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Many years ago, may nagregalo sa akin ng Bantam Chicken, ang tawag nila sa Antique.

So, yung bahay namin, we live in a place, nakukunti lang yung mga bahay, at there was so much plants and trees around.

So, nung binigyan ako ng manok na yan, yung Bantam na manok, it's a small chicken, matanda na.

It's old, yet it's very small. Napakaliit niya.

Ang tawag nila, unanong chicken.

Okay, so, I like the chicken so much. Natutuwa talaga ako pag nakikita ko yan. And every night, diyan yan natutulog malapit sa kwarto ko, outside, near my window, it stays there.

Then at exactly 4:30 in the morning, may oras talaga siya, that rooster will crow.

Okay, magtukturaok na siya. 4:30, siya yung alarm clock ko.

And it has a distinct sound, iba ang sound ng kanyang crowing.

Kaya alam ko talaga na siya na yung tumutunog na 4.30 in the morning.

So, it goes all like that every day.

So, one day, nagising ako, wala akong narinig na manok.

So, inisip ko baka hindi nakauwi.

So, I went out of the room, I went out, tinungan ko yung lugar kung saan natutulog yung manok na yan.

And true enough, the chicken was not there anymore. Wala siya.

So, hinanap ko siya. For the whole day I was looking for him, hindi ko talaga siya makita.

Until finally, someone told me, sabi niya, you wake up early in the morning tomorrow, gumising ka ng maaga, and you listen.

Kasi lahat ng manok sabay-sabay yan, pakinggan mo.

At malalaman mo kung saan yung manok mo.

So, alas 4 ng umaga, the following day, gising na ako.

At lumabas ako ng bahay, and I was waiting for the chickens to crow.

So, pagumpisa pa lang ng alas 4, ang dami ng manok.

Nagtuktulaok na lahat.

So, pinapakinggan ko lang, ikot ako ng ikot.

Then, lo and behold, at 4:30 in the morning, there was that distinct sound.

Ibang tuktulaok niya.

So, when I heard that, sabi ko, yan ang manok ko.

So, I started looking, listening,

and habang nakikinig ako, pinahanap ko,

and finally, palakas ng palakas na yung boses niya,

and it led me to our neighbor's house, yung bahay sa likod.

So, nung pumasok ako dun, sinilip ko yung bahay, yung lugar nila, at nakita ko, nandun sa isang cage, yung manok ko.

So, tuktulaok siya ng tuktulaok, and I can see him.

So, hinayaan ko lang muna.

So, late in that morning, after breakfast, I went to my neighbor's house.

So, ang sabi ko sa neighbor ko,

meron bang pumasok dito na manok na maliit pero matanda na?

Sabi niya, wala.

Wala daw.

So, nagtingin-tingin ako,

mamaya, nagtuktulaok na naman nung nakita ko ng manok ko.

Sabi ko, ay, iyan siya. Iyan.

And my neighbor said, no, that's my chicken.

Sabi ko, ganyan yung manok ko.

Sabi niya, hindi iba yan, binili ko yan.

That's not yours.

So, pwede ko ipaglaban yung manok na yun.

Okay?

I will win. Sigurado ako mananalalo ako.

I will win the chicken but I will lose a friend.

So, tumahimik na lang ako.

