

Youth Worship

BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people care for people.

WARMEST GREETINGS!

We are glad that you have chosen to tune in for Worship today. May the hearing of the Word of God at Worship bring an uplift to your heart!

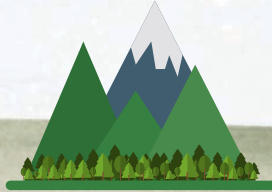


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COME AND WORSHIP

Praise is meaningful in our worship to God. There are many ways we can praise the Lord and one of which is to declare His glory and His wonders.



***“Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.”***

PSALM 96:3

The glory of God is abstract and challenging to describe. Yet, the manifestation of God’s glory may be observed and appreciated. God’s glory is seen in the wonders He performs.

The wonders of God are aplenty if we were to open our eyes to see. In our study of Abram’s life, we have already witnessed some of those wonders. God protected Abram and Sarai from Egypt’s most powerful man, Pharaoh, when they lied to him (Genesis 12). God also empowered Abram to win the battle against the Northern Coalition of kings with just 318 trained servants (Genesis 14)! These are definitely the wonderful works of God!

God’s wonders are not confined to Biblical history. They are real today! Has God delivered you out of a challenging situation? Has God demonstrated His strength in your life?

The wonders of God are non-exhaustive. Let us learn to consider them, and to declare them among all peoples!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE - 22 May 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Message:

Pastor Charles Tan

“Walk before Me and be blameless”

Genesis 5:19-24; 17:1-4

Closing Prayer



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

Let us review what we have learnt at Youth Worship last week!

YWS MESSAGE - 15 MAY 2021

“A MAJOR MISSTEP ” GENESIS 16

INTRODUCTION

1. Review I: The Doctrine of Prophecy

- a. “Doctrine” simply means “teaching”
- b. “Prophecy” has a number of elements:
 - i. God is the Source
 - ii. Foretelling of the future
 - iii. Revelation
 - iv. It has to be confirmed and proven accurate

2. Review II: The Prophecy concerning Israel

Genesis 15:13-16

- a. This was given to Abram as a Promise
- b. This Promise is repeated a number of times
- c. This Prophecy was revealed in a special dream

3. Review III: The Promise of many descendants

- a. As many as the stars in the sky
- b. Descendants

Genesis 15:5

Genesis 15:13

THE PROBLEM OF BEING BARREN

1. Sarai could not bear children

Genesis 16:2

2. Abram and Sarai had dwelt in Canaan for 10 years

Genesis 16:3

A HUMAN SOLUTION OFFERED

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| 1. Sarai offered Hagar as a second wife | Genesis 16:2-3 |
| 2. Perhaps Hagar could bear children for her (Sarai) | Genesis 16:2a |
| 3. Abram heeded the advice of Sarai | Genesis 16:2b |

THINGS GO BADLY WRONG

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| 1. Hagar became pregnant | Genesis 16:4a |
| 2. She despised Sarai | Genesis 16:4b |

THE BLAME GAME

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| 1. Sarai blames Abram | Genesis 16:5a |
| 2. She complains that Hagar despised her | Genesis 16:5b |

THINGS GOT WORSE

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| 1. Abram speaks of Sarai as a maid | Genesis 16:6a |
| 2. Sarai can do what she pleased with her | Genesis 16:6b |
| 3. Sarai treated Hagar very badly | Genesis 16:6c |
| 4. Hagar fled from her presence | Genesis 16:6d |



A SPECIAL DIVINE VISIT

1. Hagar had a special visit from the Lord
2. This Person was called “The Angel of the LORD” Genesis 16:7
3. He spoke kindly and gently to her Genesis 16:8a
4. Hagar poured out her woes Genesis 16:8b
5. Divine advice given
 - a. Return to Sarai as her mistress Genesis 16:9a
 - b. Submit to her Genesis 16:9b
 - c. Blessings from God will be given Genesis 16:10
 - d. Her son Ishmael Genesis 16:11-12
 - i. God has heard her prayers
 - ii. He will be strong and wild
 - iii. He will face many conflicts

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE OF HAGAR

1. She knew who the Angel of the LORD was
2. She knew that He was the LORD
3. She called Him, “You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees” Genesis 16:13a
4. She marveled that she has “seen Him who sees me” Genesis 16:13b
5. She bore Abram a son who was called Ishmael Genesis 16:15

CONCLUSION

1. Missteps occur in life
 - a. Problems arise
 - b. Bad consequences
2. Seeing God’s solution
 - a. God’s Presence
 - b. His promise
 - c. Obedience to His word given



REFLECTION

Written by Bethany Toong

Missteps in Our Walks of Faith

During these past few weeks at Youth Worship Service, we have seen how missteps in our walks of faith are inevitable. Abram's example has shown us that walking with God isn't a linear journey, but it can be filled with moments of succeeding and failing to exercise faith in God.

