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If you are given one thing to teach your children, what would that one thing be?  
I believe that you would teach the most important thing.

Isang bagay lang ang pwede mong ituro sa mga anak mo, ano yun?

For me, the most important thing that you teach your children is you teach them  
how to be blessed or how to be happy.

Maraming mga magula ngayon, tinuturuan ng anak talagang yumaman.

And they motivate their children, they want their children to be rich.

Gusto nila talagang limpak-limpak na salapi

because they think that money can make their children happy.

Ang dami kong kilala na nag-suicide.

Sa sobrang dami ng pera, bakit nag-suicide?

Dahil malungkot ang buhay, hindi happy.

Some parents teach their children how to be famous, how to become popular.

Gawin mo lahat para makilala ka.

You train your children to be popular, to be famous, but then in the end,  
what if they're not happy?

What is important that we teach our children how to be happy?

The word happy is synonymous with the word blessed.

Kaya makikita nyo palagi dito sa scripture, blessed, blessed, blessed.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

The word blessed comes from a Greek word, makarios.

In the Bible, in the New Testament, the word blessed is makarios.

Makarios means to be happy and joyful inwardly.

Masayahin, malipayon, iyata sa suwod. Amen.

That joy that is not based on the circumstances that is around you,

that joy that is not based on people,

that is not based on what people say about you or what people don't say about  
you.

That inner joy is within.

That is what it means to be blessed.

Inside you there is the grace of God working inside you.

God's favor rests upon you.

That's what it means to be blessed.

The grace of God is full in you.

It's working within you.

And the favor of God rests upon you.

It surrounds you like a shield to protect you.

That is what it means to be blessed.

And I pray that all of us parents,

we teach our children how to be blessed and how to be happy.

And the Lord today in the gospel teaches us how.

Amen.

Sinong may disenyo ng buhay natin?

Sinong may alam sa buhay natin?

Sino talagang nakakakilala sa atin?

Siya lang.

We don't even know ourselves.

And because God is the one who created and designed us,  
then He is the only person who knows how we can be happy.

That's why it pays to listen to God.

And in our gospel today, Jesus speaks to us.

God speaks to us.

And when God speaks to us,

it's not just na para pangaralan lang tayo,

para turuan tayo, para pagalitan tayo.

When Jesus speaks to us,

He wants to reveal Himself to us.

Nagpapakilala siya sa atin.

It's one thing that God knows us.

It's another thing that we know God.

Not just with our mind,

but kilala natin ang Diyos dahil may relasyon tayo sa Kanya.  
And that's the purpose why God speaks.  
In the Old Testament, in olden times,  
God speaks to us through signs and wonders.  
God speaks to us through the prophets.  
But in this new season,  
God speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ.  
Every time you read your Bible,  
and you see and you hear Christ speaks to us,  
that is God speaking to us.  
Maraming tao nagsasabi,  
hindi na nagsasalita ang Diyos sa atin.  
Hindi naman tayo kinakausap ng Diyos.  
Kinakausap po.  
Araw-araw tayong kinakausap ng Diyos.  
Hindi lang tayo nakikinig.  
Amen? We don't listen to Him.  
And so, to be happy,  
God teaches us.  
And in the Gospels, in our readings today,  
it is full pack of principles  
where God teaches us to be blessed.  
Our Old Testament reading from the prophet Jeremiah,  
you know,  
ang unang sinabi ni Jeremiah kaagad,  
Okay.  
He did not start with blessed.  
He start with woe.  
Ano ibig sabi ng woe?  
Hindi yan wow, woe.  
The word woe means,  
sa Tagalog, kalunos-lunos.  
Woe means it's a tragedy.  
Woe means it's a catastrophe.  
Woe means it's so sad for you,  
it's sorrowful.  
Woe to who?  
Woe to the man who puts his trust  
in another man or in a human being.  
Woe to man who trusts in man  
but his heart does not trust in God.  
Kalunos-lunos po.  
Yung taong hindi marunong mag-trust kay Lord.  
But instead he trusts in man,  
he trusts in others,  
he trusts his friends,  
he trusts himself.  
Now, masama ba?  
Is it wrong to trust your friends?  
There are good people around the world also.  
Is it wrong to trust your children?  
Is it wrong to trust your wife?  
Is it wrong to trust your husband?  
This is not what God is trying to convey to us.  
What is wrong if we put that trust  
deep within in the very center of our heart?  
There is that trust that is only meant for God.  
To trust God means that  
He is the center of our life.  
So it's okay to trust man.  
You know when I travel,  
hindi ako natutulog pag hindi ako nagdadrive.  
I don't sleep when I'm not driving.  
Pag merong nagdadrive na iba

