

ABOUNDING IN FAITH NAG-UUMAPAW SA PANANAMPALATAYA

BIG IDEA: In times of famine, faith is being tested. Thus, it must be established and grown. **Sa panahon ng kawalan, ang pananampalataya ay sinusubok. Kung kaya't kailangan itong patatagin at palaguin.**

VERSE: Colossians 2:6-7 (New King James Version)

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

6 Yamang tinanggap na ninyo si Cristo Jesus bilang Panginoon, mamuhay kayo na may pakikipag-isa sa kanya. **7** Magpakatatag kayo at isalig ninyo sa kanya ang inyong buhay. Magpakatibay kayo sa pananampalatayang itinuro sa inyo, at lagi kayong magpasalamat sa Diyos.

INTRODUCTION: PANIMULA

- August Theme: **ABUNDANCE IN FAMINE KASAGANAHAN SA GITNA NG KAWALAN**
- **Big Idea:** Even in times of famine, God provides for every area of our life. **Kahit sa panahon ng taggutom, ang Diyos ay magpapala sa lahat ng aspeto ng buhay natin.**
- This is one of our 2023 Declarations. **Ito ang isa sa mga deklarasyon natin ng 2023:**
 - **Year of Abundance in Famine Taon ng kasaganahan sa gitna ng taggutom.**
 - **Even in times of famine, God provides for every area of your life. So expect to reap a harvest when you sow God's way.** **Kahit sa panahon ng taggutom, ang Diyos ang magpapala sa lahat ng aspeto ng buhay natin.**
- Abundance and Famine are contradicting words. By the world's definition, it cannot co-exist. **Ang kasaganahan at taggutom ay magkasalungat na mga salita. Hindi sila maaaring magkasama.**
- **Abundance means, Ang ibig sabihin ng kasaganahan ay,**
 - **To increase, to be heavy, to overflow, to multiply, to strengthen, to excel, to exceed, to be plenty.** **Dumami, bumigat, mag-umapaw, palakasin, gumaling, lagpasan.**
 - Abundance is an action word (not passive). **Ang kasaganahan ay isang patuloy na pagkilos, hindi ito nakatigil lamang.**
 - **Abundance means an ever-increasing blessing from God.** **Ang kasaganahan ay nangangahulugang padami ng padami na biyaya mula sa Diyos.**
 - (Every area of our life....expect to reap a harvest)
- **Famine means, Ang ibig sabihin ng taggutom ay,**
 - **Extreme shortage (like food), dryness (like rivers being dry), hunger, even death.** **Matinding kakulangan (kagaya ng pagkain), tuyot (kagaya ng ilog), gutom, o kamatayan.**
 - Famine is a passive state. It lasts for a period of time. **Ang taggutom ay hindi nagtatagal.**

- o While abundance speaks of God's blessing, **Famine is associated with God's judgement.** Habang ang kasaganahan ay patungkol sa biyaya ng Diyos, ang taggutom ay patungkol sa paghuhusga ng Diyos.
- As we can see, **Abundance and Famine are totally opposite. It is never meant to be together.** Kitang kita na ang kasaganahan at taggutom ay magkasalungat. Hindi sila maaaring magsama.
- But GOD has a different definition. **Even in times of famine, God's abundance will happen.** Not just in one area of our life, but in EVERY area. Ngunit ang Diyos ay may kakaibang paglalarawan. Kahit na sa taggutom, ang kasaganahan ng Diyos ay maaaring mangyari. Hindi lang sa isang aspeto ng buhay natin, kundi sa lahat ng aspeto nito.
- For today, we will focus on **ABOUNDING (or abundance) in FAITH.** Ngayon, itutuon nating ang ating pag-aaral sa nag-uumapaw na pananampalataya.
- In times of famine, one of the most important things we need to abound is faith. Sa panahon ng taggutom, ang mahalagang pag-umapawin ay ang pananampalataya.

WHY IS FAITH IMPORTANT IN TIMES OF FAMINE? Bakit mahalaga ang pananampalataya sa panahon ng taggutom?