In Genesis 16, we see how one misstep set off a 'chain reaction' of mistakes. It all started when Sarai came up with a human solution to her problem of barrenness. Even though the Lord had explicitly promised Abram that he would have an heir and multiple descendants, Sarai and Abram failed to trust in the Lord's timing and took matters into their own hands.

Why did Sarai and Abram not trust in the Lord? Had He not proven to them His faithfulness, love and graciousness over and over again? Had they not already come to trust in the Lord as their shield?

We can see from Abram's example that trusting in God is not easy. Though we may trust in God in one situation, it does not mean it will be easy to always trust in God in all situations. Instead, it is a lesson that constantly needs to be applied and reapplied in the face of new challenges. As we walk with God, testing will come. In each and every test, it is our challenge to consciously apply our faith and to trust in the Lord again and again.



A God Who Sees

Last week, we also learnt how God is One who sees all things. The idea of a God who sees us in our time of need is comforting, but the idea of a God who sees our mistakes might sound intimidating to some. We often feel vulnerable when our mistakes are exposed for others to see. We worry how others might perceive us in light of our mistakes.

But having a God who sees both the good and bad in us is not something to be afraid of. He is not solely a God of judgement, but is also a God of love. We see this when Hagar fled from Sarai and the Angel of the LORD visited her. The Lord had to rebuke Hagar for her misstep, for despising Sarai, but He did so gently. Though the Lord has to correct us when we are wrong, He does so with a heart of love, not from a place of condemnation. The Angel of the LORD also protected Hagar when she was in the wilderness, a vulnerable place for her to be all by herself.

Our God who sees our mistakes continues to love us in spite of the mistakes we make. He gives us His grace when we falter, and lovingly guides us back on track. We need not fear making mistakes, neither do we have to be ashamed of them. Instead, let us seek to be humble when receiving correction from the Lord, and allow Him to teach us important lessons when we stumble.

POETRY CORNER

AN ESTABLISHED COVENANT

It was God who spoke of an established Covenant;
This thought itself is truly vitally important!
It was the LORD who graciously offered this;
Understanding it brings comforting bliss!

A Covenant is made between two parties;
It is made between two people, like a treaty.
But this Covenant given to Noah is different;
It is given by God Himself in all its components.

God Himself will establish the Covenant given;
This word of promise to Noah is truly significant.
No more would God destroy the earth because of sin;
He would extend to sinful man a promise of cleansing.

This Covenant reveals great truths about God;
Grace, mercy and hope may be found in the Lord!
May our hearts be thankful for the Noahic Covenant!
Let us learn how to treasure our God in Heaven.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 9:1-11



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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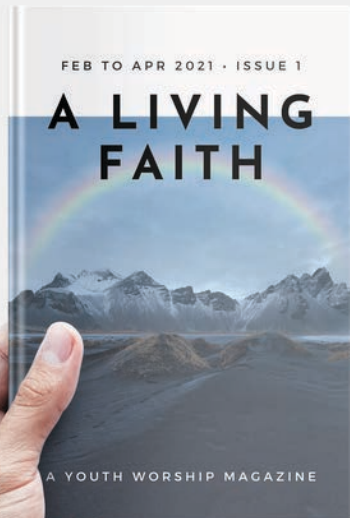
Temporary Live Broadcast of Worship Services only

In this Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) period, Bethany will continue to have Live Broadcast of Worship Services only (no physical congregation).

Let us continue to exercise our faith and be moved to pray for our nation, our overseas brethren in India, Myanmar and Perth, as well as the world at large.



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Youth Worship Magazine - "A Living Faith"

We are excited to share with you our very first issue of Youth Worship Magazine - "A Living Faith"! This is a quarterly magazine designed to review and reflect on what we have learnt at YWS. We will be mailing this magazine to you next week.

Please contact us (Janelle/Yuanli) if you would like a copy.

YWS NEXT WEEK



29 MAY 2021

Message: "I will establish My Covenant"

Text: Genesis 17

What a privilege it is for Abram to be visited by the Lord again and again! God graciously appeared to Abram as Almighty God. Abram's heart must be stirred within as God instructed him to walk before Him and be blameless.

Once again, God would strengthen Abram's faith by reiterating His promise of blessings to Abram. He would now establish a formal everlasting Covenant with Abram and his descendants. God even gave a special sign to seal the Covenant!

What was the sign of the Covenant and what was its significance?
Would Abram keep God's Covenant in faith and obedience?

Let's find out more at Youth Worship next week!



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