And I said goodbye to my chicken.  
Kasi hindi daw talaga akin eh. Belongs to my neighbor.  
Kaya ang sabi nung nagbigay sa akin,  
sige lang, father, wag kang mag-alala, bigyan kita ng bago.  
Sabi ko, wag na.  
Mapapaaway lang ako nito.  
Kasi meron talagang kukuha ng manok sa ayaw mo't siya.  
Gusto mo, meron talagang kukuha ng manok mo.  
Sabi ko, never mind.  
I share that with you because  
it's our love  
for someone  
that makes us familiar to the voice of that person.  
Today, as the Good Shepherd Sunday,  
ang sabi ni Jesus,  
my sheep hears my voice  
and I know them  
and they follow me.  
My sheep knows my voice.  
I know them and they follow me.  
Christ was describing His relationship with us  
as the relationship of a shepherd and a sheep.  
A shepherd knows every sheep by name.  
And the sheep,  
it's a very stubborn and sometimes stupid animal.  
Pero one thing lang sa sheep,  
it will never follow the voice of someone it doesn't know.  
Hindi yan sumusunod basta-basta lang.  
Sa boses ng isang tao o sa isang tao na hindi niya kilala.  
Okay?  
The sheep can be very stupid as an animal.  
But one thing about the sheep,  
it hears and knows the voice of his own shepherd.  
And kagaya din natin, lahat tayo,  
meron din tayong bahid ng katangahan.  
Sabihin mo sa katabi mo, ayaw yatang maniwala.  
Lahat tayo may bahid ng katangahan.  
Okay? Bakit ko na sabi niyan?  
Alam na natin ang pinagbabawal ng Diyos  
pero lahat ng pinagbabawal ng Diyos  
minsan ay hindi natin sinusunod.  
Anong tawag mo dyan?  
Katangahan. Lahat tayo meron yan.  
Kaya nga sabi niya, we are like sheep.  
And the sheep cannot survive without a shepherd.  
Alam nyo ba yung sheep pag natumba yan?  
When it's full of wool and it falls down on its back,  
pag nakahiga na yan, hindi na pwedeng bumangon yan.  
Mamamatay na lang yan, hindi niya kayang ibangon yung sarili niya.  
It takes, for the sheep to get up,  
it takes a shepherd, dapat lapitan muna siya ng pastol niya  
at ibangon siya.  
Ganon din tayo.  
Sometimes we are so stupid, we think we can make it in life  
without Jesus watching over us.  
Yan ang katangahan natin minsan.  
Pakisabi sa tabi mo, lahat tayo may bahid ng katangahan.  
Wag mo lang araw-arawin.  
Wag mo lang araw-arawin.  
And because of that, we need a shepherd to watch over us.  
Whether we know it or not, whether we accept it or not.  
The resurrection life, that's why the fourth Sunday of Easter,  
we're talking about the resurrection of Jesus.  
And the resurrection of Jesus means new life, bagong buhay.

Amen?

Kaya nga ang celebration natin sa Easter, yung pagbabago ng buhay natin.  
And because of this new life, the new life that we have now  
in the resurrection of Christ, this new life means  
that we have to learn to live with a shepherd.

Kasi lahat tayo independent.

Ayaw natin na may nagsasabi sa atin.

Minsan sa yabang natin, ayaw natin turuan tayo.

That's why we live our life according to what we want to do.

Kung anong gusto natin gawin, yun lang.

Ayaw kong may magsasabi sa akin.

Ayaw ko ng taong mangangaral sa akin, tuturoan ako.

Ganyan tayo kay yabang.

Okay?

Kaya maraming tao na may yabang ay may bahid ng katangahan dahil sa yabang yan.

Okay?

But the new life we have in Jesus,  
it teaches us that we have to learn to live with a shepherd.

Amen?

Dapat matuto tayong mabuhay na may pastol.

In our life, we need to realize that Jesus is the good shepherd.

And how does he shepherds us?

How does he watch over us?

How does he guide us?

He guides us through the people that he assigns to us.

Sa mga bata, meron kayong mga magulang.

Okay, kids? You have mama and papa with you.

And through your parents, Jesus would lead you and guide you in growing up.

That's why, anong sinasabi sa Bible?

Children, obey.

Okay, mga children lang muna.

Mamaya na yung mga feeling children.

Okay, children?

Anong sinasabi sa Bible?

Children?

Okay.

Hindi pa naturo ni mam yan.

Okay, ulit.

Children?

Okay, children?

Obey your parents in the Lord.

So the child, if she is or he is going to learn to live with a shepherd,  
he has to learn to obey his parents first.

Kaya mga magulang, tinuturuan talaga natin yung mga batang sumunod sa atin.

We teach them to obey us.

In that way, as we begin to teach them to obey us,  
you are preparing their hearts to obey the shepherd himself.

Obedience is learned where?

At home.

That is the first place children should learn obedience.

Bago pa man yan mag-obey sa Diyos, bago yan mag-obey kay Jesus,  
naturoan yan mag-obey sa bahay.

Amen?

