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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Exodus 7 - 8

“JUST AS THE LORD COMMANDED”

THE MISSION EXPLAINED

The Lord God gave to Moses a mission that had seemed impossible to attempt and fulfil.

*Come now, therefore,
and I will send you to Pharaoh*

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MEDITATION

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*That you may bring My people, the children of Israel.
Out of Egypt. Exodus 3:10*

That was clear, simple and straightforward to the Lord! But to Moses, that was an impossible task!

ENTERTAINING QUESTIONS

Graciously, the Lord entertained the questions and objections Moses raised. These revealed the fears and doubts that he had in his heart.

1. The power of the Pharaoh
2. The problem of unbelief and scepticism of the children of Israel
3. Personal limitations felt about eloquence

God gave to Moses all the answers he could hope to hear. He even showed him Divine power! The Lord gave Aaron to assist Moses in his work.

A VITAL LESSON LEARNED

There was one vital lesson that Moses and Aaron learned as they set out to attempt a seemingly impossible task.

*Then Moses and Aaron did so;
Just as the LORD commanded them, so they did. Exodus 7:6*

*And Moses and Aaron did so,
Just as the LORD commanded. Exodus 7:20*

1. Moses and Aaron did so

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- a) They learned how to obey the LORD God
- b) No matter the doubts they had, they learned to obey
- c) No matter their feelings of fear, they obeyed

2. Just as the LORD commanded

- a) He was the LORD God
- b) He could turn a rod into a serpent
- c) He could heal a leprous hand
- d) He could turn water to blood

FAITH THAT EXPRESSES ITSELF IN OBEDIENCE

Moses and Aaron had learned how to exercise their faith in the Lord God. This was a lesson that would stand them in good stead for the rest of their life and ministry! †

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 greatly encouraged through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4.07 †

NEXT SUNDAY

1. We will be having The Lord's Supper.
Let us prepare our hearts and minds well.

2. Combined Worship for the month of August 2018
We will be having Combined Worship for the entire month of August!

a) Let us seek to build a special sense of awareness that we are
"one"

b) Let us take time to appreciate the company and presence of our
brethren who worship at the other Worship Services (Teens, Bi-
lingual) †

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

No Prayer Meeting and Bible Study this week
because the Pastoral Team will be away for ministry.†

MINISTRY IN MYANMAR

Pastoral Conference in Myanmar (30 July - 3 August 2018) †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MID-AUTUMN GOSPEL OUTREACH

Date: 22 September 2018

Time: 4.00pm

Theme: A living God

1. Let us ever seek to share our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Plan to invite friends and relatives for this event †

YOUTH CONFERENCE

2-6 December 2018

Theme: "A Wise Master Builder"

1. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on the Youth Conference
2. Let us also remember the planning committee who will be doing the ground work in preparation for the Youth Conference
3. Prayer
 - a) Let us put into practice what was learned at the Spiritual Retreat (13-14 July 2018)
 - b) Let us learn to "pray without ceasing"
 - c) Let us pray for deep spiritual impact on all attending the Youth Conference
 - d) Let us seek the Lord in sincere and earnest prayer effort †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+5 ANNIVERSARY

Date: 19 August 2018

Venue: Shangri La

Time: 10.30am

Plan to book your table as soon as possible! †

WONDERFUL LESSONS ON SPIRITUAL CELEBRATION

Key Text: Leviticus 23

Many were the special "Feasts" that God Himself had planned for the nation of Israel.

Three times a year God expected His people to set aside time to rejoice and give special worship!

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| 1. Feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread | Leviticus 23:4-8 |
| 2. Feast of Pentecost | Leviticus 23:15-22 |
| 3. Feast of Tabernacles | Leviticus 23:33-43 |

Why were these Feasts to be held?

1. To offer special thanksgiving worship to God
 - a) For His protection

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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b) For His provision

c) For keeping His promise to bless

2. To have wonderful fellowship with each other

a) As a nation

b) As a family

c) No one ought to be left out

i) Not even the strangers

ii) Nor the widows

iii) Nor the orphans

iv) Nor the very poor

Let us find inspiration to offer grateful worship to the Lord as we remember the Lord's wonderful blessings outpoured! †

CONGRATULATIONS

Heart-felt congratulations to Wee Ta and Belle on the occasion of their marriage on 28 July 2018. May the Lord's richest blessings be theirs! †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 91:7-8

*A thousand may fall at your side,
And ten thousand at your right hand;
But it shall not come near you.*

*Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward of the wicked.*

1. Special protection from the Lord

- a) Thank God for His protection
- b) Let us never take safety for granted
- c) Thank God for His commitment to His own

2. The punishment of the wicked

- a) This too will come to pass
- b) May our focus and faith be on the Lord always!
- c) May we never lose the perspective of faith in the Lord! †

JUST AS THE LORD COMMANDED

The work of God is never accomplished by reasoning;
Human wisdom cannot fathom God's divine planning.
The tasks that God assigns may seem impossible,
But to the LORD, what He says, is truly achievable.