at mumabiyahi ako,  
hindi ako natutulog.  
Lalo na pag yung driver malikot,  
I don't sleep at all.  
Pero minsan merong mga driver na magaling talaga.  
Lalo na pag si Father Jobert ang nagdadrive,  
nakakatulog ako.  
I trust him.  
You know, when he drives, I sleep.  
But I will not trust my whole life to him.  
I will not trust my salvation to him.  
I will not trust my future to him.  
I just trust him when I ride along with him.  
Amen?  
We trust our children.  
We should trust some of our friends.  
There are some good people.  
You trust your shepherd.  
You trust me.  
I trust you.  
But there is that trust  
deep within your soul  
that is reserved for God.  
Amen?  
Do not give that away to man.  
Amen?  
Rupagsalig nga dapat para sa ginuulang kita.  
Ayaw.  
Ayaw pagtauron sa tao  
o sa sirkomstansya.  
This is what Jeremiah said  
because if that center, your heart,  
will trust in other things  
other than God,  
then sabi niya,  
Whoa!  
You know?  
It's gonna be very sad for you.  
It is going to be catastrophic for you.  
It is going to be a tragedy for you  
if you do that.  
We need  
to trust in the Lord  
with our whole heart.  
Why is that?  
Why is it important that we trust in God?  
Because if we do not trust in God,  
there is no hope for us.  
Amen?  
If we don't trust in the Lord  
with all our heart,  
then there is no hope for us.  
What pag-asa?  
What pag-laom?  
Ratong kabuhi.  
Our second reading speaks of the resurrection.  
Some people doubt if there is a resurrection.  
You know?  
Sinulat ni Saint Paul yan.  
Sabi niya, maraming mga Krisyano,  
they doubt kung talaga  
mabubuhay yung patay ulit.  
Ano? Kung sunod-sunod,  
may patay, may patay, may patay.

Sometimes you've already questioned yourself  
mabubuhay pa bang mga ito?

You know?

And Saint Paul verified it.

Sabi niya, if there is no resurrection,  
then our faith in God is in vain.

Sayang lang,

trust ng trust tayo kay Lord.

If there is no resurrection,  
then what's the point in life?

You know?

Bakit katrabaho ng trabaho eh?

Dun ka lang naman sa kabaong pupunta.

Why would you take care of your family?

Why would you, you know,

live your life at end the end?

Pupunta ka lang naman sa kabaong

at dun ka na forever?

Where is the hope in that?

But because of Christ resurrected him from the dead,  
then we know where we are going.

Amen?

Alam natin.

At the end of the day,  
kahit gaano kahirap ng buhay,

at the end of the day,

we will stop working,

we will stop being sorrowful,

we will stop aching.

Sabi nga nila sa akin,

Father, ano sa iyo ang langit?

Para sa akin yung langit?

Alam niyo kung ano?

Yung papasok ako sa isang kwarto,

lahat ng paborito kong pagkain nandun,

lahat ng binabawal sa akin dito sa mundo,

nandun sa langit, hindi bawal.

At pag kinain ko yan,

at pag kinain ko yan,

icicek ko yung sugar ko,

normal pa rin.

Kahit ubusin ko yan.

Yan ang langit para sa akin.

Amen?

Kaya pag binabawalan ako dito,

wag ka munang kumain yan,

okay lang tinitiiis ko,

balang araw,

balang araw,

aakyat din ako sa langit.

Dun ko yan kakainin.

Do you understand what I'm saying?

The resurrection of Christ brings hope to us.

Amen?

In the end,

everything will work together for good

for those who love God.

That is our hope.

But how can you have that hope

if you don't trust God?

Amen?

Because only those who trust in the Lord

can have that hope.

You cannot have the hope of heaven

if you don't trust God today.

Amen?

We need to trust God.

Trusting in God

brings hope to us.

Jeremiah said,

the person who does not trust in God

but trusts in other things,

it's woe to them

because they're like trees

planted in the wilderness

where there is no water.

Those who do not trust in God

are like trees

in the middle of the desert

and there is a drought coming.

Ganyan ang itura ng taong

hindi nananalig sa Diyos

who do not trust God.