- **Faith shows the reality of God's will in our life.** Ang pananampalataya ay nagpapakita ng realidad ng kalooban ng Diyos sa buhay natin.
 - o *Hebrews 11:1 (NLT) - Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.*
- **Without faith, God's possibilities will not happen in our life.** Kung walang pananampalataya, ang mga posible sa Diyos ay hindi mangyayari sa buhay natin.
 - o This is why many people are stuck in famine (situations in life). Ito ang dahilan kung bakit maraming tao ang hindi na makaalis sa kahirapan (mga sitwasyon ng buhay).
 - o *Matthew 17:20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."*
- **Faith is important! We need to abound (overflow) in it to experience Abundance in Famine.** Ang pananampalataya ay mahalaga! Kailangang mag-umapaw ito upang maranasan natin ang kasaganahan sa gitna ng taggutom.

ABOUNDING IN FAITH IN TIMES OF FAMINE Nag-uumapaw na pananampalataya sa gitna ng taggutom.

1. **Walk in Christ** Makipag-isa kay Kristo
 - a. *v6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him mamuhay kayo na may pakikipag-isa sa kanya*
 - b. First thing we must understand is that **faith does not originate from within us.** Una nating kailangang maunawaan na ang pananampalataya ay hindi nagmumula sa atin.
 - c. **Christ is the author and giver of faith.** Si Hesus ang may akda at pinagmumulan ng pananampalataya.

- i. *Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV) looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,*
 - d. We cannot create our own faith in God. **Hindi natin kaya na lumikha ng sarili nating pananampalataya sa Diyos.**
 - e. **Abundance in faith comes when we continually live our life in Christ. Ang kasaganahan ng pananampalataya ay makakamtam kung patuloy tayong nananahan kay Kristo.**
 - i. *(NIV) 6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him*
 - f. To walk is to move forward. We cannot walk and stay in the same place. **Ang paglakad ay pag-usad sa hinaharap. Hindi maaaring lumakad tayo at manatili lang sa isang lugar.**
 - g. **Walking in Christ is walking in faith. Ang makipag-isa kay Kristo ay pakikipag-isa sa pananampalataya.**
 - h. In times of famine, **as we walk in Christ and His Word there will be an abundance of faith that will sustain us until the famine ends.** (note: famine always comes to an end). **Sa panahon ng taggutom, habang tayo ay nakikiisa kay Kristo at sa Kanyang salita, magkakaroon tayo ng kasaganahan ng pananampalataya na magtataguyod sa atin hanggang matapos ang taggutom.**
 - i. *1 Kings 17:14-15 - 14 For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'" 15 She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family.*
- 2. Rooted and built up in Christ** **Magpakatatag kayo at isalig ninyo sa kanya ang inyong buhay.**
- a. **v7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.** **Pinalakas sa pananampalataya kagaya ng itinuro sa atin, at nag-uumapaw sa pasasalamat.**
 - b. **Rooted comes from Gk word 'Rhizoo' meaning 'to be thoroughly grounded'**
 - i. Trees that are not rooted deeply into the soil often gets knocked down easily by storms. **Ang salitang 'magpakatatag' ay galing sa salitang Gk na 'rhizoo' na ang ibig sabihin ay 'matibay ang pagkakatatag'**
 - c. **Built up comes from Gk word 'Epoikodomeo' meaning to build further by adding layers upon layers, or adding more foundations to a building. Ang salitang 'isalig' ay mula sa salitang Gk na 'epoikodomeo' na ang ibig sabihin ay dagdagan ang sapin o pundasyon ng isang gusali.**
 - i. The intention of building up is to make it stronger. **Ang layunin ng pagpapatatag ay ang pagpapalakas.**
 - d. **Abundance in faith comes from being deeply rooted in Christ and building up our life in His Word. Ang kasaganahan ng pananampalataya ay nagmumula sa malalim na pagkakatag kay Kristo at pagsalig natin sa Kanyang salita.**

i. *Matthew 7:24-25 - 24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.*

- e. **We build our life on the Rock (which is Christ). And we build our foundations in His Word. These makes us stand up in times of famine. Isalig natin ang ating buhay sa Bato (si Kristo). At isalig natin ang ating pundasyon sa Kanyang Salita. Ang mga ito ang siyang kailangan natin upang makatayo sa panahon ng taggutom.**
- f. If we build our life in this world, we sink. If we build our foundations using worldly principles, we crumble. **Kapag isinalig natin ang ating buhay sa mundo, tayo ay lulubog. Kapag isinalig nating ang ating pundasyon sa mga makamundong prinsipyo, tayo ay guguh.**

