

GCFSM SUNDAY

JANUARY 1, 2023 | SERMON OUTLINE ISSUE #01

FINDING REST IN GOD'S PERSON, POWER, AND PRESENCE

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As we transition from 2022 to 2023, God gave me a warning against chronic busyness and at the same time wisdom to overcome such danger. When we are too preoccupied with the temporal things of this world, we find ourselves in a state of restlessness. When we are restless, it will be difficult to see and sense the work and presence of God.

But God made clear the critical need for us to center ourselves in Christ to experience genuine restedness in the face of restlessness. Genuine restedness is not a life totally free from physical weariness and even emotional stress. It is not a life free from pressures, problems, and predicaments.

Genuine restedness is a life at peace in the person, power, and presence of Christ amidst darkness, difficulties, and disappointments. It is a life characterized with a posture of complete submission to the authority and full surrender to the will of Christ in our lives.

In Matthew 11:25-30, after pronouncing judgments upon the cities which rejected Him, Jesus Christ praised the Father for His sovereign plan of salvation for those who humbled themselves

before Him. Jesus also reaffirmed the source of His authority and intimate relationship with the Father. At the end, He issued an invitation for all who are weary and burdened to find rest in Him.

If we are to find genuine restedness this 2023, we need to center down in Jesus Christ. There is a critical need for us to know more about Him (who He is), experience more of His power (what He can do), and sense more His presence (where He is) every moment at every season of our life.

In this introductory sermon of our series Finding Rest in God's Person, Power, and Presence, we will learn two key theological truths that serve as a solid foundation on which we can stand even in times of crisis. We will also learn practical lessons on how to be rested no matter what life throws at us this New Year! ✠

SERMON OUTLINE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FAITH ALONE IN CHRIST ALONE**
FAICA Ministry
Feeding Program in TS Cruz
Every Tue, Thur & Sat
8:30 - 10:30 AM
Volunteers needed!
- **JOIN A GROWTH GROUP**
If you still aren't part of a growth group, we highly encourage to join one. You can get in touch with us through the GCF South Metro FB Page, GCF South Metro YouTube or email us at email@gcfsouthmetro.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 25, 2022 and
January 1, 2023

Morning Service - 10:30 AM
Afternoon Service - 4:00 PM

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