

Bethany IV ... 20 August 2017 ... 7 more days to 40+4 Anniversary!

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Text: Psalm 77



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"I WILL REMEMBER THE WORKS OF THE LORD"

THE MANY CHALLENGES OF LIFE

Life holds many challenges. Some of them are very difficult to cope with. The Psalmist Asaph wrote about some of these problems in his life and ministry.

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- 1. Who was the Psalmist Asaph?
 - a) He was one of the chief musicians of King David
 - b) He was one of the people appointed to look after the Worship programs of Israel
- 2. Some of his tasks
 - a) To write Psalms
 - i) For worship purposes
 - ii) For singing
 - iii) For meditation
 - b) To lead the nation in worship
 - i) Through teaching
 - ii) Through exhortation
 - iii) Through inspiration

WHAT IF THE PSALMIST STRUGGLES SPIRITUALLY?

We often take for granted that the servants of God will always be spiritually strong and healthy. Asaph in Psalm 77 shares with us candidly about the time(s) when he felt spiritually dry and empty.

- 1. Dry moments felt
 - a) His soul could not find comfort Psalm 77:3

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b)	He was troubled in his spirit	Psalm 77:3
c)	He kept complaining	Psalm 77:3
d)	His spirit felt overwhelmed	Psalm 77:3

2. How did he triumph in such circumstances?

a)	He called to remembrance his song in the night	Psalm //:6
b)	He meditated	Psalm 77:6
c)	His spirit made diligent search	Psalm 77:6
d)	He took time to remember the works of God	Psalm 77:11

3. Did he succeed?

- a) Yes, he did!
- b) He found spiritual renewal through dwelling on the works of God (Psalm 77:10-20)

Let us be challenged to cultivate the good spiritual discipline of meditating on the works of the Lord. We will be able to emerge triumphant!

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be blessed through worship and fellowship.





CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm Venue: Auditorium 4.2

GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

The Gideons print and distribute Bibles as their main focus. They are here with us today. They will be giving a short word about their work. Let us give a love gift to support their ministry.

WORSHIP AT SHANGRI LA NEXT SUNDAY

We will be having our 40+4 Anniversary Worship at Shangri La next Sunday, 27 August 2017.

Time of Worship: 10.30am Anniversary Lunch: 12.30pm

COMMISSIONING OF JONATHAN JACOB

We will be receiving Jonathan Jacob as a Student-Pastor at the Anniversary Worship Service.

EXTERNAL AVA VENDOR

We will be engaging an external AVA Vendor at the Anniversary Worship at Shangri La next Sunday. Thank God for sponsorship for this!



Bethany's 40+4 Anniversary Children's Programme

We will be having a Special Children's Worship Programme at Shangri La in celebration of Bethany's 40+4 Anniversary.

The programme is catered for children aged 7-12. It will begin at 10.20am in the Pink Azalea room on the Mezzanine Floor.

We hope to see the children there!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Camille George.

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP FOR THE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

This is the last chance to sign up for the 40+4 Anniversary of Bethany. Plan to sign up today!

SOME REFLECTIONS ON OUR 40+4 ANNIVERSARY

- 1. The theme for July-August 2017
 - a) The works of God
 - i) This is an appropriate theme
 - ii) The last 2 months have seen us learn deep and precious lessons about God Himself and what His works represent

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- b) They are recorded in the Scriptures:
 - i) To reflect God's work in creation
 - ii) To reflect His commitment to His people Israel
 - iii) To reflect His work in our salvation
 - iv) To reflect His work in our church
 - v) To reflect His work in our individual lives
- 2. God's blessings evidenced
 - a) His glorious provision
 - b) His obvious power
 - c) His precious Presence
- 3. Our confident Hope for the years ahead
 - a) He will continue to lead us
 - b) He has begun a good work and He will complete it

OUR ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP

- 1. What our Anniversary Worship represents Three things may be highlighted:
 - a) Our acknowledgment of God's grace and goodness bestowed on
 - b) Our grateful worship of the Lord for who He is and what He has done for us
 - c) Our testimony (corporate and individual) of our faith in the Lord our God
- 2. What Worship could do for us
 - a) We can be so uplifted
 - b) We can be further instructed
 - c) We can be inspired



YOOTH CONFERENCE

3-7 December 2017

Theme: The Same Spirit of Faith

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings!

CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A BOY!

Heartfelt congratulations to Choon Hwee and Audrey on the gift of a baby boy. Baby Elijah was born on 24 July 2017.

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Gillian Kang on the demise of her maternal grand-mother. Chinese funeral was held for her on 19 August 2017.



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 21 August 2017 Time: 7.00pm Venue: TUR

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 22 August 2017 Time: 8.00pm Venue: Main Sanctuary

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 22 August 2017 Time: 8.00pm Venue: Main Sanctuary

WORSHIP



Psalm 84:1-2

How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, even faints
For the courts of the LORD;
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

- 1. A love for God's House expressed
 - a) The tabernacle of God
 - b) Symbol of God's dwelling place
- 2. A longing for the courts of the LORD
 - a) A great sense of longing expressed
 - b) The courts of the Lord symbolize the House of the Lord
- 3. Do we have this love and longing?
 - a) For the Lord?
 - b) For His House?
 - c) For His presence?