3. **Overflow in Thanksgiving Pag-uumapaw ng pasasalamat**

- a. *v7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, **abounding in it with thanksgiving. at lagi kayong magpasalamat sa Diyos.***
- b. **Life should be full of thanksgiving to God, in all circumstances. Ang buhay ay dapat puno ng pasasalamat sa Diyos, sa lahat ng pagkakataon.**
- i. *1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*
- c. We thank God in everything, even in the not so good situations of our life. **Tayo ay nagpapasalamat sa Diyos sa lahat ng bagay, kahit na sa hindi magagandang sitwasyon ng buhay.**
- i. *Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*
- d. **A thankful heart is a faith-full heart.** It is a heart abounding in faith. **Ang mapagpasalamat na puso ay isang pusong puno ng pananampalataya. Isang puso na may nag-uumapaw na pananampalataya.**
- e. Look at the examples of Jesus on being thankful in times of not so good situations. **Tingnan ang halimbawa ni Hesus na nagpasalamat sa mga panahon na masasabing hindi maganda.**
- i. *Feeding of the five thousand **Pagpapakain ng limang libo.***
John 6:11 (NKJV) And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.
- ii. *Raising Lazarus from the dead **Pagbuhay kay Lazaro***
John 11:41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me ...43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

- f. Faith is best expressed with an overflowing thanksgiving to God. Ang pananampalataya ay naipakikita ng lubusan sa pamamangitan ng pasasalamat sa Diyos.

CONCLUSION: PAGTATAPOS

- Hebrews 11 is called the Faith chapter in the Bible. Ang Hebreo 11 ay tinawag na kabanata ng pananampalataya sa Biblia.
- These are testimonies of people who lived by faith in God. Narito ang mga patotoo ng mga taong namuhay sa pananampalataya sa Diyos:
 - o 4 By faith Abel **brought God a better offering** than Cain did. By **faith he was commended as righteous**, when God spoke well of his offerings.
 - o 5 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, **he was commended as one who pleased God**. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that **he rewards those who earnestly seek him**.
 - o 7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, **in holy fear built an ark to save his family**.
 - o 8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, **obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going**...10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
 - o 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because **she considered him faithful who had made the promise**.
 - o 17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, **offered Isaac as a sacrifice**...19 Abraham reasoned that **God could even raise the dead**,
 - o 23 By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and **they were not afraid of the king's edict**.
 - o 24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 **He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin**.
 - o 29 By faith the **people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land**; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.
 - o 30 By faith the **walls of Jericho fell**, after the army had marched around them for seven days.
 - o 32 And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 **who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. 35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection.**

- These people were commended by God for their faith. He was pleased with them. **Ang mga taong ito ay pinarangalan ng Diyos dahil sa kanilang pananampalataya. Siya ay nalugod sa kanila.**
- Our challenge is to do the same. **To abound in faith is not to shrink back when troubles, famine comes.** **Ang ating hamon ay tularan sila. Ang nag-uumapaw na pananampalataya ay hindi ang pag-urong kapag may mga suliranin, o panahon ng taggutom.**
- *Hebrews 10:38-39*
 38 *“But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”* 39 *But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.*

DISCUSSION: TALAKAYAN

- How is your faith in God right now? **Kumusta ang pananampalataya mo sa Diyos ngayon?**
- If famine or troubles come, do you have the faith to go through it? **Kapag dumating ang taggutom at suliranin, may pananampalataya ka ba upang magpatuloy?**
- What will you do to strengthen and increase your faith in God? **Ano ang iyong gagawin upang mapatatag at madagdagan ang iyong pananampalataya sa Diyos?**