



In God I Trust

Psalm 25

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
Elder Marc Sosmeña
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 (19/20 October 2019) / *Psalm 24*

TRUSTING
IN THE LORD
INCLUDES
LIVING
RIGHTLY
BEFORE HIM.

INTRODUCTION

Psalm 25 is a personal lament Psalm authored by David. In this Psalm he asks God for help for various troubles he experiences in life. But beyond David's personal prayer for God's guidance, forgiveness and deliverance, this Psalm also encompasses the prayer of the worshipping community and thus it also functions as a community lament.

At the very outset, the emphasis of David's lament rests on the impact of adversity in his personal life and his response to such experience—it caused him to examine his heart, to seek God's guidance, and to submit to the Lord. In his prayer, David demonstrates for us a remarkable desire to conform to God's ways and to walk in his paths. This divine chastisement produces two positive results: a) humility and b) growth in godliness. These are important qualities that keep us in tune with God.

God's compassion is greater than our greatest sorrow and tragedy! Yes, we mourn but we are also comforted by the constancy of His presence. He is what He says He is—the God of comfort, the God who guides, the God who heals and forgives. He never leaves nor forsakes us!

It is often in the crucibles of life or in tragedy that we encounter the Lord and grow deeper in Him. Instead of seeking to understand the logic of his predicament; instead of asking God to explain to him the reasons for his adversaries' treachery and betrayal, David lifts himself before God in complete surrender. There are four movements we will see in this Psalm.

1. DAVID _____ HIMSELF BEFORE GOD IN FULL SUBMISSION (vv. 1-3)

- a. He **approaches** God in total dependence (v. 1).
- b. He **asserts** his full trust and hope in God alone (vv. 2-3a).

Traditional Service

(October 19, Sat., 6:00 p.m.)

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Worship Through Fellowship

Worship Through Giving

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- c. He *adheres* on to the promise that those who wait for God shall not be put to shame or disappointed (v. 3).

While in his posture of full submission...

2. DAVID _____ TO GOD FOR GUIDANCE AND FORGIVENESS (vv. 4-7)

- a. He *resolves* in his heart to know and experience God's ways (vv. 4-5).
- b. He *relies* on God's enduring mercy and steadfast love (v. 6).
- c. He *requests* God not to remember the sins of his youth and transgressions on the basis of God's compassion and lovingkindness (vv. 7, 11).

3. DAVID _____ GOD FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS (vv. 8-11)

- a. He *acknowledges* that God is good and upright and He leads the humble to the right path (vv. 8-9).
- b. He *asseverates* God's everlasting covenant and testimonies (v. 10).
- c. He *anchors* his life on God's great and glorious Name (v. 11).

4. DAVID _____ HIS CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE (vv. 12-22)

- a. *Discerns* God's instructions and follows His way (v. 12).
- b. *Delights* in God's blessings (v. 13).
- c. God *delivers*, preserves and calls His friend (vv. 14-22).

FINAL THOUGHTS

In the US Dollar Bill, we read the motto "In God We Trust." The motto was placed on United States coins largely because of the increased religious sentiment existing during the Civil War (US Department of Treasury, treasury.gov).

Sadly, the money that's supposed to recognize God has become the god for many. The motto "In God We Trust" has become "In Gold We Trust".

The same motto "In God We Trust" is also inscribed atop our condominium developed by Cityland. What makes the difference here is that the Christian owner and developer is a deeply committed believer who declares his personal experience of God's testimony of faithfulness.

Trusting in the Lord includes living rightly before Him. May integrity and uprightness preserve us (v. 21). O God, in You we trust! In You we declare our allegiance! ■

REACHING OUR *OIKOS*: BEFRIENDING SINNERS?

In the passage recorded by Matthew and Luke, we see Jesus rebuking the “people of this generation” because they rejected the message and example of both John the Baptist and the Son of Man, Jesus: “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.” (Matthew 11:18-19, ESV)

But the question to ask is, since Jesus was a friend to sinners, what is the extent of his friendship with them? Jesus was a friend of sinners not because he winked at sin, ignored sin, or enjoyed light-hearted revelry with those engaged in immorality. Jesus was a friend of sinners in that he came to save sinners and was very pleased to welcome sinners who were open to the gospel, sorry for their sins, and on their way to putting their faith in Him. As Kevin DeYoung* puts it:

As in the story of Jesus calling Matthew the tax collector to be his disciple (Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32), we find Jesus reclining at table with many tax collectors and sinners, “for there were many who followed him” (Mark 2:15). When the scribes and Pharisees grumbled about the company he keeps, Jesus tells them that he has “not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:32).”

Jesus’ approach to friendship then teaches us today how we ought to humbly walk

alongside our *oikos*—that we too as Christians are sinners who need to repent and need the forgiveness of Jesus. Let us pray then for God’s leading as we humbly build relationships with our neighbors in order that they, too, would repent and be related to Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Would you then now prayerfully consider how you can start reaching out to your *oikos*?