Questions and more questions will only multiply;
That the heart is steeped in unbelief, we cannot deny.
God will graciously hear us when we gripe and complain;
But the Divine Mission remains intact and very sane!

The lesson that must be learned is full obedience;
Faith in God involves clear and definite compliance.
It is in the exercise of faith that His power is displayed;
The heart slowly begins to hold fast to God's word instead.

The challenge today remains very much the same;
The need to practise full obedience is very plain.
Let us find the faith to know and to fully believe;
Then will doubts be dismissed and in its place Relief!

Inspiration: Exodus 7: 6, 20

Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 29 JULY 2018

ZECHARIAH 8:6 WILL IT ALSO BE MARVELLOUS IN MY EYES?

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "If it is marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, will it also be marvellous in My eyes?" says the LORD of hosts.

1. Context:

- a) God's promise to return to Zion
- b) He will dwell with His people once again
- c) He will bless the nation

2. Response of the people

- a) Incredulity
- b) Seemed too good to be true
- c) How could this be possible?

3. God's perspective

- a) Why should the blessing of the nation seem so incredulous?
- b) This is well within the power and plan of God for His nation
- c) A greater faith in the Lord is badly needed!

NEXT SUNDAY: 5 AUGUST 2018

JEREMIAH 32:17 THERE IS NOTHING TOO HARD FOR YOU

Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. †

THEME : IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞ 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Is this not the word we told you
in Egypt?"
Exodus 14

Chairman

Mr Lai Chung Han

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Chairman

Ms Sea Su-An

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Usher

Ms Aleena Kua

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8

"Is this not the word we told you
in Egypt?" Exodus 14

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞ 10.30 AM

"Jesus' Great Love"
John 15:9-17

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Chairman

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist

Mrs Amelia Toi

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng
Mr Allister Tham

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7, 8

"Is this not the word we told you
in Egypt?" Exodus 14

Breakfast : Lee Yan-Yi; Joel Lee
Fellowship Lunch : Maria & Grace
Evening Tea : Geena Ng

Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 th floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 st floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-8	4 th floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School II			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 4-7	4 th floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 th floor
Youth Choir		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 4 th Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 st and 3 rd Fri	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 th floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 th floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
29 July 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 516

He's Everything To Me

Prelude

Call to Worship

Mr Lai Chung Han

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 81

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Century Praise 288

Jesus Paid It All

VIP No. 576

He Will Carry You

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Is this not the word we told you in Egypt?”

Text : Exodus 14

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 330

Only Trust Him

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
29 July 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi

Century Praise 305

Now Thank We All Our God 今来感谢恩主

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Student-Pastor Moses Kwek
Interpreter : Mr Allister Tham

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 6

How Great Thou Art 祢真伟大

HWC No. 271

Standing On The Promises 坚立在应许上

Century Praise 59

To God Be The Glory 荣耀归于真神

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “Is this not the word we told you in Egypt?”
“我们在埃及岂没有对你说过？”

Text : Exodus 14 出埃及 14

Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan
Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 316

Have Faith In God 当信服神

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

29 JULY 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

LOVE FOR THE LORD

As the days draw nearer to the celebration of Bethany's 40+5 Anniversary, how should we prepare our hearts? Let us ponder this wonderful text.

Hear, O Israel:
The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

You shall love the LORD your God
With all your heart, with all your soul,
And with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:4-5

1. The LORD

- a) He was certainly Israel's God
- b) But through faith in Christ, He is also our God too!
- c) This is our special privilege
 - i) Through the grace of the Lord
 - ii) Through Christ's death for us on the Cross
 - iii) Through faith in Him

2. Love for the LORD our God

- a) This should be a "no-brainer"
- b) Love within our hearts should be most natural and logical

3. How should we love the LORD our God?

- a) With all our heart
- b) With all our soul
- c) With all our strength

4. Renewal of love for the LORD our God

Let us seek to renew our love for the Lord. Let us ponder how wonderfully the Lord has blessed us... for yet another year! Let us love Him as we should!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*