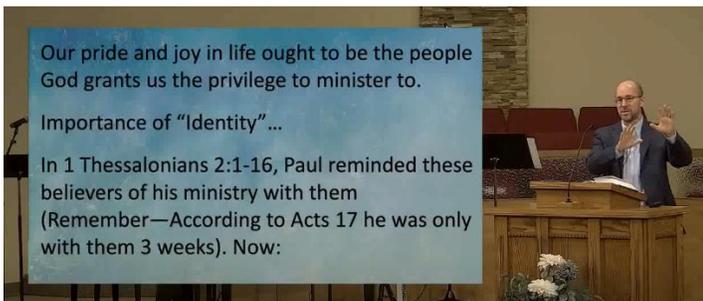


Obviously, my focus over the past couple of months has been upon the launch of this class. By the end of August—after a number of months of studying, writing, and compiling—I completed the 211 pages of course notes. That was a project! Then I turned my attention to the technical side of the class—i.e. determining the best platform to use, making sure our technology, both for me here in the States and for our students in the Philippines, was in place and functional, etc. We began promoting the course and launched on Monday, September 20.

Our new Assistant Director of Haven of Grace Seminary, Pastor Lowell Arbolario, has been an indispensable help over the past few months. He has worked diligently to make sure we have everything we need for the launch—including having the course notes printed, setting up the classrooms, registering the students, etc. We are so grateful the Lord led us to the right man for this position. We could not have offered this online course without him. In addition to all of this work, Pastor Lowell and I have been meeting weekly for a time of mentorship and fellowship. Each week we spend time discussing a chapter (or a portion) of a book we are reading together. We are now at the end of John MacArthur’s book, *Called to Lead*, and the study has been a help to both of us.

In addition to the preparations for the course, I have also had numerous opportunities to preach for fellow pastors. In the middle of August, I received a call on a Saturday morning asking if I would fill in the next day (August 15) for a pastor who had a family member test positive for COVID. On either side of that Sunday (August 8 & 22), I also had the chance to preach at our home church, Lighthouse Baptist Church (Newark, DE). Then, on August 29, I preached for my friend, Dave Field, at Truth Bible Church (Alloway, NJ) as he and his family went on vacation. It made for a busy month!



On the family front, Sarah and the children have been in full swing with school (having started at the beginning of August). Everyone is doing well in their schoolwork, and it provides a good structure for our daily routines. Micah is now officially in high school, having started 9th Grade this year. From there, we have Kiersten in 8th Grade, Lydia in 5th Grade, Jonas in 2nd Grade (though doing 3rd Grade work), and Emi playing Tea Party with her baby dolls and stuffed animals. We have had some time to relax as well. At the start of September, we enjoyed a couple of days of vacation at the Shore along with my (Tim’s) family. We are truly thankful for God’s blessings to our family.

Once more, we are so grateful for your prayers and support as we continue the work of training Filipinos for the gospel ministry.

Serving Christ,
The Valiantes

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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Prayer Requests:

For our course on 1 Corinthians. Please specifically pray for:

- God to empower my teaching
- The students to receive the instruction well
- The technology to work well (i.e. good internet connections on both sides / projectors and laptops to function properly etc.)
- No COVID outbreaks (which would result in lockdowns and cancelled classes)
- Grace and strength for me as I teach our Monday class starting at 4:40am

Praises To God:

- For a great start to our course: 1 Corinthians