MISSIONAL DISCIPLE MAKING (MDM) MINISTRY PRAYER ITEMS

We must live out and share the gospel message to others. We can start doing so in small ways by learning, supporting and being involved in what God is doing through our church:

- 1. Pray and support our new church plant initiative, GCF Cagayan de Oro**, as Pastor Eugene Geanga leads the church in making disciples in uptown CDO and beyond.
- 2. Pray for the people ministered to by Operation Compassion’s Medical Mission to Mindoro** (October 17-20)—that the Gospel would truly penetrate of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro. Pray to join them in one of their mission trips in 2020!
- 3. Pray for Titus 2 Growth Group’s short-term cross-cultural mission trip to Cambodia**, as they plan to do campus ministry, as well as minister to the children and women of the Khmer people. Pray that you and your GG can also do this next year ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



PASTORS' APPRECIATION MONTH

This whole month of October

Growth Groups are encouraged to host pastors and their families to appreciate them. For more details and to sign-up, visit the info booth.



WELLNESS IN THE SENIOR YEARS

2019 Seniors' Luncheon

Oct. 26 (Sat), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fellowship Hall
With free medical check-up
Registration is until October 20. Visit the booth or contact 0917 532 7713 for more details.



FAMILY AND LEADERSHIP IN THE EYES OF A SUPAMOM

Oct. 26 (Sat), 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at BM07-08
Speaker: Capt. Zalve Brazal Doloroso
Contact 0919 564 9004 for more details.



SEEING I TO I? EXPERIENCING GRACE IN MARRIAGE

GCF Couples' Retreat 2019

November 9-10 (Sat-Sun) at CCT Tagaytay
Fee: P2,500/couple. Reg. deadline is on Nov. 3 (Sun). For more details, please visit the info booth or contact 0917 532 7713.



DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS

Open to all GCFers and Growth Groups

November 10 (Sun), 12-3 p.m., Fellowship Hall
To register, text SGI Nov2019<space>Your Name to 0917 532 7740. Pre-registration is required. Lunch and materials will be provided.

CHURCH LEADERS ELECTION 2019

Nomination Period: **October 5-27**

Pre-qualification Period: **November 2-16**

Publication of List of Candidates: **November 30-December 8**

Election Day: **December 14-15**

Nomination forms are available at the info booth every Sunday or with Ms. Grace Mosquera at the 3rd floor office.

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

Sunflowers Growth Group

Group for women

Sundays, 9:30-11:00:30 a.m.
Rm. B506

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

Sowers 2

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.

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by an anonymous donor and the Basilad family. Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / October 2019

OCTOBER	Projected	Rcvd., Oct. 1-15	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Oct 15
General Funds	7,875,354	3,584,312	General Funds	78,833,808	77,501,485
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	509,233	Mission Support Fund	16,918,649	11,844,886
Others (Designated, etc.)	508,402	244,638	Others (Designated, etc.)	9,777,590	11,538,009
TOTAL	9,701,454	4,338,182	TOTAL	105,530,047	100,884,380

Leverage your life for the Great Commission

BY JULIET DIDULO

I continue to praise and thank God for the Ignite 2019 Global Forum entitled, “This is My Now”, which was held last August 29 to September 1 in Bali, Indonesia.

Ignite is a global summit for key executives and businessmen, hosted by Campus Crusade for Christ Southeast Asia. It aims to inspire and empower workplace leaders for optimized L.I.F.E.—Leadership, Influence, Finances and Expertise—for the fulfillment of the Great Commission in their countries and worldwide.

About 150 business influencers and CCC team leaders from 20 different countries gathered together during the conference for a time of vision-casting and purposeful planning on how we can continually mobilize and further equip Christians in the marketplace to advance God’s kingdom in their spheres of influence.

Our devotional speaker, Mark McClendon, the Director of Christian Broadcasting Network – Indonesia, gave a powerful message that challenged the business leaders to be bold in contributing their L.I.F.E. and to take action on God-directed kingdom opportunities!

Our Ignite Area Coordinator for South Asia region, Mr. Berlin Vijaishraj, also shared exciting updates on how business

influencers are being mobilized, while Dr. Keith Dindi, our Ignite Area Coordinator for Africa and the Middle East, shared vision-building stories on how more L.I.F.E. partners are being raised-up in their region.

It was so inspiring to see the business leaders respond prayerfully to the challenge of multiplying their L.I.F.E. and mobilizing marketplace influencers to accelerate the fulfillment of the Great Commission in their respective countries.

The whole summit was truly an experience of God’s Spirit powerfully moving in our midst! What a great privilege and joy to be actively involved in what God is doing across many nations!

And with that, may I also invite you to take advantage of GCF’s various initiatives and ministry opportunities to leverage your L.I.F.E. for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Whether you are a student, an employee, a business owner or a homemaker, God has sovereignly planted you where you are because He wants to use you for His glory and kingdom agenda in your areas of influence.

We march on with great confidence because He has given us a great promise ■

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: *All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.—Psalm 25:10 (pathway to the Hveradalir geyser site in Iceland; photo from unsplash.com).*



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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 **19/20 October 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.