But the reverse of that is this,

if you are a man,

a person who trusts in God,

then no matter what the circumstances may be,

there is always hope for you.

Amen?

You are like a tree

planted by the streams,

rivers of water.

Napakalapit mo sa tubig.

Kaya pagtagtuyok na,

when there is dryness

and there is barrenness,

when everything around you is salted,

pangit na yung mga sirkomstansya ng buhay mo,

if you keep on trusting in God,

there is that hope in you.

Lilipas din to.

Makakaraos din tayo dito

because you trust in God.

Our psalm reading speaks of

meditating on God's Word.

If you trust God, you would trust His Word.

Amen?

If you trust God, you would trust what He says to you.

What does God say?

He will supply all our needs

according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Do you trust that?

I do.

Irregardless of the circumstances,

irregardless of what's happening around me,

deep within my soul,

deep within me,

I know my God will supply.

Pero dito minsan inisip natin,

papano kaya to?

Papano na lang yung mga anak ko nagaaral?

Yung mga anak ko malakas kumain?

You know, all these things,

and how can I provide for them?

Yes, here.

Sometimes we are concerned.

But deep within you,

in your soul,

because you have put your trust in God,  
I know,  
I know all will be well for me.  
Deep inside.  
Alam ko.  
There is no room for you to panic.  
There is no room for you to be afraid  
when you put your trust in God.  
Why?  
Because trusting in the Lord brings hope to you  
irregardless of the circumstances.  
Then our Gospel today speaks of blessedness.  
Blessed are you, poor.  
Alam nyo yung Sermon on the Mount.  
Versyo ni Matthew yan.  
Nandun siya sa bundok, di ba?  
He was on the mountain,  
the Sermon on the Mount.  
But in the account of Luke,  
Jesus was not on the mountain,  
He was on the plain.  
So which is which?  
Hayaan na lang natin yung mga theologian pag-aralan yan.  
So this is called the Sermon on the Plain.  
It's the same thing.  
What did He say?  
Blessed are you, poor.  
You know, something about  
the Sermon, the beatitude  
in Luke.  
Sa Matthew kasi sinabi niya,  
blessed are the poor in spirit.  
Di ba?  
Pero dito sa Luke, anong sabi niya?  
Blessed are?  
Blessed are you, poor.  
So it's not just being poor in spirit,  
it's really being poor.  
Yung walang-wala ka.  
And God said, you are blessed.  
Blessed are those who hunger now.  
Sa Matthew sabi niya,  
those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
So sabi niya dito,  
blessed are you who hunger.  
Umihilab yung tiyan dahil walang makain.  
Have you experienced that?  
You have nothing to eat.  
Sino sa inyo nakaranas na walang makain talaga?  
You know?  
Blessed are those who hunger.  
Blessed are you, sabi niya,  
when men speak evil against you,  
when they persecute you,  
when they cast you out,  
and they insult you.  
Papano maging blessed yan?  
Papano?  
Papano?  
Being poor per se is not a blessing.  
Tandaan niyo yan.  
Poverty is not a blessing.  
It is a curse.  
But why did Jesus say,

Blessed are you when you're poor.  
Why are you blessed when you are poor?  
Because yours is the kingdom of God.  
That's the reason why you're blessed.  
Because the kingdom of God belongs to you.  
Yan ang reason.  
Hindi dahil mahirap ka.  
There is no blessing dahil mahirap ka per se.  
Blessed are you poor for yours is the kingdom of heaven.  
You are blessed because the kingdom of God is yours.  
And in the midst of that poverty,  
you did not trust in anything else.  
But deep within you, you continue to trust in God.  
Your trust and your hope in God  
produces the joy inside you.  
That's why you're blessed.  
Amen?  
Blessed are you who weep now.  
You weep.  
This is a person who trusts God  
and has put God in the center of his life.  
He does not derive his joy from what people laugh at.  
May mga tao ngayon talagang  
ang buhay nila umiikot dun sa happenings,  
sa mga gimmicks.  
There are people today who find so much joy and elation  
sa mga fiesta, sa mga pagtitipon-tipon.  
You know?  
Sabi niya, if you laugh now, one day you will cry.  
Why?  
Because you have put that in the center of your life.  
We are not supposed to put those things in the center of our lives.  
God should be in the center of your life.  
So, pag walang mga happenings,  
walang mga gimmick-gimmicks,  
there is no experience of elation and happiness,  
walang festivities.  
It's okay.  
Why?  
Because I did not center my life on those things.  
Dito sa Kalibo,  
one of the things we enjoy is yung ate-atehan natin.  
Dito ko nakita sa Kalibo,  
pag ate-atehan, mapagbigay lahat.  
We share, we give.  
Sige, kumain ka.  
Sige, uminom ka.  
May pusa.  
Huwag niyo lang pansinin.  
Pag may pusa, walang daga.  
Di ba?  
We put our center ourselves on the joys of having friends,  
in the joys of having parties.  
Doon tayo umiikot.  
Lalo na pag ate-atehan, everybody happy.  
Pagkatapos ng ate-atehan, everybody angry.  
Nag-aaway na.  
Kaya gustong-gusto ko sa radyo,  
you know, every ate-atehan, kinabukasan,  
nakikinig ako sa radyo,  
pinapakinggan ko yung nag-aaway,  
nakikimarites ako, nag-aaway na.  
Umutang sa tindahan ng limangkahang softdrinks tsaka beer.  
Kinabukasan, sabi naman,

