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I remember when I was in college, I have a classmate na parang artista ng itsura, gwapo.  
And we were good friends. But he came from Taga-baryo siya sa Negros.  
And so, mahilig pumorma yun. Pag pumorma, parang artista talaga, no?  
And everybody may crush sa kanya. So lahat ng mga girls dun sa school namin talagang may crush sa kanya.  
So one day, while we were in school, dumating yung nanay niya.  
And yung nanay niya, typical na Taga-baryo talaga, no?  
May bit-bit na basket yung nanay niya. At may dalang manga. May dalang mga kakanin. At may gulay.  
So pumunta sa school namin, pumasok. Nung nakita siya ng nanay niya, tuwang-tuwa yung nanay niya.  
So sabi ng nanay niya, Dudong! Dudong! So nagulat ako.  
Kasing pangalan niya maganda rin eh. Yun pala, sa bahay nila si Dudong siya.  
Dudong! Dudong! Hindi niya tinitinan yung babae. Ayaw niya tumingin.  
So kinalabit ko siya. Sabi ko, tinatawag ka ng babae.  
So ayaw niyang lumapit. Sabi ko, tinatawag ka. Sino yan?  
So yumuko siya. Sabi niya, nanay ko.  
So I went ahead, pumunta ako. Kinuha ko yung nanay niya at pinalapit ko sa amin.  
At sabi niya sa nanay niya, bakit ka pumunta dito?  
Galit na galit siya sa nanay niya, bakit ka pumunta dito?  
Sinabi ko na sa'yo, huwag kang pupunta-punta dito.  
You know, when I heard that, sarap talaga sa pakin, di ba? Masarap sampalin.  
Yung nagpapaaral sa'yo, nagpapakain sa'yo. Kinakahiya mo.  
You have no idea who you are talking to. Hindi mo kilala yung kinakausap mo.  
You don't understand kung sino'ng nasa harap mo.  
Dahil hindi mo rin alam kung sino ka.  
You see, that's the problem with us.  
In our gospel today, Peter, when he encountered Jesus, he knelt down.  
Nung nakita niya si Jesus at kinausap siya ni Lord after the miracle, he knelt down.  
Lumuhod siya.  
And he said to Jesus,  
Depart from me, for I am a sinful person.  
Our Old Testament reading, ganun din ang nangyari.  
This time, it is the story of Isaiah the prophet.  
So yung encounter niya ni Lord, he had an encounter with God.  
And it changed his life. Kaya sinasabi dito, you know?  
It was on the fourth year of the reign of King Uzziah.  
Sometimes, yung encounter natin kay Lord is so significant in our life that we would even remember the day when it happened.  
Marami akong nakakausap na sinasabi nila,  
I was born again on February 1986.  
Naaalala nila.  
It must be a very significant, an important event na nakilala niya si Lord.  
And so he remembers it.  
Ganun dun si Isaiah, ganun din.  
So sinabi niya on the reign of Uzziah, the fourth year or the third year, he said, you know, I saw the Lord.  
That is in the Old Testament.  
I saw the Lord so high and so lofty.  
Napakataas ng Diyos.  
He was seated on high. He was so great, majestic.  
But his robe, yung damit niya, it filled every part of the temple.  
The train of his robe filled the temple.  
You know, what is it saying to us?  
Yes, God may be so high and so uplifted and lofty,  
but God is also still with us, involved in our lives.  
Amen?  
Amen?  
When Isaiah saw the Lord for the first time,

