

# Youth Worship

BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

Let us be conscious of God as the centre of our Worship, and ready our hearts to be sensitive to what He is saying to us today. Have a wonderful time of worship!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

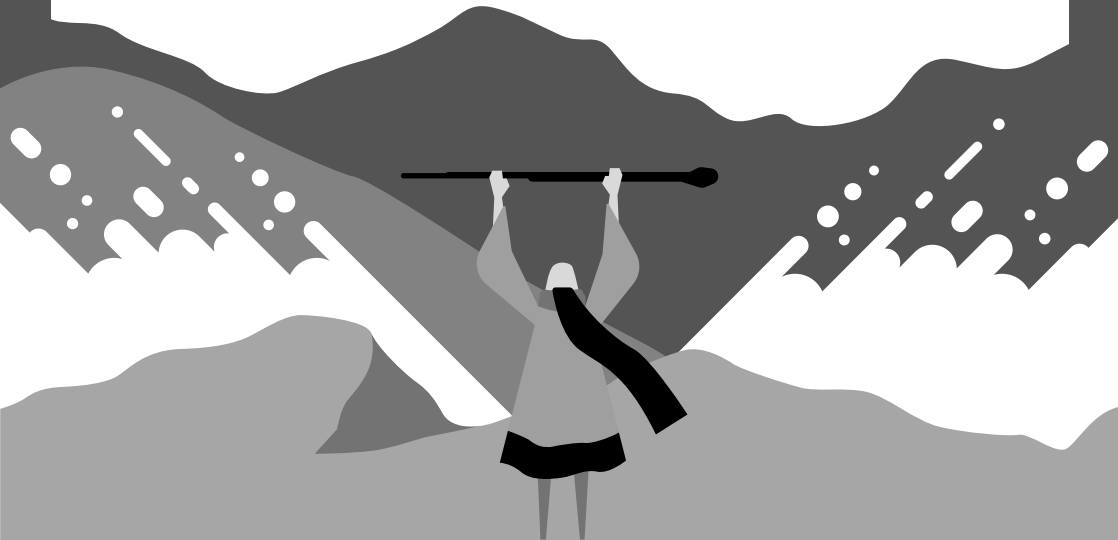
## "The LORD executes righteousness"

The theme of blessings continues in Psalm 103. The blessings that we have read about thus far are obvious and perhaps easier to grasp (Psalm 103:1-5). There are also blessings that require deeper thought to appreciate, such as the knowledge of the righteousness of God.

**"The LORD executes righteousness  
And justice for all who are oppressed.  
He made known His ways to Moses,  
His acts to the children of Israel."**

**PSALM 103:5**

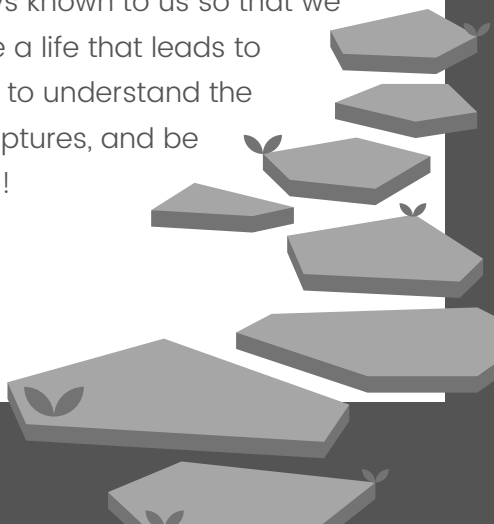
1. The LORD executes righteousness and justice
  - a. Righteousness is an attribute of God
  - b. An expression of His righteousness is in executing justice
  - c. God has the prerogative to exercise His wrath on the wicked
  - d. He would bring justice to those who are oppressed



2. God made known His ways to Moses
  - a. Moses was a servant chosen by God to lead the children of Israel
  - b. God made His ways known to His servant Moses through various means
  - c. One of which was through the giving of the Law
    - i. The Law governed the conduct of God's people
    - ii. It is an expression of God's righteousness
    - iii. It reflects the righteous ways of God
3. God made known His acts to the children of Israel
  - a. The children of Israel may not fully comprehend God's ways
  - b. But they could still understand the righteousness of God revealed in His deeds

### **SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND THE RIGHTEOUS WAYS OF GOD**

Today, many things seem to fall in the grey area where what is right and what is wrong are often confused and contested. In contrast, the ways of God are clear and definite, in that it is always righteous and just. God is willing to make His ways known to us so that we may know how to walk in them and live a life that leads to blessedness. Let us do our part to seek to understand the righteous ways of God through the Scriptures, and be determined to live them out in our lives!



