

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 always have a sense of joy and excitement when we enter into God's house for Worship. May the Lord renew our minds and refresh our souls with His Word!



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COME AND WORSHIP

*"The Lord pities
those who fear Him"*



God is inherently merciful and gracious, and the great magnitude of His mercy helps to explain why He would forgive our sins and remove them far away from us even though He is not obligated. There's still more to understand about God to appreciate His loving acts toward us. The Psalmist David understood and appreciated the way God sees us, and His Compassion for us.

**¹³ "As a father pities his children,
So the Lord pities those who fear Him.**

**¹⁴ For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust."**

PSALM 103:13-14

1. A father pities his children
 - a. Children may make mistakes that deeply grieve their parents
 - b. A good father would show compassion to his children
 - c. He sympathises and understands their struggles to do what is good and right
 - d. This stems from a father's love for his child

2. So the Lord pities those who fear Him

- a. The Lord has compassion on us like that of a Father to His own children
- b. God knows how we are made
 - i. He knows the weakness of our frame
 - ii. He remembers that we are made of humble dust
 - iii. As such, we are intrinsically weak and inclined to sin
- c. God understands our struggles with sin and our weaknesses
- d. He looks upon us with love and sympathy

David held much power and authority as the King of Israel. Yet, beneath it all, he wisely and humbly recognised that he was simply made of dust. Things that are made of dust are not strong in themselves. While David was faithful to the Lord, there were moments in his life when he gave in to sin because of his weaknesses. David must have greatly appreciated God as a Loving and Compassionate Father who showed understanding for the times he faltered in his life.

TREASURING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

God is Father to all who come to believe in Him. A father-child relationship speaks of a strong and close bond. God loves us not because we are perfect, nor because of our good behaviour or deeds, He loves us simply because of who He is – A Loving and Compassionate Heavenly Father.

God knows us better than we know ourselves; our strengths and weaknesses, as well as our tendency to sin. Full of love and compassion, our Heavenly Father sympathises with us, and does not give up on us. He will still call us His own and remain faithful to help us. Let us take a moment to be filled





with the wonder of God's love for us. May we respond with gratitude, and embrace this precious relationship with our Heavenly Father by sparing no effort to draw closer to Him, and deepen our love for Him!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

20 NOVEMBER 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 26:6-7
2. Genesis 26:8-11
3. Genesis 26:12-14

Bethany Toong, Asia Tan
& Janelle Tan

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Message:

"Began to Prosper"

Text: Genesis 26:6-14

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

MY NOTES

20 NOVEMBER 2021

“BEGAN TO PROSPER”

G E N E S I S 2 6 : 6 - 1 4

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 13 NOVEMBER 2021

“ABRAHAM OBEYED”

GENESIS 26:1-6; HEBREWS 11:8-16

INTRODUCTION

1. God and Abraham

- a. Direct teaching
 - i. Manifestation
 - ii. Promises given
 - iii. Protection
 - iv. Provision

- b. Experiences in Life
 - i. Negative
 - ii. Positive

2. God and Isaac

- a. How would God communicate?
- b. Some similarities
- c. But there would be differences too



FAMINE IN THE LAND

1. This was not uncommon
 - a. Famine in the land (noted) Genesis 12:10
 - b. Famine in the land (stated) Genesis 26:1a
2. Isaac's response
 - a. He went to Gerar Genesis 26:1b
 - b. This was the land where Abraham went for a while Genesis 20
 - c. This was the border of Canaan
 - d. This was claimed as Philistine territory Genesis 26:1c
3. The land of Gerar
 - a. This was not affected by the famine in Canaan
 - b. Seemed to be a logical decision to make

A SPECIAL APPEARANCE OF GOD TO ISAAC

1. The LORD appeared to Isaac Genesis 26:2a
2. Specific Instructions
 - a. Egypt
 - "Do not go down to Egypt" Genesis 26:2b
 - i. Gerar was quite near to Egypt
 - ii. Many stop over in Gerar before going to Egypt
 - b. The land
 - "Live in the land of which I shall tell you" Genesis 26:2c
 - i. This is a reference to the land of Canaan
 - ii. God will acquaint Isaac of His covenant too

THE COVENANT OF ABRAHAM

1. The Covenant promises are reiterated to Isaac

2. This confirms the Covenant with Isaac

- a. No sacrifice needed
- b. No special worship needed

3. The Words of the Covenant

a. "Dwell in this land"

Genesis 26:3a

i. Gerar (temporary)

Since Isaac was already there

ii. In Canaan

b. Presence of God

"I will be with you"

Genesis 26:3b

c. Provision

"And bless you"

Genesis 26:3c

d. The land

i. "To you" (Isaac)

Genesis 26:3d

ii. "And your descendants"

Genesis 26:3e

iii. "I give all these lands"

Genesis 26:3f

e. Oath of God

i. "I will perform the oath"

ii. "Which I swore to Abraham your father"

Genesis 26:3g

f. Descendants

i. "And I will make your descendants multiply
as the stars of the heaven"

Genesis 26:4a

ii. "I will give to your descendants all these lands"

Genesis 26:4b

iii. "And in your seed all the nations
of the earth shall be blessed"

Genesis 26:4c



THE EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM

1. Abraham was the father of Isaac
 - a. There had been a strong relationship
 - b. The Example cited would have even greater impact
2. Example of Obedience