alam mo sinabi niya?  
Woe to me!  
Curse me!  
You know, in the Old Testament, the people believed that if you happen to see God, you will die.  
Hindi mo kaya yan.  
You cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live.  
You know, yung Ark of the Covenant, they cannot open that because the moment you open that, all of you will die.  
Because it contains the presence of God in the Old Testament.  
Kanyan!  
That's how holy God is.  
And when Isaiah encountered this holy God for the first time, he saw himself.  
Nakita niya yung sarili niya.  
Sabi niya, woe to me, I'm cursed.  
Cursed.  
I'm cursed.  
Woe to me, because I am a man with sinful lips.  
And I live among people who have sinful lips as well.  
You see, that's what happens when you encounter God.  
Peter, you know, sa Gospel natin, this is a parallel story.  
Parallel, ibig sabihin, merong similarity yung kwento na to.  
Si Peter naman, in our Gospel,  
they were washing their nets because they have been casting their nets,  
they have been fishing all night, wala silang nakuha.  
Walang wala.  
And Jesus, before he met Peter, he was preaching, he was talking to the crowd,  
he was proclaiming the kingdom of God.  
And Jesus was walking and the crowd still following him until they came to the sea.  
Nandun na sila sa dagat, sa beach.  
And the crowd, the people were pressing on Christ.  
So Jesus was being pressed by the people kasi maraming gustong makinig sa salita ng Diyos.  
And so they kept on pressing him until finally he was already on the water's edge.  
And so nakita niya, there were two boats there, nakaparking yung dalawang boats.  
Walang fishing na nangyayari because the fishermen were washing their nets.  
And that fisherman happens to be Peter.  
And the Lord said to him, set out a little farther.  
Now this is something I like about God.  
God did not ask permission.  
Hindi siya humingi ng permiso.  
Sir, pwede bang gamitin yung bangka nyo muna?  
He did not do that.  
He did not do that.  
When he saw Peter, he said, set the boat farther from the sea.  
When God comes into your life, he does not ask for your permission.  
The grace of God will come even if you don't know about it.  
Minsan iniisip natin, ang dami nating kasalanan.  
Siguro hindi na ako tutulungan ni Lord.  
You know, ang dami kong failures sa buhay ko.  
Maybe God will not intervene anymore.  
You see, that's what grace is all about.  
Who cares about your mistake?  
Ganon si Lord.  
And so he came in.  
But he already had a plan for Peter.  
I know that in his heart, kilala niya na si Peter.  
So he told him, you know, set a little farther out.  
So, eto namang si Peter.  
Siguro nakita niya, ang daming tao talaga.  
Naiipit na si Lord dun sa beach.  
So he set his boat further away from land where Jesus can sit down and continue

to teach.

So nagtuturo si Lord, nasa bangka, nakaupo siya, yung mga tao nasa lupa.  
Would that be nice? Sometimes, gawin din natin.

Ano?

Mag-ohomily ako dun sa dagat.

Nakatayo kayo, ako nasa tubig.

Gawin natin sa burakay para masaya.

Well anyway, when Jesus was teaching, nagtuturo si Jesus,  
and guess what, Peter was also listening probably.

Nandun din sila. Nakikinig.

Pero walang pakialam.

Christ was teaching, and you know, Peter must have heard so many things.

Yun ang problema ko, misteryo.

Hindi nakasulat kung anong tinuturo ni Lord.

Hindi ba kayo nagtatakan yan?

Ba't hindi sinulat?

Sabi ko, sana nakasulat yun, nakarecord, no?

Nakarecord man lang yung tinuturo ni Lord.

It would have been a very interesting teaching.

But it was not recorded in the gospel.

Ang sinabi doon, nagtuturo si Lord, and you know, the boat was farther off from  
the land,

Peter was there, and Peter must have, you know, nakikinig din siya.

Then after the teaching, after Jesus teaching the people,

Jesus said to Peter, let's go to deeper waters.

Let's go further out into the deep.

And you let down your nets.

You know, naalala ko ito many years ago, sabi ni Bishop Ricardo sa akin.

If God would use you, He will always bless you.

Amen?

Alam niyo ba yan?

The devil, when he uses you, he will destroy you.

Kaya yung mga nagpapagamit sa demonyo, akala nila ibe-bless din sila ng demonyo.

Hindi po, sisirain ka ng demonyo pag ginamit ka niya.

But Christ, when He uses you, He would truly bless you.

You know, Peter does not believe yet.

Wala pang covenant si Peter with Jesus, you know, wala, wala.

Just, Christ just came into picture in his life.

And dahil pinagamit niya yung bangka niya,

ginamit ni Lord yung bangka, sabi ni Lord, okay, be-bless kita.

Let's go out further into the sea.

So they went out farther into the sea.

Noon nandun na sila, sabi ni Jesus, okay, you let down your nets.

Hulog mo yung mga nets mo.