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

**30 OCTOBER 2021**

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 25: 19-21
2. Genesis 25: 22-23
3. Genesis 25: 24-26
4. Genesis 25: 27-28

Bethany Toong, Asia Tan,  
Chloe Tang & Tessa Kang

Pastoral Prayer

Intern-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Message:

“Isaac pleaded with the LORD...  
and the LORD granted his plea”  
Genesis 25:19-28

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan



# MY NOTES

30 OCTOBER 2021

**"ISAAC PLEADED WITH THE LORD...  
AND THE LORD GRANTED HIS PLEA"**

GENESIS 25:19 - 28

# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 23 OCTOBER 2021**

### **“DIED IN A GOOD OLD AGE”**

#### **GENESIS 25:1-11; HEBREWS 11:8-12**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

##### 1. Key years in the life of Abraham

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| a. Called at 75 years                     | Genesis 12:4  |
| b. Became a father to Ishmael at 86 years | Genesis 16:16 |
| c. Became a father to Isaac at 100 years  | Genesis 21:5  |
| d. Died at 175 years                      | Genesis 25:7  |

##### 2. Significant Events in the life of Abraham

- |  |            |
|--|------------|
| a. Left Haran for Canaan               | Genesis 12 |
| b. Left Canaan for Egypt               | Genesis 12 |
| c. Separated from Lot                  | Genesis 13 |
| d. Rescued Lot                         | Genesis 14 |
| e. Melchizedek came to him             | Genesis 14 |
| f. Covenant given to Abram             | Genesis 15 |
| g. Sign of the Covenant (Circumcision) | Genesis 17 |
| h. Heavenly Visitors                   | Genesis 18 |
| i. Prayer for Sodom and Gomorrah       | Genesis 18 |
| j. Abraham and Abimelech               | Genesis 20 |
| k. Birth of Isaac                      | Genesis 21 |
| l. Sacrifice of Isaac                  | Genesis 22 |
| m. Death of Sarah                      | Genesis 23 |
| n. Search for a wife for Isaac         | Genesis 24 |

## THE EVENING YEARS OF LIFE

1. Marrying Keturah

Genesis 25:1

2. Children from this marriage with Keturah

- a. Zimran
- b. Jokshan
- c. Medan
- d. Midian
- e. Ishbak
- f. Shuah

Genesis 25:2

3. Sending away to the East

Genesis 25:6

- a. Keturah
- b. Concubines
- c. Children

4. Isaac: The Heir

- a. Abraham gave him all that he had
- b. No one to rival Isaac

Genesis 25:5

## THE DEATH OF ABRAHAM

1. The sum of Abraham's life

- a. He died at 175 years
- b. He died "in a good old age,  
an old man and full of years"
- c. He was gathered to his people

Genesis 25:7

Genesis 25:8a

Genesis 25:8b

## 2. The Burial of Abraham

- a. Isaac and Ishmael buried him Genesis 25:9
  - i. They were already adults
  - ii. The past juvenile behaviour was no more
- b. At the cave of Machpelah
  - i. Before Mamre
  - ii. In the field of Ephron
    - the son of Zohar the Hittite Genesis 25:9
  - iii. Which Abraham purchased Genesis 25:10a
    - from the sons of Heth
  - iv. He was buried where Genesis 25:10b
    - Sarah had been buried earlier

## REMEMBERING ABRAHAM

Hebrews 11:8-12

### 1. By faith

- a. He obeyed Hebrews 11:8a
- b. He went out, not knowing Hebrews 11:8b
  - where he was going

### 2. By faith

- a. He dwelt in the land of promise Hebrews 11:9a
  - as in a foreign country Hebrews 11:9b
- b. Dwelling in tents
  - i. With Isaac and Jacob
  - ii. The heirs with him of the same promise
  - iii. He waited for the city Hebrews 11:10a
    - which has foundations
  - iv. Whose builder and maker is God Hebrews 11:10b



## CONCLUSION

1. Not every aspect of our life may be outstanding
  - a. There may be sins
  - b. There may be setbacks
2. But the aspect of Faith in God
  - a. That should be the Feature of our life
  - b. Let there be a greater Focus on Faith in our life



# REFLECTIONS

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Last week, we concluded our study of Abraham by evaluating his life. Abraham lived a long life and the significant moments of his life were those characterised by faith. Being significantly younger than Abraham, it might be harder for us to pinpoint any significant moments in our lives. These moments are not the same as rites of passages or the transition from childhood into young adulthood. Significant moments in life are moments when faith is challenged, tested and applied.

## **Defining moments of faith**

Abraham's defining moment of faith was when he obeyed the Lord and embarked on his journey to Canaan. This decision was not an easy one to make, and it reflected his budding faith. However, this did not mean that his faith was very strong or concrete yet. A defining moment of faith does not mean that we have 'made it', that we have 'obtained' faith and can now take a backseat and relax. Instead, a defining moment of faith marks a beginning in our journey of faith, from which we desire to continue to seek the Lord's guidance and walk with Him.

Though Abraham's defining moment seemed to have been one major decision that he made at one distinctive point in time, a defining moment need not be one event in our life. Most of us will not have the experience of having to decide to journey to a faraway land like Abraham, but it does not mean that we cannot have this defining moment of faith. Personally, I think of a defining moment of faith as having the surety that this faith is real and meaningful to me. This surety did not come overnight, and there was no distinctive point in time when this sureness struck me. Instead, it was something that developed over time, as I continued to seek the Lord and read His Word. This defining moment should not be our end goal, but rather an encouragement to keep walking with the Lord and looking forward to how He will continue to refine our faith.

