

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!

Thank God for every opportunity to dwell in the Lord's house! Let us be conscious of our great and wonderful God as we worship Him and receive His Word!



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“GREAT IS HIS MERCY”

How great is the mercy of God? As the Psalmist David meditated on the theme of God's mercy, he found it to be of a remarkable magnitude!

¹¹ **“For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;
¹² As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.”**

PSALM 103:11-12

1. The mercy of God
 - a. The heavens are high above the earth
 - b. How high the heavens are from the earth is immeasurable
 - c. So is the mercy of the Lord immeasurable

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- 2. He has removed our transgressions from us
 - a. As far as the east is from the west
 - i. The east and the west are opposite ends
 - iii. They will never meet
 - b. Our transgressions
 - i. Transgressions are the wrongs that we commit
 - ii. The word is used here to represent all our sins
 - c. God has thoroughly removed our sins from us
 - 3. Those who fear Him
 - a. God's great mercy is toward all who fear Him
 - b. These are people who have come to know the Lord and believe in Him
 - c. They would understand the gravity of sin in the eyes of God
 - d. Consequently, they would also appreciate the mercy of God
 - i. For withholding His judgment against us (Psalm 103:10)
 - ii. For removing our transgressions from us
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BEING AMONG THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD

It takes humility for us to recognise the sins in our lives and to understand the gravity of the consequences of our sins. The awareness of our sin would make us feel deeply sorrowful and cover us in shame. However, our God who is so rich in mercy would cleanse us and remove our sins far away from us, so that we do not need to suffer the consequences of our sins. We can stand unashamed and start afresh!

There is no transgression too great for the mercy of God. The Lord desires that we come to Him and know Him as our personal Savior who can save and cleanse us from our sins! Let us be among those who know the Lord and fear His name!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

13 NOVEMBER 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 26:1-6
2. Hebrews 11:8-12
3. Hebrews 11:13-16

Tessa Kang, Asia Tan
& Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Message:

“Abraham obeyed”

Genesis 26:1-6; Hebrews 11:8-16

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan



MY NOTES

13 NOVEMBER 2021

“ABRAHAM OBEYED”

G E N E S I S 2 6 : 1 - 6 ; H E B R E W S 1 1 : 8 - 1 6

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 6 NOVEMBER 2021

“ESAU DESPISED HIS BIRTHRIGHT”

GENESIS 25:29-34; HEBREWS 12:12-17

INTRODUCTION

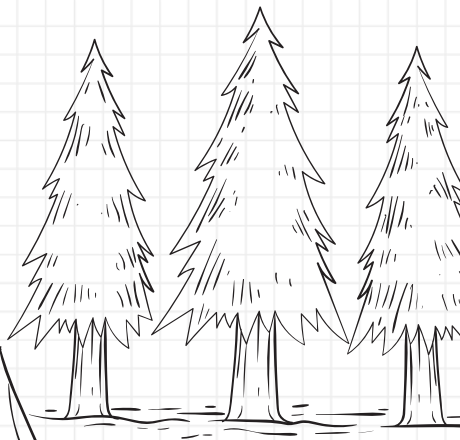
1. Growing up Challenges

- a. Parents
 - i. A positive Role
 - ii. A negative Role
- b. Children
 - i. Twins
 - ii. Individual child



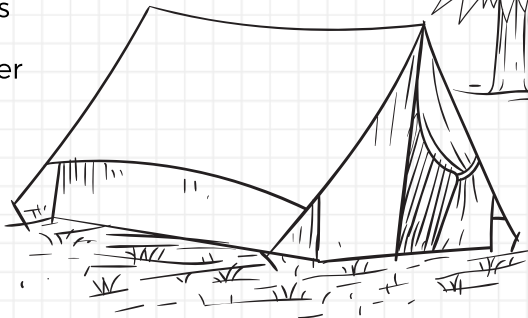
2. Ultimate Responsibility

- a. The Role of the individual
- b. We have to understand and accept Responsibility for how we turn out



