

Sermon Title: Psalms: From the Heart, Part XXII 7.26.2026

Themes: Building a testimony through our trials and God's trustworthiness. Live-streaming and sermon notes are at trinitycg.org.

Focus Question: Should you save someone from their testimony?

Introduction: Psalm 18 is a great victory song. It is a powerful hymn of praise and thanksgiving. In **Psalm 18:30-50** David declares God to be his deliverer, protector, and source of strength in times of trouble. It shows his gratitude for God's faithfulness in moments of danger and distress.

Sermon Points:

1. God's character is the foundation of our courage. Should you save someone from their testimony? God rescues you in it, but He doesn't prevent you from having it. You have a testimony because you went through it. **Psalm 18:30.** David shifts from recounting God's mighty acts to declaring God's unchanging character and the impact of His salvation. David's confidence was not rooted in his own strength but in God's flawless character. Three key reminders emerge in this Psalm: 1. God's way is perfect: He never makes a mistake. 2. God's Word is proven: It has been tested through generations and never fails. 3. God is our shield: He not only *gives* protection; He *is* our protection. Spiritual victory requires divine power. God allows us to be in the battle so we can give the battle cry *and* enjoy the victory parade! David said God trained his hands for war and strengthened him for battle. Faith is not passivity. God empowers people who are willing to fight spiritually, emotionally, and practically. But that means you have to be in the fight. These are the battles through which we all must go. Our faith grows when we stop measuring God by what we're going through and begin measuring our circumstances by who God is.

2. God strengthens His people to accomplish His purposes. Psalm 18:32-36. David repeatedly says, "You and Your" because God equips us with strength, establishes our footing, trains our hands, gives victory, enlarges our path, and matures us. Verse 35 is a remarkable statement. God's greatness is often revealed not merely through His power, but through His patient, gracious work in shaping His people. God never calls us to a task without also supplying the strength necessary to fulfill it.

3. God's deliverance should produce public praise. Psalm 18:46-50. David ends where every act of God's grace should lead: worship. His testimony becomes evangelistic. God's deliverance is not merely a private blessing, it is a public declaration: God saves, God's people rejoice, God's name is proclaimed. David's personal victory becomes a global testimony. Every answered prayer, every rescue, every victory over sin, and every season of God's faithfulness is another reason to tell the world that the Lord lives. That's our Lord helping to shape our testimony. God rescues people so His glory can spread through their story. God saves us *from* something, but He also saves us *for* something. *Saved* people become *sent* people. Your deliverance was meant to become someone else's hope. The miracle isn't just that God saved you, it's that He wants to use you. The gospel travels best along the roads of personal testimonies. Revival spreads when redeemed people tell redeemed stories. Every personal testimony is a torch, every redeemed life is a witness, and every act of grace is an invitation for someone to turn to God. Psalm 18 reminds us that God is perfect in His character, powerful in His provision, and worthy of all praise. When God rescues His people, He is not merely changing their circumstances, He is writing a testimony that points the nations to Himself.

Reflection: Lord, grant me the wisdom to seek You and praise You throughout my life.