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New City is spending time this summer exploring the Psalms – the songbook given by God to his people for worship, community, and a hopeful realism. This was modeled well in the life of Jesus. Though separated by language, culture, and generations, the Psalms are still the inspired and reliable guide to our own hearts and a constant help in honestly navigating the chaos of our world with God-honoring, Christ-centered, hope-filled resiliency

**Deliverance from Enemies Surrounding Us**

August 6, 2023 | Psalm 59 | Pastor Taylor Bradbury

**Psalm 59**

*To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David,*

*when Saul sent men to watch his house in order to kill him.*

**1 Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;
    protect me from those who rise up against me;
2deliver me from those who work evil,
    and save me from bloodthirsty men.**

3For behold, they lie in wait for my life;
    fierce men stir up strife against me.
For no transgression or sin of mine, O Lord,
4    for no fault of mine, they run and make ready.
Awake, come to meet me, and see!
5    You, Lord God of hosts, are God of Israel.
Rouse yourself to punish all the nations;
    spare none of those who treacherously plot evil.  *Selah*

**6Each evening they come back,
    howling like dogs
    and prowling about the city.
7There they are, bellowing with their mouths
    with swords in their lips—
    for “Who,” they think, “will hear us?”**

**8**But you, O Lord, laugh at them;
    you hold all the nations in derision.
**9**O my Strength, I will watch for you,
    for you, O God, are my fortress.
**10**My God in his steadfast love will meet me;
    God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.

**11**Kill them not, lest my people forget;
    make them totter by your power and bring them down,
    O Lord, our shield!
**12For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips,
    let them be trapped in their pride.
For the cursing and lies that they utter,**

 **13    consume them in wrath;
    consume them till they are no more,
that they may know that God rules over Jacob
    to the ends of the earth.  *Selah***

14Each evening they come back,
    howling like dogs
    and prowling about the city.
15They wander about for food
    and growl if they do not get their fill.

**16But I will sing of your strength;
    I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been to me a fortress
    and a refuge in the day of my distress.
17O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,
    for you, O God, are my fortress,
    the God who shows me steadfast love.**

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**God’s steadfast love should be a source of great**

**comfort when enemies surround.**

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