I WILL REMEMBER THE WORKS OF THE LORD

There may be times when we will feel troubled, God seems far away, and we feel sad and miserable. The more we think, the worse we seem to feel, How we must cry out to God for Him to heal!

There is a way out of our terrible feelings of misery,
Take time to remember God's works prayerfully!
His works are many and they can bring joy and hope,
The Lord will give us grace that we may be able to cope.

The works of God are truly great and wonderful, They teach us that God is good and merciful. The ways of God are in His glorious sanctuary, They may be understood if we seek Him truly.

God declares His strength and shows us His power, We will find revival if we seek Him this very hour. Who is so great as the Lord who hears our prayer? God is in His sanctuary! We will find Him there!

> Inspiration: Psalm 77:11 Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY, 20 August 2017

Philippians 1:6 A Good Work in You

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

- 1. Being confident
 - a) Literally, "being persuaded"
 - b) Paul saw the work that God was doing in the lives of the Philippians
 - c) He was persuaded and was confident that God was at work in their lives
- 2. The good work of God
 - a) When God does a work, we can be sure it is a good work
 - b) Thank God for His work in our lives
- 3. God will complete that work
 - a) What a glorious hope we have
 - b) What God has begun, He will complete it
 - c) He will not stop working in our life till Christ returns

NEXT SUNDAY, 27 August 2017

Psalm 90:17 Establish the Work of our Hands

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

THEME: ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS FOR US

This Week @ Worship

- COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"I Know Your Works: Be Faithful Till Death" Revelations 2:8~11

Chairman

Mr Quek Li Yen Dr Quek Li Wei

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —— 10.30 AM

"Only Believe" Mark 5:21~43

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

Speaker

Ms Camille George

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast & Fellowship Lunch : Albert, Lay Eng & Family No Evening Tea

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location	
WORSHIP SER VICES					
Morning Worship Service		10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor	
Children's Worship I (PI – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor	
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)	Sun	10.30 am	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor	
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor	
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor	
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SUNDAY SCHOOL					
Crèche		8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	I st floor	
Beginners' Sunday School			Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor	
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor	
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor	
Intermediate Sunday School	Sun		Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor	
Senior Sunday School I	1	8.30am	Fellowship Hall	I st floor	
Senior Sunday School II	7		Main Sanctuary	2 nd floor	
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 th floor	
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor	
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-3	4th floor	
CHOIRS					
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor	
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4th floor	
Youth Choir	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor	
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor	
BIBLE STUDY					
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor	
Home Bible Study	2 nd and	3.00 pm	-	-	
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Mandarin Bible Study	Ist and	7.30 pm	4th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor	
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CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor	
PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor	
TRATER MEETING	1.1011	6.00 piii	Church Sanctuary	Z''- IIOOI'	
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS					
Young People's Group I			Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor	
Young People's Group II	┥		Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor	
Young People's Group III	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 3-I	3 rd floor	
Young Adults' Group	-		Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor	
Young Married Group	1		Auditorium 4-I	4 th floor	
Adults' Ministry	┪	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor	

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 20 August 2017 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia

Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 518 The Longer I Serve Him

Prelude

Call to Worship Mr Quek Li Yen
Dr Quek Li Wei

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 76 O For A Thousand Tongues

Century Praise 57 Worthy Of Worship

HWC No. 280 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

SPECIAL SONG ITEM

"We Will Rise" Bethany Combined Choir

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "I Know Your Works: Be Faithful till Death"

Text: Revelation 2:8-11 Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 328 Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

20 August 2017

Dear Brethren,

CELEBRATING OUR 40+4 ANNIVERSARY

In one week's time, we will be celebrating Bethany's 40+4 Anniversary at Shangri La. What are your personal thoughts?

THE IDEA OF "PERSONAL THOUGHTS"

The Lord Jesus Christ one day asked His Disciples what people thought about Him? The responses were: -

- 1. Jesus was John the Baptiser Matthew 16:14a
 2. Others said He was Elijah Matthew 16:14b
- 3. Still others suggested "Jeremiah or one of the prophets" Matthew 16:14c

The Lord then went on to ask His Disciples what they thought? The personal thoughts of the Disciples mattered.

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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Peter responded strongly. He said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16).

The Lord commended him and said these words in response. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 16:17).

- 1. God Himself was involved
 - a) He is the One who opens the understanding
 - b) He is the One who has revealed the truth of the identity of Jesus
- 2. The blessing of Peter
 - a) He was indeed blessed
 - b) God was working actively in his life
 - c) One day he will be God's workmanship

WHAT ARE OUR PERSONAL THOUGHTS AS WE LOOK AT BETHANY?

Can we see God's hand of blessing at Bethany? Can we see His workmanship? Let us pray that God would open our eyes as He opened Peter's eyes. Let us pray that we will be able to respond appropriately if we can see God's hand involved in the continued growth of the Church.

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie