



Sukdulang Biyaya!

EXABABALL GRACE

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SUKDULANG BIYAYA (PART 4) – THE MINISTRY OF LOVE

- **Ephesians 4:7-11** – But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”
- He who descended was also He who ascended. He went to Hades, so we didn’t have to go there anymore.
- This shows us that Jesus gave the gifts after His resurrection, when He ascended to heaven. It means it is for today, *hindi lang sa panahon ni Jesus*.
- In **1 Peter 5:1**, Peter said, “I am a fellow elder.” – Humility or lowly heart is a high quality of a leader.
- So stay humble. It’s not about you. It’s all about Jesus ministering to the people He loves. *Hindi ikaw ang bida, si Jesus lang ang bida*. We are the earthen pots *na ginagamit ni Jesus para maging pagpapala sa iba*.
- It’s about Jesus giving all the gifts to minister to people in love.
- If you want to be great in the kingdom of God, serve.
- Ex. Talk to your people/employees; We ask suggestions, ideas, opinion from staff and even from members.
- We don’t know it all as a boss. A wise boss needs to ask their staff for feedback.
- Humility works in all things even as parents.
- We do not claim we can do it all, it’s all by the grace of God. Together, we can minister to the people. We are saints to do the work of ministry. It’s a work of love.
- Ex. Ptr. Mike’s illustration – *Ang bawat isang miyembro ay may hawak dapat na isang balde ng tubig. Bawat isa ay ginagawa ang bahagi nya*.
- The Pastor’s job is to stir up the gifts in you.
- The reason and motivation of your heart is the love of God in you. That is the power behind all ministries.
- Jesus ministered because He had compassion for people.
- Christ in you moves you to love others. He first loved us.
- There is no room for superiority complex in FCI. We are brothers and sisters, co-ministers, co-elders. And there is no retirement in the ministry. We can do more even as we get older.
- With all humility, we serve one another in love.
- Role of a Pastor/Teacher:
 1. To equip saints to do the work of ministry – Pastors let you grow in your ministry/leadership.
 2. To edify or build up the body of Christ unto unity, perfection and in the fullness of Christ – This is achievable by the Word.
 3. To speak the truth in love – When we speak the truth, it should be wrapped in love.
- Although there are instances when a Pastor has to put their foot down to settle arguments, to correct a wrong a false teaching, to mediate. But with love *pa rin*.
- Speak the truth – If the truth is not spoken, *ang kasinungalingan ang magpapatuloy at paniniwalaan ng marami*. (Ex. Nazis, Hamas)
- It is a necessity to speak the truth in love. *Parang hinayaan natin ang kasinungalingan na lumago dahil sa ating pananahimik*.
- This is the responsibility of a leader. Speak the truth in love.
- Ex. Parents, confront your child with love. *Kung ganun pa rin*, at least you’ve done your part. It’s their will. *Kahit ang Diyos ay hindi namimilit*. We cast them to the Lord.

- Let's not remain quiet. We should stand up and speak the truth.
- Like Jesus, He would rebuke Peter, James, and John as needed but with love.
- In doing this, we model Christ-like leadership (humble, gentle, yet strong in love and in the truth).
- Grace and truth with humility and setting an example for others to follow.
- **James 4:6** – “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”
- **1 Peter 5:2** – Shepherd the flock. Shepherding has to do with care, *hindi* boss.
- A shepherd is a caregiver. An elder takes care of the flock.
- Jesus told Peter in **John 21**: “Tend MY lambs; Feed MY flock; Feed MY Sheep.”
- Jesus is the only Lord over people. The sheep belong to Jesus.
- Reminder, be good examples. We are not lords of the flock or lords of the sheep.
- *Walang pamalo si* Lord. He is all love. When you go to Him, mercy and grace is what you get from Him.
- You belong to Christ. *Tagapangalaga lang ang ang pastor.*
- We have different grace gifts, we serve and love one another.
- Peter reminded us – he, and all of us are partakers also of the glory. All of us are partakers of the glory of Jesus.
- **Romans 8:30** – We are glorified.
- Declare: “I am glorified.”
- Our coronation will happen when Jesus comes back (Rapture). Awards night – we will receive the crown of life.
- **1 Peter 5:4** – The unfading crown of glory is synonymous with the crown of life that Jesus gives to all who love Him. (**James 1:12**)
- While we are waiting, we occupy until He comes! We use our gifts!
- Christ in us lets us minister with love to one another.

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 according to the measure of Christ's gift.
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 We then use our gifts, yet we stay humble.
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 It's all about Jesus giving all the gifts
 so we can minister to people in love.
 The reason and motivation of our hearts
 is the love of God in us.
 We speak the truth in love.
 We are good examples to the flock
 and with all humility, we serve one another in love.
 This is the ministry of love.
 It is allowing Christ in us and His gifts
 to minister with humility and love to the people He loves.*