Etong sabi ni Peter, siguro sa isip niya,

sino tong karpentero na ito, you know, kinikwento.

Tuturuan pa kami.

Peter was a professional fisherman.

Okay, sino ka? Pagtuturo sa kanila.

And this is what Peter said, you know,

Lord, Master, Sir, we have been letting down our nets the whole night  
and until this morning with no catch.

Wala kami nakukuha.

Nothing. Zero.

But, because you said to let down the nets,

I will do it.

Dahil lang sinabi mo, sabi niya, gagawin ko na lang.

So, katatapos lang nahugasan yung net,

hulog na naman.

Di ba? Ang daming trabaho.

But anyway, because Jesus said so,

they let down their nets.

When Peter let down their nets,

suddenly, there was a great catch of fish.

Daming isda.

To the point that Peter had to call his partners,  
yung mga partner niyang fishermen, sila John and James.  
They were partners sa negosyo nila, nagfishing.  
So they called John and James  
and the other boat came.

At hinulog nila yung net nila doon para makuha lahat ng isda.

And the scripture says,  
both boats, yung dalawang boats na yun,  
muntik malunod.

Because it was so great a catch.

Ang dami.

And the scripture says that Peter was so astonished.

He was so astonished by the catch.

It's not kung saan niya hinulog yung net.

Hindi naman yung isyo doon.

Hindi siya naggulat dahil kung saan hinulog yung net.

Naggulat siya sa sobrang dami ng isda.

If a fisherman would put his net down on the ocean,

pag nagtapo ng net yung mga fishermen,

pag kinuha mo yung net mo,

meron talagang isdang makukuha yan.

Kinsan maliliit, minsan konti lah.

Iba kasi yung hinulog mo yung net at may nakuha ka,

iba rin yung inutosan ng Diyos

ang mga isda na pumasok sa net.

Iba yun.

And Peter knew.

It doesn't matter where you cast your net.

It doesn't matter kung saan mo ilagay yung net.

He obeyed what the Lord said to him.

And when he did obey,

a miracle happened.

Pumasok yung mga isda.

Siguro inutosan ni Lord.

Okay, pasok kayo. Talakitok.

Pasok.

Pasok lahat.

And Peter was so astonished

not because of how he let go the net

but because of the great catch.

Great catch. Sobrang dami.

One of the trademark,

one of the things,

a character of God that you will see in your life

is God is very lavish when He would bless.

Extravagant ang Diyos.

He will not just bless you na tingit-tingit.

When you obey His Word,

when you obey what He tells you to do,

He will bless you abundantly.

Amen?

Hindi tingit-tingit.

Eh Father, bakit hindi ko pa nakikita yan sa buhay ko?

Tanungin mo ang sarili mo.

Do you obey?

Sinusunod mo ba lahat ng sinasabi Niya?

O baka naman,

hindi lahat ng sinasabi ng Diyos,

sinusunod mo.

So there was an abundance now.

Again, when Peter saw this,

at siguro yung meron siyang naririnig na tinuturo ni Lord kanina,

just a while before they put out to deeper part of the ocean,

he must have heard something from the teaching.  
Pero minsan ganyan eh,  
yung may teaching, makikinig tayo,  
parang wala, no?  
Minsan nagtuturo,  
minsan, you know,  
iba matutulog,  
yung iba nagtitex,  
habang nagtuturo,  
may nagtitex,  
may natutulog,  
o yung iba naman,  
nakatingin sa akin,  
pero yung ulo ganyan nang ganyan.  
You know?  
Pero yung isip naman,  
nasa labas na.  
Yung iba naman,  
ayawan ko,  
labas nang labas sa simbahan.  
Yung iba, pupunta sa CR.  
Yung iba,  
may kakausapin sa labas.  
I really don't know.  
But when the Word of God is being taught to us,  
God is there talking to you.  
So si Peter,  
nakikinig siya kay Lord,  
pero wala namang reaction sa kanya  
until a miracle happened.  
Suddenly,  
suddenly,  
something comes into his mind.  
Ito yung tinuturo niya kanina.  
Suddenly, it's already there.  
And Peter's reaction  
when he saw this,  
sabi niya kay Lord,  
you depart from me, sir.  
O hindi na sir ang tawag niya,  
sabi niya, Lord na, no?  
Lord, depart from me, Lord.  
You check the Bible.  
I think he said Lord.  
Depart from me, Lord.  
For I am a sinful man.  
You see, every time  
we have a true encounter with God,  
we encounter the truth.  
It's not just about  
the power of God.  
It's not just about  
who God is.  
When you encounter God,  
you encounter truth.  
The truth of who God is.  
You don't know Him.  
And once you,  
you see the truth about God,  
who God is,  
you know what happens?  
You will also see yourself  
that you are the opposite of God.  
Mangliliit ka talaga.