DIFFERENCES

- 1. In personality
- 2. In interests
- 3. In character



ESAU: GROWING UP YEARS

1. A skillful hunter
Genesis 25:27a
2. A man of the field
(An outdoors man)
Genesis 25:27b
3. Loved by Isaac
Because of the game
Esau brought home
Genesis 25:28a

JACOB: GROWING UP YEARS

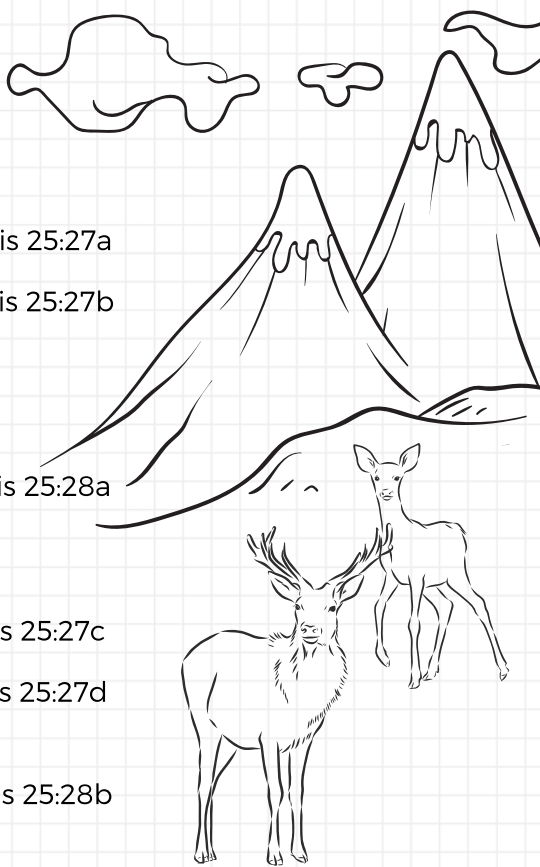
1. A mild man
Genesis 25:27c
2. Dwelling in tents
(A homebody)
Genesis 25:27d
3. Loved by Rebekah
Genesis 25:28b

ESAU: ALL GROWN UP

1. He returned from the field
Genesis 25:29b
2. He was weary
Genesis 25:29c
3. He asked for the red stew Jacob made
Genesis 25:30

JACOB: ALL GROWN UP

1. Jacob cooked a stew
(Chef)
Genesis 25:29a
2. Price for the red stew
"Sell me your birthright as of this day"
Genesis 25:31



ESAU'S RESPONSE

1. Exaggeration

"Look, I am about to die"

Genesis 25:32a

2. Birthright

"So what is this birthright to me?"

Genesis 25:32b

- a. He made light of his birthright
- b. He was willing to sell it
- c. For a bowl of red stew

JACOB'S INSISTENCE

1. Oath

"Swear to me as of this day"