When a child is taught to obey at home,  
then the child when he enters the community,  
he obeys the priests, he obeys the leaders of the church,  
kasi naturoan na siya sa bahay nila.

And later on in life,

if he grows up and he becomes a professional in his field,  
he will also learn to obey his superiors.

Amen?

Ganyan lang yan, kasimple.

That's why today as we celebrate the Good Shepherd Sunday,  
we reflect upon the importance of knowing the voice of our shepherd.

Sabi ni Jesus, my sheep, he hears my voice,  
he knows my voice, he listens to my voice,  
I know them and they follow me.  
Tingnan niyo ha.

A sheep is someone who knows and hears the voice of the shepherd.  
That's why it is a challenge for us this Sunday to find out in your life,  
if Jesus is our Good Shepherd, etong tanong ko sa atin,  
do you hear his voice?

Amen?

And some people will say, well I don't hear him.

Hindi ko siya naririnig.

You see, that's not true.

Na hindi mo siya naririnig.

Naririnig mo siya pero maraming boses kang naririnig kasama doon.

We hear a lot of voices in the world today.

When you go out in the street, you would hear the voice of people in the market.

Bukas eleksyon natin, maririnig mo yung boses ng mga politicians natin.

Ang daming boses yan.

Wherever we go, we hear so many voices.

Minsan yung tinig ng galit natin, naririnig din natin.

Okay?

The voice of anger, the voice of hatred, it speaks to us everyday.

The voice of unforgiveness speaks to us everyday.

And Jesus also speaks to us everyday.

And when we say that we don't hear the voice of Jesus,  
it's because we don't listen to his voice.

We hear so many voices, and we listen to those voices.

And every time we set our mind, our heart to listen to the voices around us,  
hindi mo maririnig ang boses niya.

Okay?

Mas malakas ang boses ng mundo, the world is loud.

And it's often that yung naririnig natin yung boses ng mundo.

Kaya pag inaway tayo, ginalit tayo,

ang una mong boses na maririnig ay magsasabi sa'yo, gumanti ka.

Diba?

Ang sarap ng feeling na makaganti ka.

It makes you feel good.

Iniisip mo kung makaganti lang ako, sasarap yung feeling ko.

Because there's a voice telling you to do that.

Amen? May boses na nagsasabi.

Kinakausap ka.

At yung boses na yan, ang sinasabi dyan, yun din yung gusto mong gawin.

But when Christ speaks to us, the Good Shepherd speaks to us,

But when Christ speaks to us, the Good Shepherd speaks to us,

He speaks with a different voice.

Itong sinasabi ng Diyos sa atin, pag inaway tayo, inapit tayo,

ang sinasabi ni Cristo sa atin palagi, Mag? Mag?

Kita nyo, hindi nyo naririnig.

Okay, hirap na hirap kayo marinig, Mag?

Magpatawad, mabuti naman, naririnig nyo yan.

Yan ang sinasabi ni Cristo, magpatawad.

Okay?

And, sabi niya, my sheep, they hear my voice,  
and because they hear my voice, they follow me.

Okay? Sumusunod sila sa akin.

One of the many reasons why Christians today don't follow Christ anymore,  
because they cannot hear Him anymore.

And why are we struggling to hear Christ?

Is it because hindi na tayo kinakausap ni Cristo?

Is it because mahina yung boses ni Cristo? No!

We cannot hear Christ because we are not focused

and we are not seeking to hear that voice.

We listen to the voices around us.