Suddenly, you become aware  
of how bad you are.  
See, there are many people  
in the world today  
akala niyo talaga  
magaling sila.  
There are people today  
na, you know, napakatalino,  
you know, so talented,  
and sometimes, you know,  
walang problema ang buhay ko.  
There's nothing wrong with my life  
until they encounter the Lord.  
When you encounter Christ,  
suddenly you begin to realize,  
I'm a sinner.  
I have a friend  
who is very successful  
in his career.  
At sinabi niya sa akin,  
I have already figured out my life.  
I have already written  
what will happen in my life,  
you know.  
At the age of ganito,  
I will have my millions,  
I will buy this,  
I will buy that,  
I will send my children to school.  
Nakaplano na yung buhay niya.  
Then I retire at the age of 50,  
and I, you know,  
yung mga investment ko,  
ibigay ko sa mga anak ko,  
yung iba,  
some of my money  
I've invested for my children.  
He had already planned his life.  
There's no more room  
for God to work on  
because his plan  
is already perfect.  
That's what he thinks.  
Until one day,  
umubo siya,  
umubo siya,  
and the whole day,  
umubo siya ng ubo,  
hindi nagsastop yung ubo niya.  
So he went to the doctor.  
When he got to the doctor,  
the doctor said,  
you did not detect this?  
Sabi niya, anong na-detect?  
You are already  
fourth stage cancer.  
Cancer of the lungs.  
Gumuho bigla yung mundo niya.  
Iyon ang hindi niya naplano.  
His world collapsed,  
and you know,  
nag-uusap kami.  
Sabi ko, walang problema.  
Ang laki ng insurance mo.

Iiwan mo na yan.  
Bigyan mo ako ng contact.  
You understand what I'm saying?  
At that time,  
he got sick.  
We were in the hospital.  
Kinakausap ko siya.  
You know what he said?  
You know what he said?  
I did not realize  
how important God is  
until today.  
Why?  
Because for the first time  
in his life,  
he realized  
that he is not  
the one in control  
of his own life.  
God is.  
And sometimes,  
we learn that,  
we understand that,  
pag meron tayong encounter  
with the Lord.  
And you know,  
this is what happened to Peter.  
Peter is a loud person.  
He's, you know,  
smart in his craft.  
He's smart in his business.  
But when he encountered Christ,  
he realized for the first time  
the truth about himself.  
Nakita niya yung sarili niya.  
Sabi niya,  
you know,  
I'm a sinful person.  
You know,  
I'm a sinful person.  
Lumayo ka sa akin, Lord.  
We know the story of our life.  
The first time  
you encountered Christ  
in your life,  
what did you realize?  
You realized  
that we are  
sinners.  
Ako,  
nung hindi ko pa na-encounter si Lord,  
sinasabi ko,  
basta wala akong natatapakan,  
pupunta ako sa langit.  
When I encountered the Lord,  
I realized I was  
headed to hell already.  
Malapit na ako sa empyerno.  
Hindi ko lang nararamdaman yung init.  
And I think my life was okay.  
I am good.  
Then when I encountered the Lord,  
that's the first thing I realized.  
I cried and I cried.

Why?

Because

dami kong kasalanan.

An encounter with God

is an encounter with the truth.

The truth of who God is.

God is not like you.

Amen?

Amen?

Life is not about you.

Life is about God.

Salvation is not about you.

Salvation is about God.

Ang mundo

hindi umiikot sa'yo.

Pag nakilala mo ang Diyos,

you will realize

everything,

everything

revolves around God.

The story of your life,

it's not about you.