Genesis 25:33a

2. He takes advantage

ESAU SELLS HIS BIRTHRIGHT

1. Esau swore away his birthright

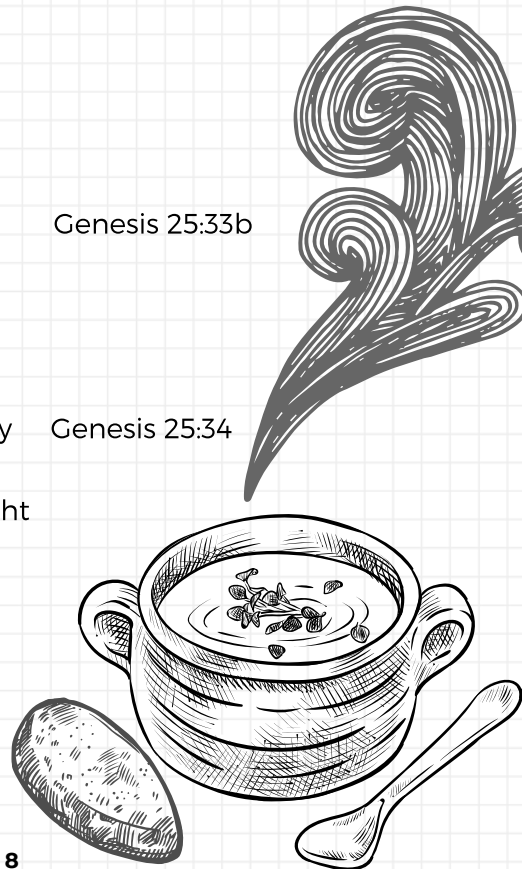
Genesis 25:33b

2. What he had in return

- a. Bread
- b. Stew of lentils
- c. He ate and drank and went his way

Genesis 25:34

3. Comment: Esau despised his birthright



A DEEPER ANALYSIS

Hebrews 12:12-17

1. Esau cited as an example of a profane person

- a. Godless
- b. Irreligious

2. How is this understood?

- a. For a morsel of food
- b. Sold his birthright

Hebrews 12:16

3. Dire Consequences

- a. He was rejected
- b. He found no place for repentance
- c. Though he sought it diligently with tears

Hebrews 12:17

HOW DOES A PERSON END UP BEING PROFANE?

1. Weakness of character

- a. The hands which hang down
- b. The feeble knees
- c. Strength must be found

Hebrews 12:12

2. Need to make straight paths

- a. Straightforward
- b. No deviousness

Hebrews 12:13

3. Looking carefully lest one falls short of the grace of God

- a. Grace is given
- b. It must not be set aside

Hebrews 12:15a

4. Root of bitterness

- a. It can spring up
- b. It can cause trouble
- c. It can cause defilement
 - i. It can cause immorality
 - ii. It can cause profaneness

Hebrews 12:15b



CONCLUSION

1. If there are weaknesses and sins
Deal with them
2. The Chastening from God
 - a. Accept
 - b. Endure
 - c. Learn
 - d. It can yield the fruit of righteousness



Hebrews 12:11

REFLECTIONS



Written by

LORRAINE LAI

Last week, we learnt about Esau and how he despised his birthright for a morsel of food. This lesson was an interesting one since it is not common for us to come across a “birthright”, let alone learn of how the despising of this birthright is telling of one’s profane character.

Appreciating the value of Esau’s special birthright

Esau’s birthright was a special one. This birthright had a material and spiritual element. Deuteronomy 21:17 tells us that the son who receives the birthright is given a double portion of the inheritance. He would be the head of the home and lead the family after the father passed away. Spiritually, Esau’s birthright meant that he would inherit the precious covenant that God had made with Abraham. We had learnt previously of how God had promised to make Abraham exceedingly fruitful, nations and kings would come from Abraham’s descent (Genesis 17:6).

Failing to value the Valuable

Esau was given a wonderful birthright! As a recipient of something so precious and valuable, it would usually follow that this gift would be treasured. However, Esau failed to see the value of this birthright.

Esau's actions and thoughts were very telling of his valuation of his birthright. In his moment of temporal hunger, Esau chose to despise an eternal blessing bestowed upon him. It was not so much that Esau was so hungry that he would die of starvation. In Esau's mind, his line of reasoning was "What good would this birthright bring since I would eventually die one day?"

Esau was called "profane." As someone who was profane, Esau never gave the due regard to what was sacred and spiritual. Instead, Esau's sinful and carnal appetite for things of the flesh saw him despise something that was valuable and ultimately given by God.

A self-evaluation

As I thought about this lesson, I saw bits of myself in Esau. Though I have not been given a similar birthright, the failure to give due value and regard to spiritual things is something that I resonate with.

