang
kung talagang brownout.
Ay hindi pala.
Hindi pala.
Tumayo na yung buhok ko dito.
At iniisip ko,
napaka...
talagang...
Pero minsan,
inaamin ko naman
at alam din ng Diyos,
meron talaga tayong...
Minsan.
Huwag lang araw-arawin, ha?
Kasi talaga, tanga tayo.
Sinabi ng bawal, gawin mo.
Sinabi nang sa'yo,
huwag mong gawin yan,
mapapahamak ka.
Ay, yun talagang gagawin natin.
Kaya ano bang tawag niyo diyan?
Okay.
God loves us in spite of our stupidity.
Napapagod ba siya?
Nasasabi ba siya sa'yo?
Ay, sobrang tanga ka talaga.
Diyan ka na muna.
Pagod na ako sa'yo.
Hindi.
Hindi ganyan ang Diyos natin.
Amen?
Yan ang sinabi ni Isaiah.
And sabi niya dito,
dahil hindi napapagod ang Diyos,
then He will give to those who are getting tired,
He will give them strength also.
O sa mga magulang,
yung napapagod na sa mga anak nila.
Okay?
Sabi ng Diyos,
bibigyan ko kayo ng lakas,
kagaya ng lakas ko.
I will give you power,
just like my power,
so you will not get tired
of taking care of your children.
Pero etong sabi niya Isaiah,
some people may get tired,
even the young people will lose their strength,
even the strong people,
one day they will fail.
But those who wait upon the Lord,
those who look to God,
those who wait on God,
those who serve God,
and serve His plans and purposes in their lives,

sabi niya,
they will never get tired.
They will never grow weary.
They will walk and not be faint.
Iba yung naglalakad kang matuwid.
Iba yung naglalakad kang ganyan na.
Yan ang tinatawag na faint.
Sabi ng Diyos,
if you look to Me,
if you serve with Me,
then you will never walk like that.
You will not be faint.
They shall run.
They shall run and will not get tired.
They will mount up with wings like eagles.

Wow!

Alam mo ba yung eagle,
pag lumipad dyan,
umaabot ng anim na oras yan,
nandun lang sa ere,
hindi napapagod yan.

Okay?

Sabi ko nga,
kung meron akong abilidad na ganyan,
kagaya ng eagle,
nako,
ang daming masisave ko sa ticket ng airplane.
Liliparin ko na lang.

You see?

That's what God promised.
Those who wait upon the Lord,
to wait is not just to sit down passively
and wait for God to do something.

Okay?

There are three kinds of people.
There are people
who wait for things to happen.
Nagaantay na lang kung anong mangyari.
There are people
who makes things happen.

Amen?

They take the initiative and make things happen.
And the third,
there are people
who don't know what is happening.

Ayan.

If we serve God,
we wait on God,
He will give us the ability and strength
to do something in our life.

Life will not be boring
if you look to God every day
and you find your strength in Him.
Life will not be boring.

Bakit?

God will give you the ability
to attempt great things in your life.
We accomplish little
because we attempt little.

In this 2025,
as a community,
we will attempt great things.

Amen?

And with God,

who supplies strength and ability,
I know we can accomplish great things.
Amen?
I was talking to one of our youth.
Few years ago,
may problema siya.
He could not go out
and go to places
and mingle with his friends.
Nagkakaroon siya ng panic attack.
And he got so frustrated
because he cannot leave home.
Nasa bahay lang siya palagi.
And every time he goes out,
paglabas siya ng bahay,
and he goes somewhere,
then he has that
nagkakaroon siya ng panic attack.
Parang sinasakal siya,
hindi na siya makahinga.
One time,
he called me up.
Nasa van siya going to Iloilo.
Nag-attempt siya.
He wanted to be free from that.
He attempted to go to Iloilo.
Mag-isa siya.
On the way,
nag-panic attack na siya.
So they had to bring him back.
Binalik siya.
Para siyang mamamatay.
And I said,
you know, you continue.
You continue in your relationship with God.
Nung hindi na siya nagsisimba,
sabi ko, mag-simba ka.
You go to church.
So he came to church.
Nagsisimba siya.
And he goes there.
But still, gumaling ba yung panic attack niya?
Hindi.
Hindi pa rin.
Pag lumalayo siya ng matagal,
nanginginig na naman siya.
Then finally,
after two years,
sabi ko sa kanya,
okay,
don't just go to church
and sit down in church.
Try serving God.
Abba sabi niya,
I don't know,
ano ba,
Father,
may Diyo,
hindi ko kaya yan
to serve God.
Sabi ko, kaya mo.
Nakaya mo na nga
bumalik sa simbahan
at mag-simba?

