



Delighting in God's Deliverance

Psalm 18

English Services

(8 & 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.)

Prelude
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Missions Testimony
Worship through Fellowship
Community Prayer
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Pastor BJ Sebastian
Worship through Giving
Response Song
Benediction

Filipino Service

(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda
Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan
Patotoo
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita
Panalangin ng Komunidad
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Pastor BJ Sebastian
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
Tugon na Awit
Bendisyon



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Today's Message (17/18 August 2019) / *Psalm 18*

DELIGHTING
IN GOD'S
DELIVERANCE
BEGINS WITH A
LOVING FAITH
RELATIONSHIP
WITH HIM.

Psalm 18 begins and ends with a doxology—an expression of love, faith and praise for a faithful, powerful and gracious God. In between those two bookends of praise, are three wonderful elements of a life in Christ.

1. DECLARATION OF FAITH IN GOD (vv. 1-3)

- a. Expressed in love (v. 1)
- b. Kept by His strength (v. 2)
- c. Worthy of praise (v. 3)

2. DELIVERANCE FROM DISTRESS (vv. 4-19)

- a. Life-threatening distress (vv. 4-6)
- b. Earth-shaking rescue (vv. 7-19)

3. DEVOTION TO RIGHTEOUSNESS (vv. 20-30)

- a. Righteousness rewarded (vv. 20-24)
- b. Righteousness inspired by a perfect God (vv. 25-30)

Traditional Service

(August 17, Sat., 6:00 p.m.)

Prelude

Call To Worship

Worship Through Praise

Worship Through Fellowship

Worship Through Giving

Missions Testimony

Community Prayer

Preparatory Hymn

Scripture Reading

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4. DEPENDENCE ON GOD'S POWER (vv. 31-45)

- a. For blameless character (vv. 31-35)
- b. For victory in war (vv. 36-42)
- c. For political success (vv. 43-45)

5. DELIGHTING IN GOD'S DELIVERANCE (vv. 46-50)

- a. Praise for His present deliverance (vv. 46-48)
- b. Praise for His future salvation (vv. 49-50)

APPLICATION

1. Delighting in God's deliverance begins with a loving faith relationship with Him.
2. That relationship with God is blessed with deliverance from distress, not the absence of trouble; but triumph over trials.
3. That relationship must be marked by a devotion to righteousness of a life inspired by the righteousness of God imputed on us by Christ.
4. That relationship must be governed by our dependence on the power of God and not our own strength, for we have none apart from Him.
5. God's deliverance must be for the praise of His glorious grace! ■

The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Ian de Ocampo

If you are a human being, made in God's image, and willing to follow Jesus Christ and all His ways, You are invited to join God on a mission.

The one God who created this world is doing something. He is creating things, naming them, and organizing creation according to what He deems good.

One of the things He thought was good was to create human beings as His representatives or His image in this world. In this world of chaos, God wanted us to join Him in doing good things and creating a good world. But instead of doing good, we all did selfish things. We wanted to be in control, we wanted more power, more money, more fame. We missed on the goodness of God and we fell short as bearers of God's goodness.

There is hope however, through Jesus Christ, the one who fulfilled what it means to be the Image of God. God in Christ revealed to us what it truly meant to be human, the new Adam.

Christ showed us compassion, love, and mercy. He commanded us to love God and to love our neighbor and we do that by drawing closer to God and knowing him more as He has revealed himself through Christ in scripture and through loving our neighbor. As we do these things, we represent the Kingdom of God, bringing His good news of salvation from the wreck of sin we have brought in. We proclaim Christ and His resurrection to all the earth. We are invited to join Him in His Mission.

So wherever you are, be on Mission with God. As the church gathered on Sundays and scattered on the weekdays we are His representatives. Go into all the earth and demonstrate His Kingdom, share the good news, that there is a Christ who invites us to be on Mission, to be once again made in His Image.

Would you like to be on Mission with God? ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



#PARENTSTALK

Parents, establish and build your relationship with your children

August 9, 16, 23, 30 (Fris), 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Sign-up (at the info booth) for a free parenting book! Please contact 0917 532 7663 for details.



PINGPONG MINISTRY

Join us in this safe and low-impact sport!

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to invite others on Aug. 17, 24, 31 (Sats), 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bring your own towels and extra shirt. Extra rackets are available if you don't have one.