Because Abraham obeyed My voice Genesis 26:5a
3. Example of Diligent Obedience
 - a. And kept My charge Genesis 26:5b
 - b. My commandments Genesis 26:5c
 - c. My statutes Genesis 26:5d
 - d. And My laws Genesis 26:5e

CONCLUSION

1. To note good examples
 - a. Biblical
 - b. Real-life
2. To emulate the good features of the Examples
 - a. Faith
 - b. Obedience
 - c. Character

REFLECTIONS

Written by

Asia Tan


Abraham's obedience through faith and its rewards

Though Abraham's life was not entirely flawless, he did display commendable obedience to the Lord. A standout example of his obedience was when God threw Abraham a huge test - to sacrifice his only son, Isaac - which Abraham passed with flying colours, seen from his immediate and willing response to follow the Lord's instructions (Genesis 22). Throughout his life, as Abraham strengthened his faith, he learned to obey the Lord's voice and follow His commandments. This pleased the Lord greatly. God's response to such behaviour was a covenantal promise to Isaac, which would go on to bless generations of people.

Isaac learned to respond than to react

Just as there was a famine in Abraham's time, Isaac's time saw a famine in the land too. Human instinct led Isaac to move to Egypt where food was available, but such a reaction was not what God intended for. Instead, God instructed Isaac to dwell in the land of





Gerar. Isaac had to learn to plan an appropriate response, one of faith and obedience, just like what his father displayed. He had to learn to exercise faith and place his trust in the Lord, and anticipate what God had planned for him in the future.

Two guiding principles for life

Abraham and Isaac were only able to display such obedience because of their faith and relationship with the Lord. Pastor shared with us two things we can strive towards for an appropriate response to the Lord.

Firstly, it is to know God's Word thoroughly and deeply. We can do this by devoting time regularly to reading and meditating on God's Word. It is crucial that after we gain head knowledge, that we seek to actively translate it into practical action in our day-to-day lives. This ensures that we will not only have a theoretical faith, but one that is applicable, personal and relevant to us.

Secondly, it is to pick exemplary examples to emulate. These examples can either be real-life examples, such as our teachers and pastors in church, or Biblical examples, including Abraham. By drawing from the experiences of these individuals and learning to emulate their strength of character and deep-rooted faith in the Lord, we can learn to walk righteously in the way of the Lord.

YOUR SERVANT

Abraham, over the years, had become wealthy;
He had cattle, sheep and camels abundantly.
Yet, deep down in his heart, he was a humble man;
His wealth did not cause him to miss seeing God's hand.

When the LORD paid a visit to Abraham's tent one day;
He personally and humbly attended to Him without delay.
He bowed himself to the Heavenly visitors who visited;
He would prepare the best meal for them, as warranted.

He spoke of himself as "Your servant" to the Three Men;
He made sure he gave the best of all he had in his hand.
How could a wealthy man have such a heart of humility?
Abraham had not forgotten the blessings of God Almighty!

It was right that he saw himself as a servant of humble birth;
Who was he before The Possessor of heaven and earth?
He had not allowed his wealth to corrupt his heart and mind;
To have a haughty spirit would reflect one who is spiritually blind!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 18:1-8



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH WORSHIP SPECIAL 2021

"WALK BEFORE ME"

GENESIS 17:1

We have learned so much in the months of studying the life of Abraham at Youth Worship, and there's still much more that we can understand, especially with reference to:

16 DAYS
TO YW SPECIAL 2021

WORSHIP Improving our worship moments

WALK Learning to walk with God

WORD Understanding how God communicates to us

These are foundational to enjoying a deep relationship with God. Having God in our lives makes all the difference, so let us look forward to learning how we can build this strong foundation of faith in our lives!

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.



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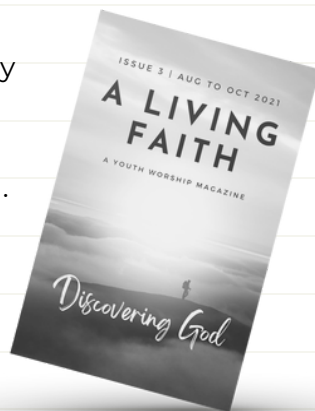
A LIVING FAITH (ISSUE 3)

THEME: "DISCOVERING GOD"

We hope you are enjoying the third issue of the "A Living Faith" magazine.

The team that has laboured hard to put this together consists of Audrey Chia, Chloe Tang, Joel Tan, Ong Yanning and Vanessa Quek. Feel free to speak to them to share what you like about it and what you would like to see more in our next magazine!

If you have not received your copy of the magazine and would like to have one, please reach out to Teacher Janelle (Mobile: 97111023).



YWS NEXT WEEK



27 NOV 2021

Message: "The LORD appeared to him"

Text: Genesis 26:13-25

God had indeed fulfilled His promise to Isaac by protecting him while he was in Gerar, and by prospering him greatly. When God promised His Presence and His blessings to Isaac, does it necessarily follow that Isaac's life would be free from problems? It'd be naive to think so! Problems in life are inevitable, but faith in God can help us to deal with these problems effectively, so that we do not need to be overcome by them.

Join us at Youth Worship next week to learn about the problems that surfaced in Isaac's life, and how he responded with faith.

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