hindi ako umutang yan.  
Wala akong kinuha.  
Ayun, aaway na.  
Pagkatapos ng ate-atehan,  
buong taon, tiis-tiis, nagbabayad ng utang.  
Isang araw na talagang pag-i-enjoy.  
You know, yung sinabi ni Jesus,  
blessed are those who weep now.  
You weep.  
In other words, you are not a person  
who live by the joys and the funfair of the world.  
You are a person who walks with God.  
Amen?  
You derive your joy from God.  
You derive your joy from the sufferings of Jesus,  
connected to your own sufferings.  
You know, when we suffer for the Lord,  
we suffer with the Lord.  
Kasama natin siya.  
That's what it means to be weeping.  
Blessed are you when men revile you,  
when people insult you,  
when people cast you out.  
What is He trying to say here?  
Many Christians today,  
their hearts centers only on other people  
and what they will say about you.  
Minsan tayo nabubuhay tayo sa paggalang,  
sa pagrespeto.  
We live by the honor that people could give to us.  
Doon tayo umiikot lang.  
Sabi ni Lord,  
when you walk with me,  
when you center your life in Christ,  
sometimes, sometimes,  
or oftentimes,  
people may not like you.  
They will revile you.  
They will insult you.  
They will cast you out.  
Bakit?  
Kasi minsan, pag hindi tayo nag-iingat,  
yung mga sinasabi natin,  
we do it to tickle the ears of people.  
And the past few weeks,  
I've been trying to evaluate myself,  
evaluate what I'm teaching.  
And I got worried because  
yung mga nakikinig sa akin,  
yung mga taong nakakasalamuha ko,  
sabi,  
Bishop, ang ganda ng teaching mo.  
Nag-i-enjoy talaga ako.  
Bishop, nag-i-enjoy ako sa teaching mo.  
Bishop, I like your teaching.  
Bishop, I like what you said.  
And I get worried when people start to like.  
You know why?  
You know why?  
Because sometimes, I get into danger  
of only saying the things that you will like.  
But as your Bishop,  
as a shepherd,  
there are things that I have to say



even if you don't like them.  
Kaya iniingatan ko yung puso ko,  
baka lahat ng sinasabi ko,  
parang tinitikel ko lang yung mga tenga nyo  
so that you'll like me.  
You know, we are so aware of people  
if they don't like us  
and if they like us.  
Sino ba sa atin hindi gusto  
that people will like you?  
How many of you here,  
you would like people to like you?  
Diba?  
Diba?  
But you see, when you walk with the Lord  
and you speak the truth,  
there will be people  
who will be offended by you.  
Naniniwala ba kayo nyan?  
Pagkasama mo si Lord  
at sasabihin mo yung katotohanan ng Diyos,  
may mga tao talagang masasaktan sa'yo  
and they will not like you anymore.  
So anong gagawin natin?  
Ay hindi lang kita maghambal ro'n,  
itmatuod.  
Ano'r problema kung wak'kita gahambal itmatuod?  
Ha?  
Ano'r problema kung wak'kita gahambal itmatuod?  
Naga?  
Naga?  
Pinurelwon kita.  
Amen?  
Amen?  
You know?  
Misa ganyan tayo eh.  
Gaya nung party namin,  
reunion namin,  
meron kaming isang classmate,  
kaedad lang namin.  
Nung pumasok siya,  
hindi na namin nakilala.  
Akala namin lola ng isang classmate namin.  
Ayoko, sinama pa yung lola niya.  
Yun pala nung lumapit na kami,  
nag-usap, siya pala yung classmate namin.  
Hindi yan lola niya.  
Siya pala yun.  
Pero ganyan na siya maglakad.  
Nung nakita namin siya,  
akong unang pinaharap dun,  
ang sabi ko sa kanya,  
ah, maganda ka pa rin.  
Hindi ko kayang sabihin sa kanya,  
ang tanda, tanda muna.  
I can't say it.  
I said to her,  
you look beautiful.  
Buti na lang hindi ko pa din  
nagdag yung ang bata-bata mo.  
Tingnan.  
Sabi ko, sobrang na yun.  
Okay?  
Talagang malalim na purilwot aron.