DISCOVERING OUR PLACE IN THIS WORLD

Sabbath Retreat 2019

August 23-25 (Fri-Sun), Hacienda Isabella
Fee: P2,500, registration is extended until August 18 (Today) at the ministry information booth, or through sabbath2019.weebly.com.
Payment is at the infobooth at the lobby.

WORDBANK BS TRAINING

Precept training for banking and finance professionals with Elder Ave Gaspar

September 8 (Sun), 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up at the booth for your free material and snack!

TURNING ADVERSITY TO STRENGTH

3R's: Annual Retreat of GCF Women's Ministry

Open to women 18 years old and above
September 27-29 (Fri-Sun), at MMRC
Speaker: Grace Shangkuan Koo, Ph.D.
Early bird fee: P2,500 (until September 1)
Regular fee: P3,500 (until September 15)
For details, contact 0917 532 1921.

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by the Basilad family and the Messiah College. The flowers are also given by Teresita Roseus as thanksgiving for healing and provisions. Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

Burning Hearts Chronicles GG

Group for couples
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Rm. B123

Jars of Clay GG

Group for women
Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Rm. B512

Best Together in Christ

Group for couples
Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Rm. B508

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Mixed group
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 nn.
Rm. B514

If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form of this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag, or submit it at the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0917 779 1549.

Growth Group Leaders Training 1

September 1, 8, 15, and 22 (Suns)
12:00-3:00 p.m. at A303

DMG Assembly

All small group leaders are invited
September 7 (Sat), 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / August 2019

AUGUST	Projected	Rcvd., Aug. 1-15	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Aug 15
General Funds	7,448,848	3,167,506	General Funds	64,091,938	60,414,975
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	683,602	Mission Support Fund	14,283,253	9,726,333
Others (Designated, etc.)	735,278	191,788	Others (Designated, etc.)	8,573,434	8,799,866
TOTAL	9,501,824	4,042,896	TOTAL	86,948,625	78,941,174

GCF Month of Prayer & Fasting

Prayer points for August 19-24



AUGUST 19 | DAY 7 | Appeal to the Lord to help GCF be a surrendered church—one that is characterized by following Christ (*1 Corinthians 11:1*).

AUGUST 20 | DAY 8 | Pray that GCF members would exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of us may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (*Hebrews 3:13*).

AUGUST 21 | DAY 9 | Ask God for His grace in helping GCF consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near (*Hebrews 10:24-25*).

AUGUST 22 | DAY 10 | Pray that GCF members would have genuine love for the Lord, for each other, and for the world. Ask for God’s grace to help us all abhor what is evil and hold fast to what is good; to love one another with brotherly affection and to outdo one another in showing honor. Pray that GCF would not be slothful in zeal, but would be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Ask that He would guide you in rejoicing in hope, being patient in tribulation, being constant in prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, and seeking to show hospitality (*Romans 12:9-13*).

AUGUST 23 | DAY 11 | Pray that GCF will be enriched in every way so that we can be generous on every occasion, and that our generosity will result in thanksgiving to God in the hearts of those on the receiving end (*2 Corinthians 9:11*).

AUGUST 24 | DAY 12 | Let us bow our knees before the Father, imploring that according to the riches of His glory He may grant GCF to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner being of each member, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith—that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God (*Ephesians 3:14-19*).

PRAYER
at the Chapel

The GCF Hour of Prayer
Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.

Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Weeknight Prayer Gatherings
Except Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.

ON THE COVER: *The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.* —Psalm 18:2 (photo of the Antelope Canyon from pixabay.com)



Greenhills Christian Fellowship
Know Christ and Make Him Known

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How may we SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth. Please check all that is applicable:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord today.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- I want to join a Growth Group.**
(Specify age group: _____)
(Specify group composition: _____)
- I want to start a Growth Group.
- I want to host a Growth Group.

Please share with us some information about yourself:

Name: _____

Age: ____ Landline no.: _____

Mobile no.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Year of membership: _____

Name of Growth Group (if you already have one): _____

*Today is **17/18 August 2019**, and I attended the 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. (Sat) (encircle the time).*

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

God's Way to Heaven

THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (*Isaiah 6:3*). **He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (*1 Peter 1:16*).

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

Man is sinful: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (*Romans 3:23*).
Sin demands a penalty: "For the wages of sin is death" (*Romans 6:23*).

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

Christ is the expression of God's love for us: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (*Romans 5:8*). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (*1 Peter 3:18*). **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (*2 Corinthians 5:18*).

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (*Romans 10:9*).

PRAYER: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.

For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.