

# GCFSM SUNDAY

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## OUR MERCIFUL GOD

REV. LITO VILLORIA | PSALM 57

Psalm 57 was written by David in a cave when he fled from Saul. David knew in his heart that he did not do anything against him, and yet, Saul was determined to kill him because of envy and jealousy. David had opportunities to kill Saul, but he did not, for David knew he could not touch the Lord's anointed. In this psalm, David prayed for deliverance from his enemies, not so much for his benefit, but for the glory of God (Psalm 57:5, 11).

In the first part of the psalm, David appealed for God's mercy. As he took refuge in Him, David expressed confidence God would preserve him from the onslaught of his enemies. Despite his predicament, David knew God was at work to fulfill His purposes for him. In God's timing, His steadfast love and faithfulness would deliver him from shame (57:1-3).

David also acknowledged his difficult situation. His confidence in God did not

immediately bring light to his dark situation. He still felt like being in a den of dangerous animals. His enemies were not only ready to devour him, but also taunted him with insults. But despite all these, David's cry for deliverance was not only for his sake, but for God to be glorified (57:4-5).

In the second part, David anticipated God's deliverance based on His steadfast love and faithfulness. God would make his enemies fall into their own trap. God would strengthen David's heart as he worshiped Him amidst crisis. In response to God's mercy, David thanked God and brought back all the glory to Him (57:6-11).

In life, we cannot avoid moments when we will be mistreated, maligned, and insulted. This psalm reminds us that we have a merciful God who we can always call upon for deliverance. God has shown us mercy at the Cross of Christ and delivered us from the penalty of sin. In this sermon, we will learn appropriate responses when people try to pin us down.✱



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ■ The Hub Youth Ministry

Re-Life: College Camp

July 13-15, 2023

Rizal Re-Creation Center

#### ■ EDIFYING MINISTRY

Women of Grace Ministry

**Inner Fragrance**

July 18-19, 2023 | 8am-4pm

Peculiar Men

**Men's Crossroad Weekend**

August 19-21, 2023

CCT, Tagaytay

#### ■ EQUIPPING MINISTRY

**Vineworks for the Glory of God**

July 29, 2023

*Please visit our sign-up booth at the 2nd floor lobby.*

#### ■ JOIN A GROWTH GROUP

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