Dati, hindi mo na gagawa yan.
Now,
attempt to serve God.
So he
started to
serve God.
Joined the ministry.
Kinuha niya yung ministry na
nag-ano talaga yung talent niya.
And he has a heart for that ministry.
He joined.
Nag-training siya and everything.
And finally,
he's serving God.
Makikita mo siya.
Pag Sunday,
he dances.
He gives his praises to God.
Then,
last week,
we talked.
Sabi niya,
Bishop,
nakakapunta na ako
sa maraming lugar.
Sabi ko, wow!
Sabi ko,
saan ka galing?
Sabi niya,
pumunta ako ng Rojas City.
Ha?
Sino kasama mo?
Ako lang.
Wow!
Sabi ko.
Sasunod,
sama mo ako.
Sana all.
Di ba?
He overcame that problem.
He served God.
He chose to serve God.
When you serve God,
God supplies the strength.
God supplies the ability you need
for you to be able to serve Him well.
Amen?
Our second reading.
Ipa tayo sa Gospel.
Mahabat na yung oras ko.
Second reading talks about the grace of God.
The grace of God.
And sinusulat ni St. Paul sa Efficient Church
that whatever we cannot do,
the grace of God is there for us.
Anong hindi mo kaya?
I give you an example in my life.
May nagtanong sa akin,
Kaya mo ba maging Bishop?
Anong sagot ko?
Nag-aral ka ba sa kolehyon ng mga Bishop?
Wala yatang ganyan.
Di ba?
Kaya mo ba maging Bishop?

And I pondered,
and I looked into my heart
and I said,
No.

Not even an inch
will I attempt
to be a Bishop.

My strength,
my abilities,
everything I have
is nothing
for me to become a Bishop.

Wala.

One of the things that a Bishop would do,
and I meditate on this,
a Bishop should have the ability
to lay down his life
for the flock.

E dugo nga.

Makita ko lang yung dugo ko.

Nahihilo na ako.

Now how can I lay down my life for my flock?

I looked at the picture of a Saint.

Tinignan ko yung picture ng isang Saint,
isang Bishop,

before my consecration.

I looked at the picture of a Bishop
na hinihiwa siya.

They were slicing him up.

Binabalatan siya.

Because he loved his people so much
and willing to die for them,
binalatan siya.

Noong nakita ko yan,

sabi ko,

hindi ako ganyang klaseng Bishop.

I'm afraid.

I could not imagine the pain,
yung sakit na naramdaman niya.

And noong nagpunta tayo sa doktor,

tinurukan lang ako eh,

para na akong mamatay.

Di ba?

Hindi ko talaga kaya.

And here is what a Bishop is supposed to do,
lay down his life for his people.

Can I do that?

So ayun na isang bagay na talagang hindered, Miss.

Hindi ko masabi yung yes ko.

I cannot say my yes to God
because I'm afraid.

When I was in prayer,
this scripture came to me.

My grace.

My grace.

What you cannot do,
what you cannot accomplish,
you surrender to me.

Give your heart to me.

Because I, your God,
will make you accomplish
what I want you to accomplish.

It's not our strengths.

It's not our ability.

It's always His strength and ability.
So when I said yes to God,
sabi ko, sige magiging Bishop ako.
I will take that call and receive.
But I surrender my heart to you.
And so far, so good.
May mga bagay akong ginagawa ngayon.
Alam ko, hindi ko kayang gawin.
But I'm able to accomplish them.
Why? Because of God's grace.
Our gospel, Jesus.
Nawala si Jesus.
Umuwi yung nanay niya from Jerusalem.
After a feast, umuwi na si Joseph, si Mary.
Kasama yung mga kamag-anak nila.
All the relatives and friends,
they all went home.
Three days yung lakad para makarating dun sa lugar nila.
One day after, na-realize ni Mary,
si Jesus wala, hindi kasama ng grupo nila.
Akala niya nandun sa pinsan niya,
nandun sa tiyahin niya,
because they traveled together.
Okay?
So nung hinanap na ni Mary si Jesus,
one day after, she found out
Jesus was not with them.
Wow!
Yung anak ng Diyos na pinagkatiwala sa'yo,
nawala mo.
And you know,
sino mga magulang dito,
naisip nyo ba anong mararamdaman nyo
pag nawalan kayo ng anak?
Di ba? Hindi nyo maisip, di ba?
Pangit isipin.
But this is what Mary felt.
She lost her one and only beloved son.
And she went back.
Another day of walking back to Jerusalem.
And they looked for Him there.
And finally, they went to the temple.
And true enough,
when they got there,
Jesus was in the midst
of scholars.
Galing, ano?
Why was He there?
Because He was listening to them.
Diyan kumukuha si Lord ng talino.
Marunong kasi siya makinig.
Ang taong hindi marunong makinig,
magiging
totoo yan.
Ang taong hindi marunong makinig,
okay?
Hindi oo.
Malagyan mo lang ng bi.
But Jesus listens to them.
And after listening to them,
He asked questions.
Nagtatanong siya.
Alam nyo ba, malalaman mo yung tao kong matalino.
Hindi sa sagot.