The story of your life

is about

a Father

who loves you

and has given you life

and sustains that life

and takes care of you

all throughout your life.

That is the story of your life.

And sometimes,

hindi natin nare-realize yan.

Kaya yabang natin,

pagkaharap natin ng Diyos,

nagsisimba tayo,

you know,

patext-text tayo.

Until you realize

that every Sunday

when we come to church,

we're facing a great God,

a holy God,

a God full of mercy,

a God who is

full of loving-kindness,

a God who is

high and lofty yet

who is so involved in our life.

That's the God you are facing

and when you encounter that God,

you realize,

you realize how

sinful we are as a people.

Kaya sabi ni Isaiah kay Lord,

you know,

I'm cursed.

Woe to me

because I am a man

of unclean lips.

I am a man of unclean lips.

Kaya nawala ako.

Anyway,

an encounter

with the truth  
makes you realize  
who God is.  
When you understand  
who God is,  
you will begin to understand  
who you are.  
Kaya huwag mong matay-matahin  
yung ibang tao.  
Don't look down  
on other people.  
Don't look down  
on other people.  
Don't look down  
on other people.  
Don't look down  
on other people.  
Don't look down  
on other people.  
Don't look down  
on other people  
because every one of us  
is created in the image  
and likeness of God.  
Kaya minsan kasi  
we treat people  
very bad  
kasi akala natin  
angat tayo sa kanila.  
We think highly,  
more highly of ourselves  
than other people.  
You know,  
pumunta ako sa isang church  
na dati,  
walang pumapansin sa akin.  
I go there  
and you know,  
people don't notice me.  
People don't talk to me.  
Nung pumunta ako doon  
dahil bishop na ako,  
everyone wants to talk to me.  
Oh bishop, bishop,  
nandito ka na.  
Bakit?  
Dahil bishop ba ako?  
You know?  
Some people will respect  
yung CEO,  
yung manager ng kumpanya  
pero yung janitor  
hindi malang kinakausap,  
hindi nga nago-good morning.  
Why?  
We don't know.  
We don't understand  
that everyone  
is created in the image  
and likeness of God.  
We should respect them  
irregardless of their position,  
CEO,  
manager ka man,  
o janitor ka lang.  
It's not about them,

it's about  
who you are.  
If you are a respectful person,  
any position  
doesn't matter.  
You recognize,  
you see  
the image of God  
in every person.  
And so,  
nung sinabi ni Isaiah,  
you know,  
Oh me,  
I'm cursed.  
Woe to me,  
I am a man of unclean lips.  
Peter,  
when he encountered Jesus  
for the first time,  
he realized,  
I'm a sinful man.  
Depart from me, Lord.  
And you know what happened  
nung sinabi ni Isaiah  
kay God,  
you know,  
woe to me  
because I'm a man  
of unclean lips.  
An angel came to him.  
An angel took a coal  
from the altar.  
Burning coal.  
Baga.  
The angel had to use a tong.  
Alam ko yung mga angels  
kaya humawak sa apo yan.  
Pero gumamit siya ng tong,  
siguro mainit talaga.  
The angel took a tong,  
took a burning coal  
and touched it.  
Placed it on Isaiah's lips.  
And the angel said to him,  
Okay, now the coal  
has touched your lips.  
You are now clean.  
Malinis ka na.  
Amen?  
And after that coal  
touched his lips,  
Isaiah heard God talking.  
Narinig niya na ang Diyos.  
And this is what the Lord said.  
Who shall I send?  
Who shall I send?  
I want to send someone  
to the world.  
Now, who will I send?  
Isaiah, after being touched  
by the angel  
with the live coal,  
he stood up and said,  
Here I am.