But still, it's not true.  
What I said is not true.  
It's just that I don't want to offend the person.  
It's just that I don't want her to be angry.  
I don't want her to walk out  
of our reunion  
and begin to hate me.  
Baka pag-uwi niya, sasabihin niya,  
wag kayong makinig sa bishop na yan.  
Bastos yan.  
Sabi ko na lang sa kanya,  
ang ganda mo pa rin.  
At inisip ko na lang,  
yung soul ba, yung kaluluwa niya,  
you know, trying to justify  
what I said  
to please her.  
That's why  
you are blessed  
when you don't center your life  
on what people say  
and, you know, center your life  
on people who like you  
and, you know, what would please other people.  
You center your life  
on pleasing others.  
Sabi ni Lord, you know,  
you are blessed if you  
mourn and people revile you  
and people take you out  
and they don't like you anymore.  
You are blessed. Why?  
Why?  
Why is that a blessing?  
Because you can speak the truth.  
There is no fear  
in you.  
You can speak the truth in love.  
Being blessed  
is very important.  
Jesus designed our life  
to be blessed.  
Why? Because a blessed  
person is a blessing  
to the world.  
Always remember that.  
Today we come to church  
to worship God  
and in giving ourselves to  
Him, we receive His blessing  
upon us.  
And that blessing that is received  
by us  
today, we bring that out  
into the world and we live  
our lives to become a blessing  
to others also.  
Freely you have received,  
freely you are  
going to give it out.  
So the lesson we learned  
today from our readings,  
Christ is revealing Himself to us.  
Learn to

trust God.  
Put Him in the center  
of your heart.  
Amen?  
Trust Him  
so that you will  
have hope in Him.  
If you trust God,  
there will be hope for you.  
No matter what the circumstances  
may be, no matter what  
the problems you are facing,  
no matter what people are saying against you,  
you trust God.  
Put Him in the center of your life,  
in your heart, then you will  
always have hope in Him.  
That hope  
in you, founded  
in Christ,  
will bring joy,  
will become the  
blessing of your life.  
Amen? That is your  
blessing, not your  
wealth, not  
your talents.  
The blessing that you will have in your  
life is the joy  
of knowing I have hope in  
Christ. No matter what  
happens in my life,  
you know, no matter what  
happens, no matter what the circumstances  
in my life may be, you know,  
I have hope in Jesus.  
That brings so much  
joy in my heart. This is what  
I would like us to pass on  
to our children. This is what I want  
to give to them, not just their wealth,  
not just their talent,  
not just their fame.  
I want you to  
be happy wherever you go.  
I want you to be blessed  
in your life, having that  
inner joy inside you  
that no circumstances  
can change, that no person  
can take away from you. Why is  
this inside you?  
It's inside you.  
Would you like your children to  
have that?  
Would you like your children to have that  
joy inside them?  
A blessedness inside them?  
No matter if they get rich  
or not,  
that's wrong.  
That's a sin.  
Amen.  
No matter if they become famous or not,

no matter if they become famous or not,  
but they are joyful inside.

That's

what's important in everything, right?

You know, you would see

people very successful in life.

I have seen so many

successful people in their field

of work, in their career, but

deep inside, they're

very dry.

Whoa.

Deep inside,

that center, that very deep

part of your soul

is so dry. Why?

Because they did not put

God in the center of it.

Yes, they may

have the money.

They may have all the cars.

They may all have the mansions

they can build, but deep inside,

there's nothing.

I like it even more

when I see people working.

He works hard

every day.

When he gets home, he's really smiling.

So happy. At the end of the day,

he comes before God and says,

Thank you, Lord. I'm so

blessed today.

That's what's important.

We can get that.

Trust

brings hope.

Hope becomes

the source of our joy inside.

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