

**Servers Today, June 4, 2017**

**Struggle for Control  
(James 4:1-12)**

Speaker: Santiago Sameon II  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 Invocation: Jesse Bestre  
 Intercessory Prayer: Julius Rojo  
 Communion Text: Acts 2:22-24  
 Scripture Reading: Kemuel Perdigon  
 Prayer for the Bread: Ira North Po  
 Prayer for the Cup: Maril Bayating Jr.  
 Prayer for the Giving: Art Tacay  
 Closing Prayer: Charlie Abance  
 Announcement: Andy Bestre  
 Evening Speaker: Santiago Sameon II  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 To Bring Flowers: Clarita Cachero  
 To Bring Biscuits: C/o Midtown  
 To Bring Drinks: Ofelia Abance  
 Usher/ettes: Tacay Family

Communion: Kesha Oliva  
 Worship Coordinator: R.Tada | A. Tacay

**How To Become a  
Biblical Christian**

- 1). Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, 1 John 3:4,8; Rom.3:10,23; Rom. 6:23.
- 2). Hear the pure New Testament gospel of Christ; Romans 1:16; Rom. 10:17.
- 3). Believe the gospel, Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- 4). Repent of your sins, Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30.
- 5). Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, Mat. 10:32; Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10.
- 6). Be baptized into Christ, Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16.
- 7). Remain faithful unto death, Rev. 2:10;

**Servers for June 11, 2017**

**Making Room for God Everyday  
(James 4:13-17)**

Speaker: Arnan Bayla  
 Song Leader: Jun Reyes  
 Invocation: Abe Insas  
 Intercessory Prayer: Dexter Wagang  
 Communion Text: Acts 4:10-12  
 Scripture Reading: Donnel Gonzales  
 Prayer for the Bread: Richard Bestre  
 Prayer for the Cup: Sam Quezada  
 Prayer for the Giving: Jerry Martin  
 Closing Prayer: Jojo Ramos  
 Announcement: Jun Reyes  
 Evening Speaker: Arnan Bayla  
 Song Leader: June Reyes  
 To Bring Flowers: Josie Baban  
 To Bring Biscuits: Jerico Ramos  
 To Bring Drinks: Jerico Ramos  
 Usher/ettes: Kitma Family

Communion: Kesha Oliva  
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**34 ypeez enjoy Riverview  
Summer Bible Encounter**

Thirty-four (34) young people and young adults actively participated in the annual SUMMER BIBLE ENCOUNTER (SBE) at the Riverview Water Park, Nangalisan, Tuba, on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, June 1—3, 2017. The SBE served as a sequel and the Young People Version of the recently concluded VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL— ADVENTURES IN GOSPEL TREASURES | “LET GOD LEAD THE WAY.”

Brother Ezra Valdez facilitated THE SEARCHING, brother O’neil Gonzales facilitated THE KNOWING, brother Chris Oliva facilitated THE EMBRACING, and brother Jesse Bestre facilitated THE SHARING of the Gospel Treasures with thirty (30) other campers, namely, Kate Dereje, Melchi Aquino, JT Badecao, Kana, Jasper, & Kemuel Perdigon, Aldian, Ira, & Amber Po, Aaron Cordero, Rodrigo Bondoc, Gabriel Asprec, Jonathan Jr., Rico, & Angela Ramos, Donnel Gonzales, A-mark & Charis Bayla, Maureen Soriano, Euan Clyde Aguinaldo, Gian & Khryz Gomowang, Alec Likigan, Mahaysha, Shauli, & Kajem Kitma, Gracelyn Abance, Kesha Oliva, and Dexter Wagang. Icebreakers, teambuilding, and water games were facilitated by Kana, JT, Angela, JJ, Amber, Abigail, Grace, and Kesha.

Again, the YPeez expressed their appreciation to the management & staff of the Riverview Water Park for the hospitable, generous, and warm accommodation. To God be the glory!Ω

**Bestre & Valdez help  
in Tuguegarao's 1st SBE**

The first-ever SUMMER BIBLE ENCOUNTER (SBE) in Tuguegarao, Cagayan, was spearheaded by the Tuguegarao congregation with the help of young men from Midtown including brothers Jesse Bestre, Ezra Valdez, and Dan-gil Geron at the facilities of the Solana Academy, last May 26-27, 2017.