Yung mga boses na nagsasabi sa atin,

gumanti ka, mas malakas yun, mas gusto mo yun.  
Kaya, yun din ang naririnig natin.  
Okay?  
We hear voices telling us to take advantage of people.  
Malakas din yung boses na yan,  
na nagsasabing, gamitin mo yung tao na yan.  
Alam naman natin na dapat hindi tayo gumagamit ng tao.  
Ang ginagamit natin, bagay lang.  
Ang tao ay minamahal yan, hindi ginagamit.  
Okay? Ang problema natin ngayon, binabaliktad natin.  
Minamahal natin yung mga bagay-bagay,  
ginagamit natin tao. Baliktad.  
You should not love the things and the goods of this world.  
We should love people and use the things.  
Use things and love people.  
Pero yung boses sa mundo sinasabi sa atin,  
no, love things and use people to get those things.  
Our hearts are so inclined to do that,  
and so that's the voice that we keep on hearing in our mind.  
So this Shepherd's Sunday,  
let us pause for a few minutes during this day  
and find out, am I hearing Christ?  
Because Jesus said very clearly,  
My sheep, they hear My voice.  
And if we are not hearing His voice,  
then there's a problem with us being sheep.  
Sino bang sinusundan mo? Sino bang naririnig mo sa buhay?  
Why do we need to hear the voice of Jesus  
so we can follow Jesus wherever He goes?  
Why do we need to follow Jesus?  
Bakit kailangan tayong sumunod kay Jesus?  
Well, Psalm 23, if you look at Psalm 23,  
it teaches us the benefits of following Christ  
the benefits of following Christ in our life.  
What happens when we begin to follow Jesus in our life?  
Okay, how many of you memorize Psalm 23?  
The Lord, my Shepherd, I shall not want.  
That word, I shall not want,  
it means that I will not want anything.  
I will not be lacking in my life.  
When the Lord is your Shepherd,  
you will lack no good thing in your life.  
Because a good Shepherd,  
kaya tinawag sa kanya, good, no?  
Jesus is the good Shepherd.  
So meaning to say that if Jesus is the good Shepherd,  
everything that comes out of Him is good.  
His intentions, His plans for your life  
is always good.  
Jesus has no hidden agenda  
when it comes to your life.  
Wala siyang tinatago, wala siyang ulterior motives.  
Because He is the good Shepherd,  
all His intentions, all His plans and purposes for your life  
is for your good.  
And because His plans and purposes for your life is good,  
coming out from a good heart, from the good Shepherd,  
then everything that will happen in your life  
if you follow Christ will always be good.  
Amen? Amen.  
Walang masama na intensyon si Cristo sa atin.  
Wala siyang masamang balak sa buhay natin.  
Everything He plans, everything He purposes for life is good.  
And so when we begin to follow Him,

it leads us into good always in our life.  
Hindi po tayo mapapahamak  
when we begin to follow the good Shepherd.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
What does that mean?  
If Jesus is your Shepherd, it means that you're following Christ.  
Where does He lead you? He leads you  
in green pastures.  
There is the abundance of His provisions for you.  
He leads me besides still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
Jesus has a way of calming our spirits.  
One of the things na nangyayari sa mundo ngayon  
at maraming namamatay na tao dahil sa stress.  
I talked to one doctor recently.  
Sabi niya, ingatan mo ang stress, Bishop.  
Don't be stressed so much  
because the number one killer of people today is stress.  
Ang daming sakit ngayon na stress-related.  
But if you begin to follow Christ,  
He leads you beside quiet waters.  
He restores your soul.  
He removes that anxiety from your life.  
That's the beauty of Christ when we follow Him.  
Amen?  
When we hear His voice, we recognize His voice,  
we begin to follow Him.  
What else?  
Now, if you have time this afternoon,  
you read Psalm 23 all throughout.  
Basahin niyong Psalm 23.  
That's the reason why we follow Christ.  
Because everything that He does for us  
as the Good Shepherd is always for our good.  
Amen?  
Hindi tayong mapapahamak dahil meron tayong isang Shepherd.  
He would lead us, would guide us, would secure our life.  
He leads us.  
The most...  
My favorite line in Psalm 23 is when David spoke,  
it was written,  
Even though I walk...  
Could you say that with me?  
Even though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil.  
Even though I walk through the valley of shadow of death,  
all of us, one day in our life,  
will walk through that valley.  
Amen?  
Amen.  
Gaya ng sinasabi ko,  
we will all come to the hour of death.  
Hello?  
Gaya tahimik tayo when we talk of the hour of death.  
Takot na takot tayo.  
But in Psalm 23, He said,  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
mga bagay-bagay na pagdadaan natin sa buhay natin.  
You know?  
There are things that we fear so much in our life.  
What are those things?  
May mga bagay na ngayon,  
may mga bagay na ngayon,  
etong araw na to, mahal na mahal ka ng tao.

