GCF NUVALI CHURCH

today's message march 1

Pastor Erwin Amador

DO NOT FEAR AND DO NOT BE DISMAYED

Joshua 8:1-35

After the judgment of Achan, Joshua needed to receive encouragement from God. He was assured that God will keep His promise of giving the land to Israel. God then directed Joshua to attack Ai once again. But this time, He authorized Israel to take the spoils of war. (8:1-2)

God instructed Joshua on how to conquer Ai. He employed an effective military tactic of ambush. All the inhabitants of Ai were destroyed, and the king was hanged on a tree. (8:3-29)

The conquest of Ai gave the Israelites clear access to the heart of the Promised Land. It gave them a military advantage as they divided the northern and southern cities. But in spite of this advantage Israel needed to be reminded of whose they were and where they needed to stand. Joshua built an altar at Mount Ebal which was directly across Mount Gerizim. In between these two mountains, Joshua gathered all the people of Israel before the Ark of the Covenant and read all that was written in the Book of the Law as commanded by Moses. (8:30-35; Deuteronomy 27:1-8)

Before and after any battle, win or lose, we must always be in a posture of worship and obedience (Joshua 5:2-15). God surely provides for those who wait upon Him (1 John 2:15-17; Matthew 6:33; Psalm 84:11-12). God's surpassing power assures one that divine help comes in our time of need (2 Corinthians 4:7; Hebrews 4:16).

reminders

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We have a Sunday School for children ages 4 through 13

Our services start on time. Please go inside 5 minutes before the service.

worship schedule

Prelude
Worship through Songs
Worship through Prayer
Announcements
Worship Through the Word
Pastor Erwin Amador
Giving
Welcoming of Guests
Benediction
Closing Song

DO NOT HIDE

Joshua 7:1-26

After Israel destroyed Jericho, Joshua pushed forward to conquer Ai. He did what a wise military general would normally do—survey the city and strike while there was fear in the enemy's heart. But he was stunned when they were defeated! Joshua mourned the loss and blamed God. (7:1-9)

God commanded Joshua to rise and revealed the reason for their defeat: Israel suffered the consequence of one man's sin. Unless they got rid of the devoted things, victory would elude them because God's presence would not be in their midst. (7:10-13)

In His great mercy, God gave specific instructions for Israel to be redeemed. All the tribes needed to consecrate themselves. They had to appear before Joshua by tribe, clans, households, and man by man. The one found to have taken the devoted things was meted a severe punishment to turn away God's burning anger. (7:14-15)

The hidden sin of Achan was exposed by God. He and his entire household were stoned and burned to death. A great heap of stone was raised over Achan. The monument served as a severe warning of God's wrath against willful disobedience. (7:16-25)

God's people must tremble at His wrath. He deals with deliberate, hidden sin decisively. He will not let any sin go unpunished. You may hide it from others, but never from God. Eventually, all sin will be exposed by God. Come clean before God—confess your sins, repent, and return to Him.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

gracious giving	share a chair total	share a chair pledge
82,360	150,220	128,000

overall project noah	project noah
7,780,318.75	165,036.90

ATTENDANCE

181 adults 17 kids