### **A distinctive faith**

If someone were to ask you to describe your life in one word, what word would you pick? Abraham's faith was so distinctive that it characterised his life. This means that faith was a significant aspect of his life, and that it was reflected in what he did, said and how he lived. I struggle with inconsistency in my walk of faith, being spiritually dry on weekdays and clinging to a 'desperate faith' when challenges in life hit. But Abraham's faith was so prominent that it even changed his perspective of life. Instead of pursuing material wealth, his focus was fixed on heavenly destiny. His faith gave him hope and confidence in the kingdom of God. This distinctive faith is something that I am very much challenged to cultivate for myself, to have a faith that is prominent in every area of my life.

## **A desired faith**

We often have a tendency to think about God from a selfish perspective. We think about what He can do for us, how He can provide and bless us, but we rarely consider God's perspective. Are we the kind of children that God can be proud of? Do we have the confidence to say that God is not ashamed to be called our God? Much like how we strive to please our parents, I think having a desired faith means to have a desire to walk worthy of being called by God. Though the Lord is merciful and full of grace, we have a responsibility to live as children of God.

Abraham's journey was a long one and we have seen his growth over the past months at Youth Worship. It may seem daunting — how can we cultivate a faith as prominent as Abraham's? But just as Abraham began with the decision to obey God and travel to Canaan, all we need to do is to start somewhere. May we desire to live a life of faith that is distinctive and definitive!



# POETRY CORNER

## SARAH SHALL BE HER NAME

It was gracious of God to bless Abraham;  
What reasons lay behind God's Plan?  
It was not because Abraham was blameless;  
The blessings reflect the Lord's faithfulness!

Abraham was not the only one honoured;  
Sarah was also mentioned and remembered.  
She too had her failings, which were obvious;  
God's blessings would reflect His faithfulness!

The name "Sarah" means "princess;"  
God's blessings would be manifest.  
He would make her a mother of nations;  
This blessing calls for great jubilation!

To Abraham and Sarah blessings would flow;  
God's wonderful words would help them grow!  
The blessings of God truly reflect His faithfulness;  
Let our hearts always be filled with gratefulness!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Genesis 17:15-16

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## YOUTH WORSHIP SPECIAL

### "WALK BEFORE ME"

GENESIS 17:1

We hope to hold a special program for our youths this December. This program will be an extension of what we have been learning at Youth Worship. We will focus on 3 things:



#### WORD

Reading  
the Scriptures  
meaningfully



#### WORSHIP

Improving  
Worship moments



#### WALK

Understanding  
our Spiritual Walk

#### DETAILS

Dates: 6 – 9 Dec 2021 (Monday – Thursday)  
Dates are tentative and subjected to change  
based on latest government restrictions

Venue: Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

Time: 9:00am to 11:00am daily

There will be refreshments for take-away.  
Youth Worship Special is open to all  
who are 12 years old and above.



SCAN TO REGISTER  
for Youth Worship Special

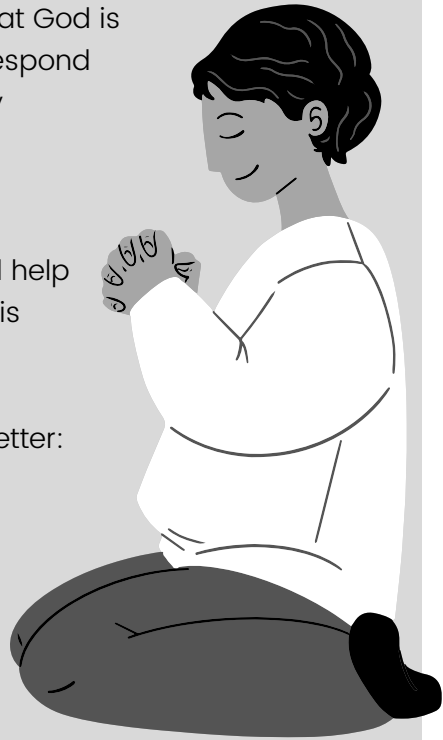
# YW NEWSLETTER

(30 OCTOBER 2021)

While it brings much comfort to know that God is ready to answer our prayers, we must respond by putting this truth into practice and by deepening our prayer life.

Jared Ho was encouraged to pray with specificity and with faith that God would help him to do well in his exams. Check out his testimony in this week's YW Newsletter!

Scan QR code to read this week's Newsletter:



# YWS NEXT WEEK



**6 NOV 2021**

Message: "Esau despised his birthright"

Text: Genesis 25:29-34; Hebrews 12:12-17

As the firstborn of Jacob, Esau would customarily inherit a privileged blessing that entitled him to become the head of his clan. This is also called his birthright. Unfortunately, Esau did not prove himself worthy of receiving this blessing because he despised his birthright and sold it away to Jacob. This foolish act would lead to dire and regrettable consequences.

This story illustrates several important lessons to warn us from the danger of dismissing the grace of God and neglecting our sin problems.

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