Brother Dan-gil now serves with the Tuguegarao congregation. There were thirty-three participants representing six congregations in the area who benefited from the lessons on JESUS: OUR FIRM FOUNDATION. Brothers Jesse and Ezra discussed ‘THE WISE & FOOLISH BUILDERS’ while brother Dan-gil discussed “USING OUR SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION IN A SOCIAL MEDIA GENERATION “in which he emphasized exercising prudence in the social media.Ω

**"If we resist suffering,  
we also block our ability  
to learn from the pain."**

**READ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

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**Ladies Ministry spend  
time with orphans**

Eleven (11) ladies from Midtown spent some time with a number of orphans under the care of the HELPING HANDS, HEALING HEARTS MINISTRIES PHILIPPINES located at Amparo Heights Subdivision, Camp 7, this city, the other past Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 3—5 in the afternoon. The ladies, namely, Pearl Bestre, Henrietta Espinosa, Kana Perdigon, Gracelyn Abance, Nelly Bayla, Angelica Wagang, Kesha Oliva, Lulu Bondoc, Abigail Kitma, Amber Po, and Maureen Soriano all had meaningful interactions with the residents. The ladies got the kids to do some arts and crafts, listen to Bible stories and application, and to take part in some singing and prayers. Brother CD Espinosa was around to help in the activities. Tokens and snacks were served to twenty-three orphans and some staff.

The activity was part of the application of lessons on “SERVANTHOOD” this quarter.Ω

**PBC hosts preachers  
& leadership seminar**

Preachers and leaders are cordially invited to participate in a SEMINAR ON DOCTRINES at the auditorium of the PHILIPPINE BIBLE COLLEGE, 18 Rimando Road, this city, on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 9 AM—4 PM.

Lecturers include brother Teofilo Alcaide (BENEVOLENCE), brother Eusebio Tanicala (DEITY OF CHRIST), and brother Santiago Sameon II (INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC & CLAPPING).

Registration is free. If interested, please contact brother Andy Bestre as soon as possible for pre-registration.Ω

**Cancer patient appeals for  
financial help & prayers**

Cancer-stricken sister MARIA ELENA R. LACHICA of PONGPONG (LA UNION) CHURCH OF CHRIST humbly appeals for financial help for her to undergo chemotherapy. Kindly course your help through brother Andy Bestre today or anytime this week. Also, please include her in your prayers. God bless you richly.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering  
May 28, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION  
P21,093.00**

**PM COLLECTION  
P865.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION  
P21,958.00**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b> Adults - 110 YP - 34 Children - 43 Guests - 0	<b>PM</b> Adults -14 YP - 6 Children - 0 Guests - 0
<b>TOTAL - 187</b>	<b>TOTAL - 20</b>

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE  
(AM/PM) 207**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| *Rosita Go           | *Jun & Lily Soriano    |
| *Mely Genato         | *Andy Bestre           |
| *Meeling Sze         | *Gil & Diana Geron     |
| *Amy Go              | *Rodrigo Tada          |
| *Charity Ong         | *Ofelia Abance         |
| *Ian Pajantoy        | *Lourdes Cera          |
| *Gloria Yang         | *Cecilia Alvarez       |
| *Marina Gawe         | *Carina Lacaba         |
| *Mark Poblete        | *Gaspar Nawew          |
| *Sotero Denis        | *Tess & Mahaysha Kitma |
| *Bernie Austria      | *Brayant Buenafior     |
| *Norma Aping         | *Maril Bayating Sr.    |
| *Josefa Josayan      | *Charlie Alvarez       |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy    | *Priscilla Bayasen     |
| *Damian Mercado      | *Rolito Tugay-an       |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Mellina Licupa-Dsouza |
| *Rodolfo Baggao      | *Maria Elena Lachica   |

*Spiritual guidance and comfort  
for some brethren.*

**SAFE PREGNANCY**

- \* Andrea Yang



**James 5:15**

*“And the prayer offered  
in faith will make the  
sick person well; the  
Lord will raise him up;  
.....” NIV*

**SAFE TRAVEL**



**A N N O U N C E M E N T S !**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— JUNE 6, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL**— JUNE 18, 2017 | 12—2:30 PM
- **SUMMER BIBLE ENCOUNTER**— VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER | JUNE 1-3, 2017
- **6TH ASPULAN** — BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY GYM, LA TRINIDAD | JUNE 24, 2017 | 8AM—5 PM
- **PREACHERS & LEADERSHIP SEMINAR** — PHILIPPINE BIBLE COLLEGE, 18 RIMANDO RD. | SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017 | 9:00 AM—4:00 PM | FREE REGISTRATION

# TODAY'S SERMON OUTLINE

## STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL

<James 4:1-10>

SANTIAGO B. SAMEON 11: B.Th.; A.B.; Ed. D.

**Introduction:** A stateowner in Raleigh, N. C., had the luxury of gathering chestnuts from a very large tree for years, without any rival. Then a colony of squirrels came and made the large chestnut tree their home, gathering more nuts than the homeowners. For a time, there was a sweet struggle for control of the chestnut tree, but eventually the couple laugh about the rivalry and yielded to the squirrels the control of the tree, as the squirrels anyway, gained the upper hand.