Etong araw na to, lahat ng tao ay pinupuri ka.  
Then tomorrow when you wake up,  
suddenly people begin to hate you.  
People begin to bash you.  
Ngayon marami kang followers.  
Then one day you will wake up, inunfollow ka na.  
And nobody follows you anymore.  
You know?

Kagaya ni Jesus when He entered in Jerusalem.  
When He entered Jerusalem,  
everybody was praising Him.  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, Hosanna.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna.  
One week after,  
the same people who shouted praise the Lord  
are the same people who shouted crucify Him.  
Pako na yan sa cross.  
That is the shadow,  
the valley of the shadow of death.  
We will all go through that in our life.  
We will come to the lowest,  
darkest moments of our lives.  
It will really come.

Pero etong sinasabi ng isang tao na alam niya  
meron siyang shepherd na nagbabantay sa kanya,  
this is what he said,  
even though I would walk through that valley,  
I will not be afraid of death.  
Even.  
Amen.

It's one thing to go through  
that experience with so much  
fear and anxiety.  
It's another thing to face  
problems and trials in your life  
with so much confidence  
and peace  
knowing that your shepherd  
goes before you.  
It brings so much comfort in my life.  
I have problems in my life.  
May mga problema ako na hanggang ngayon  
hindi na susolve yung problema na yan.  
And I try to pray,  
I try to ask God,  
Lord, take this problem away from me.  
Hindi ko gusto tong problema na to.  
And I've been asking God for months,  
for years, hindi sinasagot ni Lord.  
And you know why?  
You know why?

Because  
God promised  
that in the midst of that,  
I will never leave you.  
I will never forsake you.  
God never promised us  
a problem-free life.  
Walang sinabi ang Diyos na bibigyan kita ng buhay  
na walang problema.  
That's not it.  
There's only one thing  
I know that God promised

and you can really count on this.  
I will never leave you.  
I will never forsake you.  
So even though the problem is not yet solved,  
the thought that God promised  
I will never forsake you.  
The thought that God is present in your life  
to protect you,  
to defend you,  
to bring the good for you,  
in the midst of that,  
in that shadow of death,  
in the shadow of the valley of the shadow of death,  
in the midst of that,  
God is bringing out the best for you.  
What a comfort.  
It gives me so much peace.  
Hindi na susolv yung problema,  
pero hindi na siya nakakatakot  
ang dating sa akin  
because now I know that He is with me.  
Your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
Your rod and your staff,  
what is that?  
When you talk of the rod and the staff  
and the shepherd,  
what does it mean?  
Your authority over my life  
because I don't run my life on my own.  
You run my life.  
You govern my life  
because I have turned over my life to you.  
Now you own me.  
Now you rule over me.  
I will be safe.  
Amen?  
I will be safe  
because God now protects me.  
God now defends me.  
I have surrendered my life to Him.  
That's why when we go through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will not fear evil anymore.  
Your rod, your authority,  
it comforts me.  
It comforts me that you are the one in control in my life  
even though sometimes I realize  
I'm not the one in control in my life  
but God is in control of my life.  
There are many things that I would like to happen in my life.  
When they do not happen,  
I don't worry anymore  
because I realize that,  
Lord, it's not what I want.  
It's what you want now that is important to me.  
And I know that everything God wants,  
everything that God wills,  
that will happen in my life.  
Amen?  
So the Easter is about new life.  
Our lives are changing.  
We should embrace the change in our life.  
I was watching the announcement of the new Pope  
and many people were wondering, you know,