Here I am.  
Send me.  
You see, an encounter  
with Christ,  
an encounter with Christ  
is an encounter  
with the truth.  
And the truth,  
the truth  
changes us  
when we encounter it.  
Amen?  
Amen.  
Walang nagsasabi sa akin na  
malaki ang tiyan ko  
at mataba ako.  
Wala.  
Merong pa nga isa dito  
nagsasabi sa akin,  
Father, pumayat ka.  
Gustong gusto ko talaga yan.  
Alam ko sinungaling.  
Pero masarap pakinggan,  
diba?  
Pumayat daw ako.  
Pero kanina sabi  
ng isang dikon sa akin,  
Bishop, hindi na kasya  
yung collar mo  
sa liig mo.  
Tumaba kayata.  
That's the truth.  
Kaya kanina naisip ko na  
umpisa bukas,  
mag-eexercise na naman ako.  
You see, it changes your life.  
Pag nalaman mo yung katotohanan  
sa sarili mo,  
magbabago ka.  
Diba?  
Magbabago ka. Ikaw mismo.  
And so Isaiah said,  
you know,  
I am,  
I am a man of unclean lips.  
Woe to me.  
Curse me.  
Then suddenly when he heard God said,  
Whom shall I send?  
Who will I send  
before the world?  
And Isaiah said,  
You know, me. Send me, Lord.  
Wow, grabe yung guts niya.  
Amen?  
You see, because when you encounter  
the truth and you know  
about yourself,  
and you repent  
in humility,  
you come before God,  
you know what happens?  
The grace of God  
comes to you.

The grace of God  
will come to you.  
You see, God  
is not just  
interested  
in forgiving your sins.

Alam nyo ba yan?

Hindi lang,  
hindi lang yung kapatawaran  
ng kasalanan mo  
ang habol ng Diyos.

God  
wants you  
to be transformed  
in your life.

Amen?

It's not just about  
forgiving your sins.

Hindi lang yan  
ang gusto ng Diyos  
patawarin ka sa mga kasalanan mo.  
God wants to change  
and transform your life.

Why?

Because there are blessings  
of God  
that you can never have  
until  
you change.

Amen?

Amen?

Ang daming blessing  
ang Diyos  
na nilalaan,  
piniprepare  
ng Diyos para sa'yo,  
pero hindi pwedeng  
ibigay sa'yo  
dahil kung ibibigay yan  
at hindi nagbabago  
ang buhay mo,  
it will furtherly  
destroy your life.

You know?

Sabi nga ng isang  
sabi nga ng isang  
businessman na kilala ko,  
sabi niya,  
turuan mo yung mga anak mo  
sa negosyo,  
train them well  
in the business.

Before you give them  
your fortune,  
yung perang na naipon  
at naimbak mo  
bagong mo ipasa  
sa mga anak mo,  
turuan mo muna sila.

Sabi niya,  
meron akong dalawang anak.

Yung isa,  
pasaway,  
ayaw talaga.

Ayaw sumalis sa negosyo,  
ayaw tumulong sa negosyo.  
Yung isa naman,  
tulong lang tulong  
sa pasaway niya.  
Kaya ano nangyari?  
Iniwan niya  
ang negosyo niya  
dun sa marunong.  
Hindi dun sa pasaway.  
Ang sabi niya lang,  
bigyan-bigyan mo lang  
yung kapatid mo.  
Di marunong magnegosyo yan.  
Bigyan mo na lang  
ng pera.  
You see,  
there are so many things  
that God would like  
to give you.  
But your life  
is not changing.  
That's why an encounter  
with the truth  
will change you.  
And when it changes you,  
now God  
can use you.  
Peter,  
when he encountered  
the truth  
of who God is  
and who he is,  
he realized,  
I am a sinful man.  
Depart from me, Lord.  
And you know what  
Jesus said?  
Jesus is like  
the burning coal  
that touched Peter.  
Sabi niya,  
Peter,  
do not be afraid.  
Wag ka matakot.  
You see,  
in our life,  
marami tayong tanong  
sa buhay,  
pero natatakot tayong  
itanong kay Lord.  
There are questions  
in our life  
that we are so afraid  
to ask God  
because baka hindi natin  
magustuhan  
ang sagot ng Diyos.  
Lord,  
tinatawag mo ba ako  
mag-serve?  
Walang tao,  
hindi lahat  
nagtatanong ng ganyan.

