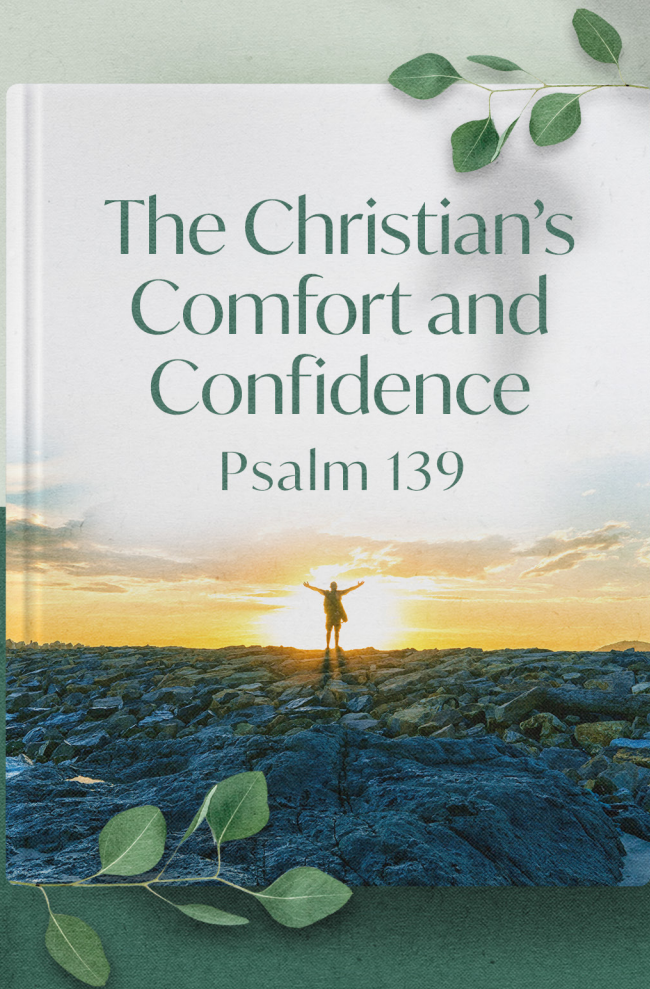


The Psalms

Songs to Keep Your Life in Tune



Message Guide | November 29, 2020

The Christian's Comfort and Confidence

Today's Message (29 November 2020) / Psalm 139

Main Truth: God is the believer's comfort and confidence and the wicked's dread and destruction.

GROUP/FAMILY Discussion Questions

1. Is the truth that God knows everything about you a comforting thought? Why or why not?
2. With everything that has happened during this unprecedented year, share with your group why you are thankful that God is always with you.
3. Discuss with your group why it is important for believers to recognize and not align themselves with wickedness.
4. Share with the group the time when you believed Jesus as your Lord and Savior and repented of your sins. What in Psalm 139:23-24 would describe what the Lord did in your heart at that time?

We feel naturally uncomfortable when we are asked very personal questions. We do not want to reveal intimate secrets we keep in our hearts. We are disturbed that technology now could follow and see us almost anywhere we go. David knew that God sees inside his heart. He knew that God always knows where he is and is with him all the time. David is not uncomfortable. He is not disturbed. Are we? And because God sees his heart, David wants God to root out sin in his heart. David hates sin. Do we?

1. GOD'S COMFORTING ATTRIBUTES

- A. Comfort from God's omniscience (vv. 1-6) - God knows all things. He knows everything about us. He knows our actions, motives, ways, inclinations, choices, thoughts and words even before we speak. God knows us perfectly. He knows us better than we know ourselves. Although hard to fathom, it is wonderfully comforting to know that God knows our frailties and imperfections. In his goodness, he knows where he needs to mold us to be more like Christ.
- B. Comfort from God's omnipresence (vv. 7-12) - God is everywhere. There is no place we can go from his Spirit. There is no situation we find ourselves where he is not with us. Both in our delightful or dark days, his pervasive presence is always with us. He does not leave us in the darkness of despair so that we despise him. Nor does he abandon us absorbed in the pleasures of our possessions that we forget him. We are comforted by the security of his constant presence with us. We would be lost if he is not always with us. He leads us and holds us wherever we are.
- C. Comfort from God's omnipotence (vv.13-19) - God is all-powerful. God created all things. He created our bodies. All of God's works are wonderful. That includes all of us. He ordained our days in his book. He gives meaningful life to our days. He purposely knits and weaves the days of our lives. We are his workmanship, his masterpiece. God created us so that we can be awake and alive with him all our days-on earth and in eternity. This is our great comfort if we are in Christ.