Malalaman mo yung bata.
Alam mo talaga magiging matalino yung bata na yung paglaki.
Sa mga tanong niya.
Okay?
Nandun ako sa Sakristi.
May pumasok na maliit na bata.
Pumasok doon sa Sakristi.
Noong nakita niya ako, sabi niya,
Oh Bishop!
What are you doing here?
Oh grabe, diba?
What are you doing here?
Hindi ko masagot yung bata.
Napaisip ako nga, no?
Ba't nandito ako sa Sakristi?
What are you doing here?
Jesus was asking questions
and the scholars,
the teachers of the law,
they were marveling at Him
because of His wisdom.
He was listening and asking questions.
And He answers His own questions.
Oo yun.
Ibang klase.
Siya magtatanong,
siya rin ang marunong sa sagot ng tanong niya.
And so when Mary saw Him,
nung nakita siya ni Mary,
yung stress ng nanay,
yung lungkot,
lahat ng emotions,
alam ko, anak ka ng Diyos,
but you are my baby.
At that time, Jesus was only 14
or 12 years old
and Mary said,
Why did you do this to us?
Palaging ganyan ang nanay, di ba?
Pag nagalit,
Bakit mo ginawa sa akin ito?
And I always remind parents,
yung anak mo nagkamali,
hindi naman niya plinano saktan ka.
Yun lang, yung pagkakamali niya,
nakakasakit ng magulang.
Pero hindi niya plinano niya
saktan ko yung nanay ko bukas.
Magpapabuntis ako.
Di ba?
Walang ganyan. Walang nagpaplanong ganyan.
It happens and it hurts the parents.
Kaya, yun ang tanong ni Mary,
Why? Why did you do this to us?
Na-stress kami ng tatay mo.
Bakit mo ginawa sa amin ito?
And they were so
surprised when Jesus
answered them.
Kaya mag-ingat kayo pag tinatanong-tanong niyong Diyos,
baka sagutin kayo.
Alam mo naman ng Diyos,
pag sumagot niyan, baka hindi mo kaya ang sagot.
This is what Jesus said to her.

Why?

Why are you looking for me?
Bakit niya ako hinahanap?
Hindi mo ba alam? Don't you know
that I have to be
in my father's house
and in my father's
business?

Sumagot ba si Mary sa kanya?
Tumahimik yung nanay niya.
Quiet.

Why are you looking for me?
Bakit niya ako hinahanap?
Hindi niyo ba alam
that I have to be in my father's
business?

And that is the question that I ask
each and every one of us.
Alam niyo ba yung business ng tatay natin?
Anak ba tayo ng Diyos?
Talaga ba anak tayo ng Diyos?
Are we ready to serve Him?
Okay.

What is God's business?
You have to know your
Father's business first
before you can serve Him well.
You have to know His business first.
That's why this Sunday
it is important that we know
what is our Father's business
and how
we will go about with that
business serving Him.

What is God's business?
I'll tell you one of His business.
God is in the
business of saving souls.
Amen?

Yan ang business ng Diyos natin.
He saves souls.
We should be involved
in that business also.

Now,
minsan we live a Christian
life, but when it comes
to serving God, hindi tayo seryoso eh.
You know,
ang Christian life natin, we just
kind of ride along
pasimba-simba
and you know, Christiano
kung amatman
if that's not convenient,
ayoko maging Christiano.
Gusto ko maging bastos.
Ganyan tayo eh.

But here, Jesus confronts us
that as a follower
of God, I should be
in His business.
I should get involved in His business.
Amen?
Amen.