Bakit?  
E bakit kung tawagin ako?  
Lord,  
iiwanan ko ba  
yung trabaho ko  
just to serve you?  
Walang nagtatanong  
ng ganyan.  
Baka sabihin ng Diyos,  
Oo.  
Di ba?  
Kaya minsan,  
pumupunta tayo sa  
mga kabrothers natin.  
I-pray mo naman ako.  
Hindi ako makapag-decide  
mag-aabroad ba o hindi.  
I-pray mo ako.  
Pero yung isip mo  
buo na.  
Aalis ka na talaga.  
Naghanap ka lang ng tao  
na ang sasabihin niya  
sumasangayon doon  
sa gusto mo.  
You're looking for someone  
who will just agree with you.  
Kaya pag sinabi mo na  
nare-receive ko sa spirit ko,  
parang sinasabi ni Lord na  
umalis ka.  
Ay, napakagaling mo.  
May prophetic gift ka,  
sister.  
You know?  
Ay, napakagaling mo,  
sister.  
Confirmed.  
Confirmed.  
Confirmed ni Lord.  
Yun pala, gusto mo na talagang  
gawin yun.  
Amen?  
Subukan yung pumunta sa pare.  
Ayaw ko.  
Pag pare kausap mo,  
wag mong iwanan ang  
pamilya mo.  
Stay where you are.  
Pangit naman yung pare na yan.  
Hindi nakikinig kay Lord.  
Di ba?  
We're so afraid to ask  
God questions.  
That's why sabi ni Lord  
kay Peter,  
I know you have so many  
questions now.  
Do not be afraid.  
I will change your life.  
You are a fisherman now,  
but you follow me  
and I will make you  
a fisher of men.

Change of life.  
Peter was a sinner.  
Isaiah was a sinner,  
but they realized  
and understand that  
because of the encounter  
with the truth.  
But the grace of God  
enabled them  
to be useful for God.  
The grace of God  
sanctified them.  
The grace of God  
enabled them.  
Kaya pag sinabi nyo,  
ah, yung bishop nyo,  
wala naman yan.  
Yung mga pare nyo,  
wala namang alam yan,  
totoo yan.  
Oo yan.  
But they had an encounter  
with the Lord  
and they heard a call  
from God  
telling them  
to serve.  
That call that they heard  
from God  
and they responded  
with a yes,  
it's the grace of God  
now will be  
available for them  
to fulfill  
what God wants them  
to fulfill.  
Nag-aral ba ako  
sa pagka-bishop?  
Hindi po.  
Did I train myself  
to become a bishop?  
Hindi po.  
So how come you're a bishop?  
I heard  
the call of God  
in my heart.  
And I just said to God,  
yes,  
pero Lord,  
I am nothing.  
But the grace of God  
continues to work  
in my life.  
I went to Manila  
last week  
and someone approached me.  
Naglalakad ako sa kalye.  
May lumapit sa akin.  
Sabi niya,  
excuse me,  
bishop,  
ikaw ba yung nakikita namin  
sa YouTube?

Sabi ko,  
nahiya ako bigla, no?  
Bishop,  
ikaw ba yung nakikita namin  
sa YouTube?  
Sabi ko,  
depende maraming bishop  
sa YouTube.  
Hindi po,  
sa kalibu,  
sabi ko,  
we watch you on YouTube.  
Tinawag niya yung asawa niya.  
Sabi niya,  
nene, alika, alika.  
Ito yung pinapanood natin  
sa YouTube.  
Itong bishop na ito,  
napapanood natin  
sa YouTube.  
So,  
pinapray ko na lang  
na huwag magpa-autograph.  
You know?  
So when,  
sabi ko,  
Lord, sana huwag magpa-autograph.  
Nakakahiya.  
And they came  
and they said,  
you know,  
Bishop,  
ang laki talaga  
ng tulong mo  
sa teaching namin,  
yun,  
nakakataba ng puso.  
Ang sabi ko lang sa kanya,  
si Lord yun,  
si Lord.  
Bishop,  
ang galing-galing mo,  
si Lord yun,  
si Lord yun.  
I keep on pointing to God,  
it's not me,  
it's not me,  
because God knows,  
I know,  
I know in my heart,  
I don't have the ability  
to do so.  
It was all God.  
And so,  
para matigil na lang,  
kaya,  
can I bless you?  
I would like to pray for you  
before I go.  
So I just laid hands on them  
and just blessed them  
and just departed.  
What is God calling you  
to do?