How can I tell what I value in life? Just like Esau, my actions and thoughts are telling indicators of what I value. In a day, do I strictly follow a system of priorities, leaving God out of the picture? Do I spend my time thinking about material things without spending even a moment thinking about that which is eternal? Do I choose a moment of temporal joy of chasing worldly achievements or choose to seek the eternal joy found in knowing our God?

I may not have despised a birthright like Esau, but there are times when I know my heart has grown cold to things which are eternal. The appetite for worldly things looms large, weakening my character.

A prayer for the Lord to make straight paths for our feet
When I find myself in this state of weakness and sin, therein lies a need to be strengthened and to make right with God. What does this look like? Hebrews 12 is instructive. We are told to pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which we would not see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14). Therein lies the idea of learning how to walk right before men and with God.

i. Starting small

We may learn to start in a small way. In pursuit of peace with all people, we can hold back a word that may stir up strife amongst peers. In pursuit of holiness, we can also start by identifying sin problems that keep us far from God and bring them to the Lord in prayer.

ii. The need to start now

There is also an element of immediacy in actively weeding out these sin problems in our lives because if we fail to do so, we would not see the Lord. The thought of not being able to see the Lord in my life, to understand His Word and to feel close to Him is my own personal driver to pursue peace and holiness.

However, even as I pursue to walk right with God, I know that I can't do it alone. It is my prayer that the Lord will help me to walk right with Him and to value the things which are spiritual and eternal.

THEN THE LORD APPEARED



The LORD spoke to Abraham in many ways;
He spoke to his heart and mind on some days.
Abraham would have to mull over His thoughts;
Till the LORD's great truths, he had fully caught.

There was a time when He appeared as Man;
This was so special, but what was the Plan?
To Hagar, the Angel of the LORD, was revealed;
Was the identity of the LORD now concealed?

Abraham saw three men suddenly appear near his tent;
This was at the heat of the day, what was their intent?
Hardly anybody would travel around, this time of the day;
He greeted them and bowed humbly to them all the way.

He must have decided that they were extraordinary;
The Leading Man seemed to exude a natural glory.
Abraham felt he must give attention to his guests;
To this end, he must give nothing but the very best.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 18:1



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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YOUTH WORSHIP SPECIAL

"WALK BEFORE ME"

GENESIS 17:1

2 3 DAYS
TO YW SPECIAL 2021

As an extension of what we have been learning at Youth Worship, we will dive deeper into three areas that are vital to having a strong faith in God.



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.



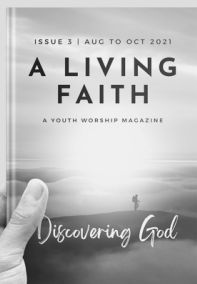
SCAN TO REGISTER
for Youth Worship Special

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A LIVING FAITH (ISSUE 3)

THEME: "DISCOVERING GOD"

We are glad to present to you the third issue of the "A Living Faith" magazine, put together by a team of young people! In this issue, they have sought to review the lessons from the life of



Abraham and articulate what they have learned about the Person of God. May you be encouraged to know more about our God, and to delight in relating to Him!

The magazines will be given out at Youth Worship only. If you are unable to join us physically and would like a copy, you may reach out to Teacher Janelle (Mobile: 97111023).

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YW NEWSLETTER

(13 NOVEMBER 2021)

In this week's Newsletter, you will find a piece of reflection written by Freya Swallow on how she found peace in her heart when she learned to trust in God. May we be encouraged to develop a deeper trust in God and commit all matters of life into God's good hands!

Scan QR code to read this Newsletter:



YWS NEXT WEEK



20 NOV 2021

Message: "Began to Prosper"

Text: Genesis 26:6-14

God assured Isaac that He was with him, and that He would also bless him (Genesis 26:3). This promise should have dispelled all kinds of fears. However, we will come to discover that Isaac would commit a mistake that his father Abraham had made. He lied to the people of Gerar that Rebekah was his sister!

How would God bless a deceitful man like Isaac? What would Isaac need to do? Join us at Youth Worship next week to learn about how God prospered Isaac.

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