because the Bishop of Rome will have an effect in the world  
whoever you put as Bishop of Rome, the Pope,  
it would affect the whole world.  
So I joined in prayer.  
I was praying to God, you know,  
send the right person to be the Pope  
because the Pope has a big effect in the world today.  
When he came out of that balcony,  
some people were surprised,  
why is that the Pope, you know?  
Some people don't like him.  
But praise be to God, we prayed to God  
and here's God's answer.  
Habemus Papa, we have now a Pope.  
Okay?  
And now I entrust him to God.  
The Pope is like us, he's also a sinner.  
He is not flawless.  
But like us, he is loved by God.  
Like us, he is called by God.  
Like us, God will guide him and lead him also.  
So it's beautiful.  
Okay? These things are happening.  
Tomorrow is election time.  
And many people are not afraid of the election.  
They are afraid right after election.  
What would happen to our nation?  
What will happen to our country after elections?  
Well, again, the Lord is our shepherd.  
We will entrust the life of our nation to God.  
Tomorrow, you go out and vote.  
Tomorrow, you exercise your right and your responsibility  
as a citizen of this nation.  
To choose.  
To choose who your leaders would be.  
Karapatan nyo yan.  
So when you go out, you choose.  
Now the person you're choosing may not be  
the way we want them to be.  
Maybe not perfect.  
But our shepherd who watch over our nation is perfect.  
Our shepherd who guides us and leads us as a nation  
hindi tayo ilalagay sa pahamak.  
Amen?  
And so we go out and vote.  
And after the elections,  
makikita na natin yung mga leaders.  
They were coming out.  
Lalabas na yung mga leaders natin.  
Eto na yung mga newly elected officials.  
Some of them you will like.  
Some of them you will not like at all.  
But praise be to God.  
In spite of that, God will always be our shepherd.  
He will lead us.  
He will guide us.  
He would protect our nation.  
Now Bishop, ang dami ng ganito nangyayari sa bayan natin.  
Well, I look at these things as God's teaching us as a people.  
Tinuturoan tayo.  
Kasi tayong mga Pilipino, meron tayong bahid ng...  
Okay, huwag niyo nang sabihin, masakit.  
Okay?  
Lahat tayo may bahid ng...

Katangahan at yabang minsan.  
And so God would teach us.  
God would give us lessons that we will learn.  
Eto nangyayari sa bayan natin.  
Tinuturoan tayo ng Diyos.  
But instead of blaming leaders,  
kasi itong binoto natin,  
kasi itong pinili natin,  
we will stop that already.  
Once you've elected the officials,  
meron na tayong mga officials natin,  
nandiyan na sila,  
start praying for them.  
Start believing God to use them  
and teach them  
and enable them to lead us  
to where God wants us to go as a people.  
Amen?  
Respect them.  
Pag sila inahalal na,  
nasa puwesto na,  
respetuhin natin sila.  
Okay?  
They may not be perfect,  
but praise God, our God is perfect.  
Do you see that?  
Do you see the security we have  
if you put your heart and mind  
to realize  
that we have  
a shepherd?  
Not only a shepherd,  
but the good shepherd  
who is always watching over us.  
Amen?  
I am hopeful  
for better things to come in our nation  
because of  
the God  
of our nation.  
The scriptures clearly says  
blessed is  
the nation whose God  
is the Lord.  
Kahit pa man may mga problema tayo,  
our nation is blessed  
because we have God on our side.  
Amen?  
So we have to learn  
to follow the shepherd.  
It begins with  
listening to him.  
Listening  
to his voice.  
Listening  
to his promptings in our life.  
Listening to his calling in our life.  
That's why this Sunday  
is also called vocation Sunday.  
Pag sinabi kasi natin vocation  
ang iniisip natin yung priesthood lang.  
Married life is a vocation.  
Who are married here?  
May mga asawa dito.

Your marriage is a vocation.  
Okay?  
Vocation came from the Greek word  
vokare.  
Vokare means to call.  
If you are married,  
that life, that married life  
is God's call to you.  
God invites you to participate,  
to join in that married life.  
It is his calling.  
Amen?  
People are called to be priests.  
People are called to be deacons.  
Some will become bishops.  
Some will become great mothers.  
Some will become great fathers.  
You know?  
Bakit natin pinapahalagan yung tawag natin?  
Because the one who calls us  
is the good shepherd.  
We know his voice.  
When he calls to us,  
because we know that voice,  
we follow.  
Sinusunod natin yan.  
We follow him.  
Amen?  
And sabi ni Jesus dito,  
here's my sheep, here's my voice,  
I know them.  
I know them.  
If there's one thing that I would not,  
I would like you to remember today,  
sa kadami-dami kong sinabi,  
etong gusto kong matandaan ninyo.  
Kilala  
ikaw ng Diyos.  
He knows your name.  
He knows your weaknesses.  
He knows your failures.  
He knows your mistakes.  
He knows your sin very well.  
He knows where you live.  
And he knows how you live.  
Amen?  
He knows you by heart.  
But that perfect knowledge of God,  
that perfect knowledge of God, of you,  
makes him  
perfect in his love for you.  
Kaya ang pwede talagang magmahal sa atin  
ang lubos ay ang Diyos,  
dahil ang Diyos lang  
ang nakakakilala sa atin  
ng lubos.  
Holy God knows us very well.  
That's why the Scripture encourages us,  
we should grow in our knowledge of Christ.  
Why do we want to know Jesus more in our life?  
So we can love him.  
The more we know him,  
the more we listen to his voice,  
the more we follow him,