Have you asked God?  
Have you asked God?  
What does God want you to do?  
Natatakot ka pa rin ba  
hanggang ngayon?  
Tanongin sa Diyos yan.  
Natatakot ka pa rin ba?  
Lord, ano ba talagang  
gusto mo sa akin?  
Tanongin mo yan.  
Do not be afraid,  
because God will change  
your life.  
From a fisherman,  
you will become  
a fisher of men.  
I was a salesman  
and prepared myself  
for sales.  
When I,  
the Lord said,  
do your job,  
follow me.  
Wow!  
For how many months  
and years,  
wala akong pera.  
And the Lord said,  
you will become  
my servant.  
Father,  
nagsisisi ka ba?  
Do you regret?  
Not a single day.  
Amen?  
Follow me,  
sabi ni Lord,  
and I will change  
your life forever.  
Wag ka matakot magtanong.  
Sabi nga na isang pare  
na kaibigan ko.  
Matanda na siya 70.  
Sabi niya kay Lord,  
Lord,  
malapit na ba  
akong mamatay?  
Sabi ko, ha?  
Kaya mong tanongin yan?  
Sabi niya,  
hindi na ako takot.  
Bakit?  
Eh, mabuti na  
yung malaman ko.  
Kasi,  
nagpabalag pa sana  
akong bumili ng bahay.  
Eh, sabi niya,  
papano yan?  
Pag binili ko,  
biglang namatay ako.  
Mapupunta sa iba  
yung bahay ko.  
Kaya,

it's wise to ask God,  
malapit na ba  
akong mamatay?  
Wala sa inyo  
nagtatanong yan, ano?  
Dahil,  
takot.  
Okay?

I ask God  
everyday,  
teach me  
to number my days.  
Teach me  
to number my days.  
That I may gain  
a heart of wisdom.  
Amen?

Maganda sana  
kung sabihin ni Lord,  
Oh, you have only  
two years to live.  
Sa two years na yan,  
ang dami kong gagawin  
para kay Lord.  
Kakalimutan ko  
yung sarili ko.  
Amen?

You'll do everything  
for God anymore.  
Ang daming unnecessary  
activity na  
iiwasan mo na.

Dahil,  
hindi naman magdadala  
sa'yo sa langit.  
Ang daming bagay  
na ginagawa natin  
sa mundong ito,  
na hindi naman magdadala  
sa atin sa langit.  
Bakit?

Kasing akala mo  
ang haba ng buhay mo.  
May-enjoy mo pa.  
When you come to realize  
that life is short,  
then you gain  
the heart of wisdom,  
I will avoid  
the things  
that will not bring me  
closer to God.  
I will only do the things  
and be with people  
who will bring me  
closer  
and closer  
to the heart of God.

Amen?  
I pray  
that  
if today you hear  
the voice of God  
talking to you

and encounter  
the truth of God  
in your life,  
do not be afraid.  
The truth,  
sabi niya,  
you will know  
the truth  
and the truth will,  
it will set you free.

Free!

Free!

Free to what?

Free to be

a servant

of God.

And many people  
are afraid to serve God  
because they are afraid  
because they don't know  
the truth.

But when you encounter  
the truth of God  
and the truth  
about yourself,

it will set you free  
and you can now say,  
as Isaiah said to God,  
Lord,

here I am!

Here I am!

I'm not afraid anymore.

Send me!

And Peter

sabi sa scriptures  
in our gospel today,  
he left his boat  
and his nets  
and he followed Jesus.

Sumunod na siya.

Wala nang takot.

An encounter with the truth  
than an encounter  
with the grace of God  
that will enable you.

I was looking at

John 1, 17.

Tinitingnan ko lang kanina.

Hindi siya kasama

sa readings natin

but ang sabi doon,

the law came through Moses

but grace and truth

came by Jesus Christ.

When you encounter Jesus,

you encounter his truth,

you encounter his grace

in your life.

It will change your life forever,  
it will bless your life tremendously,  
a blessing which you have not  
experienced before,  
but then,  
his grace will work.

As it changes your life,  
he will send you  
on a mission.

Amen?

So who are we?

We are sinners  
saved by the grace of God  
and now we are  
on a mission for God.

That's who we are.

Do not be afraid  
to think of yourself that way.

Amen.

Please stand.

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