### ORIGIN AND CAUSES OF STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL

1. Causes of struggles query	- "Where do wars and fights come from among you?"	Jas.4:1
2. Causes of contentions are lusts	- "Do they not come from your desires..."	Jas.4:1
3. Lust for worldly enjoyment	- "for pleasures that war in your members?"	Jas.4:1
4. Desire that fail to obtain	- "You lust and do not have."	Jas.4:1

### WRONG CONVEYANCES OF STRUGGLES FOR CONTROL

1. You kill and desire but fail to get	- "You murder and covet and cannot obtain."	Jas.4:2
2. Struggles and contentions.	- "You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask"	Jas.4:2
3. Failed solicitation	- "You ask and do not receive,..."	Jas.4:3
4. Inappropriate petition	- "because you ask amiss,..."	Jas.4:3
5. Vain lustful spending	- "that you may spend it on your pleasures."	Jas.4:3
6. Misplaced friendship query	- "Do you not know that friendship with the world ..."	Jas.4:4
7. Worldly friendship is hostility against God	- "is enmity with God?"	Jas.4:4
8. Wrong friendship	- "Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world..."	Jas.4:4
9. Worldly choice is enmity with God	- "makes himself an enemy of God."	Jas.4:4

### HUMBLE LIVING IN THE STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL

1. Query if the Scripture's is ineffective	- "Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain,..."	Jas.4:5
2. Worldliness displeases the Spirit	- "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealousy?"	Jas.4:5
3. Spirit is benevolent to the humble	- "But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:..."	Jas.4:6
4. God defies the arrogant	- "God resist the proud, but gives grace to the humble."	Jas.4:6

### RIGHTEOUS SUBMISSION TO GOD IN THE STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL

1. Resolve to surrender to God	- "Therefore submit to God."	Jas.4:7
2. Fight the fiend and he will run away	- "Resist the devil and the will flee from you."	Jas.4:7
3. Be close to God and He will come near	- "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."	Jas.4:8
4. Charged to cleanse their hearts	- "Cleanse your heart you sinners;..."	Jas.4:8
5. Unstable minded are charged	- "and purify your hearts, you double minded."	Jas.4:8
6. Charge to repent and cry	- "Lament and mourn and weep!"	Jas.4:9
7. Joys need be turned to despair	- "Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom."	Jas.4:9
8. Charged to humiliate to the Lord	- "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,..."	Jas.4:10
9. Exaltation comes after humiliation	- And God will lift you up."	Jas.4:10

### Conclusion:

BRETHREN FROM OUR STUDY WE LEARNED THE:

1. ORIGIN AND CAUSES OF STRUGGLES FOR CONTROL, do we believe this?
2. WRONG CONVEYANCES OF STRUGGLES FOR CONTROL, we accept this?
3. INCORRECT CHOICE BETWEEN GOD AND THE WORLD IN THE STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL, do we uphold this?
4. HUMBLE LIVING IN THE SIGHT OF GOD IN THE STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL, do we affirm this?
5. RIGHTEOUS SUBMISSION TO GOD IN THE STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL, is appropriate, amen?

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To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :  
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## Midtown Church of Christ SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL | CARE GROUPS

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Bayating Residence Tuba	5:30- 7:30 PM	Arnan Bayla & Andy Bestre
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7—9 PM	Arnan Bayla, et. al.
Irisan Mobile (Baban, & Yang residences)	7 – 9 PM	Andy Bestre/ Sixto Aoas
Congregational Midweek Devotional	6 – 7 PM Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Care Group assigned
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Young People Family Life Center	5:30 – 7:30 PM	O'neil Gonzales, et. al.
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7 – 9 PM	Lemuel Glori / Arnan Bayla
Upper Kitma Village	7 – 9 PM	Greg Kitma / Chris Oliva
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
Sports & Jogging Panagbenga Park	8 – 10 AM	YPeez Sports Enthu- siasts
Mobile Saturday Care Group	3 – 5 PM	D. Sameon, E. Wagang, R. Tada
Couples Care Group	5 – 7 PM 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Jun Bondoc / Lemuel Glori
High School -College Care Group @ FLC	5 – 7 PM	Young Adults and College students
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
All YPeez Care Group	12 – 3 PM Fourth Sunday	YPs in charge
All Ladies Fellowship	12 – 3 PM Third Sunday	Ladies in charge: 2ndf Q Steering Group
Young Adults FLC	3 – 5 PM	YAs in charge

### SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY



Communion - 9:00 - 9:30  
 Bible Classes - 9:30 - 10:30  
 Message - 10:45 - 11:15

### MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS

See schedule



### SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

Worship Assembly  
 5:30 - 6:30 PM



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