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## SERMON OUTLINE

### THE POWER OF GOD'S PRESENCE

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Psalm 132 is one of the Psalms of Ascents. We have seen how the fifteen psalms are divided into five groups of three psalms each - a psalm of trouble, followed by a psalm of trust, followed by a psalm of triumph. This psalm belongs to the fifth and final group of three.

All three of the psalms in this final group focus on Mount Zion or Jerusalem, which is appropriate. These psalms were sung on the way up to the feasts in Jerusalem. In these psalms, the pilgrims had finally arrived, and now we focus on the certainty of the power of God's presence in Psalm 132, the unity of God's people in Psalm 133, and the beauty of God's blessing in Psalm 134.

This is the fifth psalm of trouble,

but there is very little trouble in it compared to the previous four. It begins as it speaks of David's hardships but quickly moves on to God's amazing promises to David and to us. We have come a long way from the first psalm of trouble back in the beginning of the Psalms of Ascents.

It was probably composed for the dedication of the temple and was most likely composed by King Solomon. It even borrows some phrases from Solomon's prayer of dedication for the temple and from the book of Proverbs (i.e., Psalm 132:4 with Proverbs 6:4).

The psalm has a lot to do with the ark, which was a symbol of God's presence and rule among the people. The two promises that Psalm 132 focuses on are the rule of the Messiah and God's presence coming to dwell with his people.

I divided this psalm into three sections. The first section tells us about the assurance of the presence of God, the second section tells us about the affirmations of the presence of God and then the

third section tells us about the enablement of the presence of God in us.

Psalm 132 is a beautiful psalm that teaches us one very simple truth. We can experience the power of God's presence consistently because of the finished work of Jesus Christ.

My prayer for all of us is that as we ponder on what Psalm 132 teaches us, we can be assured of victory through the power of God's presence in every battle we are in. The power of God's presence will affirm us of His calling to be fulfilled in us by the works of Jesus Christ. And, we can be amazed at what the power of God's presence can do to us to enable us through Jesus Christ. In that aspect, all we can do is to consecrate our life with God by coming clean to Him daily. Commit to live our life in God by practicing the presence of God constantly. Communicate the life we live for God to others by showing and sharing the love and gospel of Jesus Christ with others regularly.

## FINDING GOD'S CALLING

REV. PARKIN YOUNG

Nowadays, there are so many things that take up our time and attention. Even in the present world, there are things that happen from distant places that affect us, as well. The world today is much more connected than before because of technology, and because of that, we know about what's going on in those places. Here in our country, there are so many struggles that we all face, as well. These take up our attention and compete with the things that we should really be focusing on. For young adults, these things that take up our focus vary and differ among individuals, but one common thing that they face is how to discern what God wants them to do, specifically. In the area of their work, families, or even pursuing a romantic relationship, they want to know what God wants them to do. That is something that I think even for all of us today, we want to know. We know that God's ways are far higher than our own, which is why we want to seek His will for us in every area of our lives.

That is why from November 3-5, 2023, at CCT Tagaytay, the Young

Adults of our church are holding their Young Adults Crossroad entitled "InSync 2023: Finding God's Calling." In this Crossroad, we want our YAs to be able to discern what God is specifically calling them to do. We want them to know that God calls everyone to also share God's Word with others. There will be challenges along the way, but that is why we need to avoid things that would entangle us and make things harder for us as we journey through life. When we need to discern what choices we should make, we need to rely not on what the world says but on the Word of God. It will direct us as we use it as our compass to direct and guide us in the choices that we make. We will find that, even if it is hard, there is also God's protection and presence when we follow Him. And as we journey in obedience to what God calls us to do, we press on, even if it is hard! It will be tough, but that is why we need to press on to continue to follow God's calling for us!

And, as we all find out what God calls each person to do, may we continue to obey God in His calling for us all.

Part of our calling is to continue to share the Word of God with people. That is why part of the challenge we have for our Young Adults is that they will share the gospel with someone and to disciple them in the coming year. This is something that we are all called to do as believers, and I want to encourage everyone, as well. If you have not yet disciplined someone, I pray that this coming year we will start doing it. Not just because it is something we are all supposed to do as believers, but also because disciplining someone is a way for us to help one another and to share the love of Jesus Christ with others.

Please continue to pray for the participants and the staff that are here at CCT Tagaytay right now. Please pray with us that God will continue to speak to people present here and even after this Crossroad. Pray for God to reveal His marvelous and wonderful will to the people here. Pray for the Young Adults Ministry to continue to be a community for our Young Adults where they can feel safe and be with like-minded people to journey with in life. God bless all of you!

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