

PERSPECTIVE

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Last March of 2022 when I and my husband were travelling to Baguio via the Subic, Clark, Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), I happen to notice Mt. Malasimbu at a glance from the entrance of Dinalupihan Toll Plaza. I told my husband, “ang ganda naman ng Malasimbu para siyang cone.” Few days later when we were heading back to Bataan, I again saw the same Mt. Malasimbu, but that time it doesn’t have a pointed tip, instead, its tip was rather flat. Then, I realized that our views about the things around us – all of reality – depends on one thing, that is, Perspective.

Perspective, as defined by Merriam Webster means a mental view of objects or things with respect to its relative distance. By how it was defines, I can now understand why my views of one and the same Mt. Malasimbu differed when I travelled to and from Baguio. I have seen the Mountain in two distinct perspectives. Relating this to people, I realized that misunderstandings and arguments among people could be because they had different perspectives but do not want to consider, look, and understand others’ view. Instead, they stood firm about what they believed to be true, based on their own perspective.

I have been a very active member of our choral group at our local parish, and I could humbly say that I am a religious person and a devoted Catholic. I have encountered other people whose religious beliefs don’t agree with mine. In fact, there were even some who were hostile to my belief, yet I never resorted to arguing back at them, not even the thought of doing so, instead, I simply respected their beliefs and conviction without even expecting the same thing from them. Yes, I am a devout Catholic, but I am not perfect, in

fact, I am full of flaws. I believe that God sees me through His loving eyes but not with an eye full of scorn and resentment because I am a sinner. As the Eucharistic prayer exclaims, "Look not on our sins but on the faith of Your church", my thought was quite simple. Our God is a Loving and Merciful God who perpetually loves us despite our being sinful. This is God's perspective about us, His children. He does not see our sinfulness, nor our weaknesses, nor our inequities, rather, He sees our faithfulness about Him.

I believe that God's loving perspective about us despite our unworthiness is also His challenge to us. As Jesus Himself once said, 'whatever you do to your brethren, you do it to me', He is calling us to see one another the very same perspective that He sees us. Let God's perspective be ours as well – the way we see others – our friends, our families, our students, our superiors, our subordinates, and even our enemies.

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