I know a friend,
pinaaral siya ng tatay niya. Yung tatay niya, farmer.
Magsasaka yung
tatay niya.
Hindi ko alam kung ilang kalabaw
ang binenta ng tatay niya.
Nagsasaka everyday.
Mahirap ang buhay ng magsasaka.
Just to send his son to school.
Nakapagtapos yung anak niya.
Naging seaman yung anak niya.
Nagtrabaho sa abroad.
Maraming pera yung anak niya.
And yung tatay naman pa rin
sa farm niya.
But the son, yung anak niya
na pinaaral niya
at mayaman na,
lahat ng pera, yung pera niya,
binibili niya rin ng lupa
para sa tatay niya.
Tay, dagdagan mo yung lupa mo.
Tay, anong kailangan mo?
Kailangan mo ng bagong
tractor.
He spends his money supporting
his father who cannot afford.
Nung nawala na yung tatay niya
at nag-retire na rin siya
bilang seaman,
ngayon siya na ang nagsasaka.
He knows his father's
business.
We should know our father's business.
We should get involved
with the business of God.
If we love God,
we would serve Him.
And how do we serve God?
We get involved in God's business.
We join
God's business.
We participate in what God is doing.
You know, yung choir natin,
they sing that song
but they're singing to God.
They're not singing for us.
Amen? Yung mga acolytes natin,
they come to church.
Nung itong mga boys na to,
malalaking pangarap.
Tinatanong ko sila, anong gusto nyo maging paglaking nyo?
Yung isa, maging doktor.
Yung isa, maging abogado. Wow, grabe pala.
Mukha kasama ko sa altar,
mga abogado, mga doktor in the making.
Okay?
Yung isa, gusto mag-governor ng aklan.
Aba, grabe tong
acolyte na to. Sabi ko,
paano pag naging governor ka na?
Magsiserve pa rin ako sa altar. Nakakahiya naman.
Di ba?
Nagmimisa kang ganyan. Yung nanghugas ng kamay mo,

governador ng aklan.
Acolyte pa rin.
Ano?
They have so many dreams.
So many plans in life.
But because they love God,
they serve God
in His church.
Our psalm reading today
is one of my favorites.
Sabi ni David,
I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God
than to be a king and sit
in the tents of the wicked.
No, I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God.
Kahit yun na lang yung pwede kong gawin
dahil hindi ako qualified
to serve God,
I would rather be a doorkeeper.
This year,
we're going to go out
into mission,
but I want us all to get involved.
Hindi ko kaya to
pag ako lang.
The bishop cannot do it.
The bishop is always attached
to his community,
his flock.
And together, we have to do
mission together.
Kaya yung mga nagsasabi,
wala akong ministry, hindi ako involved sa ministry,
bakit?
Tingnan mo.
Tingnan mo yun.
What is available?
Bishop,
wala talagang
ministry tumatanggap sa akin.
Ayaw ng ministry sa akin.
Alam mo,
kailangan ko ng tagasara ng pinto
at tagabukas.
Baka pwede ka.
Now, is that a ministry?
Ministry yan ni David.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God.
I will not make excuses
why I will not serve the Lord.
I will find ways and means
to be able to serve God.
Pero padre, ayaw nila sa akin.
Ayaw ng church sa akin.
Ayaw nila. Pakialam ko.
You serve God.
Find it in your heart.
God chose me
to become His child,
to be part of His family.
I love this God. I love my God
so much. How can I

serve Him?
Kaya yung mga hindi na nagsaserve
kay Lord, nanghihina na.
You know?
Nanghihina na. Wala nang strength.
Minsan, magpapaalam na,
nais na ako, father.
Lilipat ako sa ibang simbahan.
Bakit ka lilipat?
Ito na yung community mo.
Do you think
that it will be better if you go to other
communities? No. Ang problema kasi
hindi yung simbahan. Ang problema natin
ito.
Find it in your heart
to serve God.
Service
comes from the heart.
Amen?
Eh, ayaw ako tanggapin
ng choir. Masama daw
yung boses ko. Eh,
wala na. Kung ayaw nyo sa akin,
alam mo, maraming papel sa labas.
Pwede kong pulutin yan para
malinis yung simbahan. That is
a ministry.
The beauty
about ministry, when you
serve God in simple
ways that cannot be seen by
people, God rewards
you openly.
You don't have to prove
yourself. God knows you.
All we need to do is get involved.
Every Sunday, pumunta kayo
every Sunday. Huwag mag-absent. Why?
The liturgy, ang misa na ginagawa
natin, this is called the work of
the people. Pag sinabing
please stand, tayo tayo.
Pag sinabing please be seated, upo
tayo. Pag sinabing natin, the Lord
be with you, sagot ka kagad and also
with your spirit. It's really work
to worship God.
Pagkasama tayong
lahat. May magbabasa
ng Bible. Pag binasa yung
Bible, makikinig tayo.
That is your work, to listen to God
when the scripture is being read.
Pagkatapos ng basa, anong sasabihin
ng lektor? The word
of the Lord. Anong sagot mo?
Thanks be to God.
Salamat,
Lord, kinakausap mo ako.
Salamat, Lord, sinasabi mo
ang kailangan ko. I thank
you, Lord. Thanks be to God. That's
the word of God. God is speaking

to you. You respond with thank you.
Ang hirap kasi
pag hindi na tayo kinausap ng Diyos.
Kinakausap tayo
ng Diyos.
Pag sinabi ng
pare, the peace of the Lord is always
with you. What do you say?
And with your
spirit, we're working together
to worship God.
That's why on a Sunday, wag ka
absent. You come on a Sunday.
Come.
Because this is how we love God.
We serve Him in the church.
Amen. Shall we stand?
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