

# GCFSM SUNDAY

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## THE LORD ON OUR SIDE

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**P**salm 124 is one of the fifteen (15) Songs of Ascent in the Book of Psalms. This group of psalms was sung by the Jews during their annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem. This particular psalm is a communal thanksgiving song wherein the Israelites praised God for He delivered them from dire situations. They asserted that God, who is great, was always on their side.

In this song of thanksgiving, the psalmist exhorted God's people to declare the dilemma they could have been in if the LORD was not on their side. Twice, they declared "*if it had not been the LORD who was on our side.*" If God did not fight for them, they would have faced death on the battlefield. If God did not sustain them, they would have been overwhelmed by chaos (Psalm 124:1-5).

The psalmist then encouraged God's people to praise God for what He had done for them. They were instructed to thank the LORD for He spared them from sure death. And they were called to rejoice for

how God directed them to freedom (Psalm 124:6-7).

At the end of the psalm, the psalmist expressed confidence that since the LORD was always on their side, His presence guaranteed help that is available every moment, at any time, in every circumstance. God's presence was an assurance that His power would sustain them all the way until the end (Psalm 124:8).

This psalm affirms us that without God on our side, life would have been totally different especially during times of chaos, challenges, and calamities. If we are in Christ Jesus, we are assured that God's presence and power will empower us to overcome all trials. And the love of Christ will eventually enable us to be victorious in all our battles in life (Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:37).

In this sermon, we will learn how we should respond in difficult situations knowing that the LORD is always on our side.✱



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ■ NXTGEN MINISTRY

Young Adults Crossroad  
**InSync 2023: Finding God's Calling**  
Nov. 3-5, 2023  
CCT, Tagaytay

**The Hub Youth Worship**  
Nov. 5, 2023 | 10:30 am  
Youth Center

**NextGen Banquet:**  
Nov. 18, 2023 | 4-6 pm  
Worship Hall

#### ■ EDIFYING MINISTRY

Married Life Matters  
**Be Intentional in Our Marriages**  
Nov. 4, 2023 | 4-7 pm  
Worship Hall

Peculiar Men  
Men's Breakfast Fellowship  
**Christmas in November**  
Nov. 11, 2023 | 8:30 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby

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