the more we will  
love him in our life.  
Amen?  
Amen?  
So,  
this Sunday,  
also we celebrate Mother's Day.  
So yung topic natin tong araw na to,  
we talk of shepherds,  
we talk of a vocation,  
we talk about our election tomorrow,  
and we talk about Mother's Day.  
And we talk about mothers.  
Sa nanay naman tayo.  
Mothers  
are the best gift that God has given to us.  
We don't have perfect mothers.  
Sino sa inyo mayroong perfect na nanay?  
Okay.  
Yung nanay ko hindi perfect.  
Pag nagalit yan,  
mapipingot talaga tayo.  
Now, she's in heaven right now.  
At ang ayaw ko talaga sa nanay ko  
pag nagalit yan,  
alam niya talaga kung saan ako kurutin.  
Hindi yan kukurut sa braso ko  
dahil yung braso ko hindi nakakaramdam ng sakit.  
Alam niya talaga kung saan ako kurutin.  
So kung medyo pasaway na ako,  
my mother will just call me,  
sabi niya, halika, lapit ka dito.  
Ang ginagawa ko, binibigay ko yung braso ko sa kanya.  
Kasi alam kong  
kukurutin niya ako eh.  
Sabi ko nga, kung buhay pa siya ngayon,  
pwede ko siyang i-report sa bantay bata.  
Now, sa panahon namin, wala pang bantay bata.  
Kaya pag tinawag ka ng nanay mo,  
talagang makukurut ka.  
So binibigay ko yung braso ko  
para dito ako kurutin ng nanay ko  
dahil malakas to, hindi nakakaramdam ng sakit.  
It doesn't feel pain.  
But my mother knows me so much.  
Kaya pag lumapit ako, nakaganyan yung braso ko,  
ang gagawin ng nanay ko,  
tatalikod ako,  
papatawa rin,  
at dito sa singit ako kukurutin.  
Ito yung pinakamasakit na parte ng katawan.  
Doon ako kukurutin ng nanay ko.  
And I was so angry  
pag kinukurut ako ng nanay ko.  
Pag laki ko,  
iiwan ko talaga tong babaeng na to.  
Pag laki ko,  
idedemanda ko to.  
But today,  
she's in heaven  
and I miss her so much.  
Namimiss ko talaga yung nanay ko.  
One of the things I miss  
of my mother,

maliban doon sa luto niya,  
namimiss ko yung kurut niya sa singit ko.  
Kasi wala nang kumukurut diyan.  
Nanay lang talagang nagkukurut diyan.  
I miss that.  
Siguro pagdating ko sa langit one of these days,  
ang una akong gagawin,  
magpapakurut ako sa singit ko  
sa nanay ko na namimiss ko.  
So today, we celebrate our mothers.  
We don't have perfect mothers.  
They are not flawless.  
They make mistakes.  
But praise God,  
mothers are God's gift to us.  
And we are so grateful to them.  
Now, later on,  
bago tayo umuwi,  
I would like to bless the mothers  
and I will pray for you.  
So, we rejoice in the Lord today.  
This is the day the Lord has made for us.  
We will rejoice.  
We are a people with a shepherd.  
And living the new life  
means we have to learn to live  
with a shepherd.  
Guiding us.  
Instructing us.  
Telling us on the way that we should go.  
Do not resist Him.  
Listen to Him.  
The more we listen to Him,  
the more we will follow Him.  
And the more we follow Him,  
the more we will know Him.  
And the more we know Him,  
the more we fall in love with Him  
and the more we love Him.