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2. DAVID'S CONFIDENT ASSURANCES

- A. Confident that God will slay the wicked (vv. 19-20) - Believers can be assured that justice will be meted out by God against evil doers. God will destroy those who destroy others; those who think vile of God; God's enemies who do not hallow his name. The wicked lives in dread of God as they await their final destruction.
- B. Confident that God has set him apart from the wicked (vv. 21-22) - Believers are Spirit-assured saints. They know with confidence they are separated from sin and set apart for Christ. Being in the kingdom of light, they have nothing to do with the kingdom of darkness. They hate and loath sin. Sin is our enemy. In the same way God rejects the wicked, so should the saints. We don't align ourselves with the wicked.
- C. Confident in God who searches his heart (vv.23-24a) - Repentant believers in Christ can confidently ask God to search their hearts using Scriptures as their mirror. They desire that God root out sin in their lives. God's love, mercy and grace assure them that their crimson guilt has been washed white as snow. No one can bring any charge against those in Christ. We can ask God to remove any anxious thoughts that rob us of our assurance and security in Christ. In contrast, unrepentant sinners carry their guilt. They can only dread God's condemnation and their destruction. We pray they repent and be saved in Christ.
- D. Confident that God will lead him to eternal life (v. 24b) - Having rejected and repented of their wicked ways, believers are assured of God's forgiving grace. In Christ, we are no longer his enemies. We are his sheep. The sheep of the Good Shepherd are assured that goodness and mercy will follow us all our days. We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. In contrast, the wicked dread their destruction in hell, away from the Lord, for eternity.

Truth: We must hate sin if we are to be assured of eternal life with God.

What do you and I need to do to show God that we hate and reject sin? How will we demonstrate that our hatred of sin is not due to self-righteousness or a holier than thou attitude?

FINAL THOUGHTS

God is our comfort and confidence. Like David, let us ask God to thoroughly search our hearts. Allow the word of God to shine his light into the dark corners of our souls. Let it be our comfort that the Spirit convicts us of any sin that God hates. Let us not flee from God's presence. Let us be comforted that God is always with us. We stand confident in God's assurance in Christ. Our guaranteed destiny in Christ is life everlasting with God. We will not be like the wicked who dread God and whose destiny is destruction. ■

**COVID-19. Economic Recession. Typhoons.
Lockdown. Loss of jobs. Death.**

#WhereWasGod

We all have our own stories to tell — stories of pain and anxiety; stories of victories and new beginnings.

With all that's happened in 2020, we look back and see the good and bad. Through all these, we ask, WHERE WAS GOD?

Let your voice be heard. Share your story!

Post a 15-second video of yourself answering the question “Where Was God?” through the ups and downs in your life this 2020.

1. Use the hashtag #WhereWasGod
2. Make your post public
3. Tag @GCF.Ortigas or @GreenhillsChristianFellowship on Facebook & Instagram



**GCF ORTIGAS
CHRISTMAS MUSICALE
12.20.2020**

ONLINE & ON-SITE

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**We look forward to knowing God even more through this season
as we make Him known to our friends and family at EMMANUEL!**

CHURCH UPDATES

GCF RELIEF OPERATIONS FOR #UlyssesPH VICTIMS

We are accepting CASH donations for the typhoon victims. Email a copy of your transaction slip to finance@gcf.org.ph with the subject "Typhoon Ulysses"

EMMANUEL — GCF CHRISTMAS MUSICALE 2020

Celebrate Christ with us on December 20, 2020. Invite your friends and family as we proclaim the good news, God with us!

ELECTION OF CHURCH LEADERS

Church members can visit election.gcf.org.ph to see the list of candidates for the Board of Elders and Council of Deacons.

PRE-REGISTER FOR THE IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE

To know more about the safety guidelines and restrictions, and to reserve a seat, visit <https://tinyurl.com/GCFreservation>. Pre-registration is open every week from Wednesday (5:00pm) to Saturday (11:59pm) or upon full booking, whichever comes first.

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Are you here for the FIRST TIME? We'd love to get to know you more! Visit tinyurl.com/GCFwelcome today!

BELONGING (Midweek Series): EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH MEDIA

December 2 (Wed), 8:00 p.m., GCF Facebook Page

REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS

Mondays and Fridays, 8:00 p.m., GCF Facebook Page

LIVestream (Youth LIVE Worship)

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m. on [youtube.com/user/gcfyouthlive](https://www.youtube.com/user/gcfyouthlive)

KIDS' L.I.F.E. ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, 1:00 p.m. on Facebook at [@GCFKidsLIFE](https://www.facebook.com/GCFKidsLIFE)

THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. via Zoom

BETHEL GROWTH GROUP (WOMEN AGES 40 AND ABOVE)

Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m., via Messenger chatroom, with Baby Bolaños

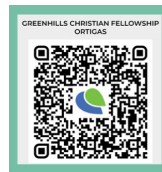
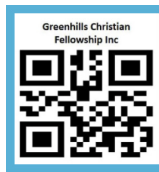
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For offerings during this time, please consider the following options:

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Account Name: Greenhills Christian Fellowship, Inc.

- **BDO** (BDO Corporate Center Branch) • **Metrobank** (Ortigas Sapphire Branch)
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Savings Account 1112-02006218 (Scan QR code below)
- **UnionBank** (UB Plaza Branch)
Checking Account 0005-9001-0426
- **Robinsons Bank** (Main Office Branch)
Savings Account 1000-3010-0017-355
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Please visit www.gcf.org.ph/give for instructions.

Please email a copy of your transaction document to finance@gcf.org.ph so your giving can be properly recorded and an official receipt can be sent to you.

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS

You may also designate your giving to our church's efforts to help frontliners and the vulnerable. Just indicate "For COVID-19 fund" when you email your transaction document ■



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