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!

This is our last Youth Worship for 2021.
Thank God for the commencement of
Youth Worship at the start of the year. As
a result of this ministry, we have learnt so
many wonderful and life-changing
lessons this past year!

Let us always delight in coming to the Lord's House for Worship, and in learning from His Word!



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COME AND WORSHIP

"Be thankful to Him, and bless His name"



We will be concluding the year 2021 in a matter of days. What are your thoughts about how the year went? Let us be challenged to trace the Lord's hand in our lives, and be thankful to Him!

A passage that talks about worshipping the Lord with thanksgiving is found in Psalm 100.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
 And into His courts with praise.
 Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
 For the LORD is good;
 His mercy is everlasting,
 And His truth endures to all generations."

PSALM 100:4-5

PRE-WORSHIP

- 1. The Psalmist described going into the Lord's House
 - a. Enter into His gates
 - b. Enter into His courts

- 2. Worshippers were challenged to approach God with prepared hearts
 - a. With thanksgiving
 - b. With praise
 - c. Being thankful
 - d. Being desirous to praise the name of God
- 2. Reasons to be thankful and give praise
 - a. God is good
 - b. His mercy is everlasting
 - c. His truth endures to all generations

PERSONAL WORSHIP

Let us take heed to the exhortation of the Psalmist and make Worship personal and meaningful always. We have seen God's goodness, His everlasting mercy and His truths in the lives of Abraham and Isaac in our study at Youth Worship. God's unchanging attributes and ways may also be observed in our own lives. Looking back at 2021, let us be challenged to trace

God's goodness, His mercy, as well as His truths at work in our lives.

May what we have personally learnt and experienced inspire a deep sense of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord at Worship today!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE
18 DECEMBER 2021

Call to Worship Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Tessa Kang, Asia Tan

1. Genesis 27:14-17 & Janelle Tan

2 Genesis 27:18-24

3. Genesis 27:25-29

Pastoral Prayer Intern-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Message: Pastor Charles Tan

"That my soul may bless you before I die" (II)

Text: Genesis 27:14-29

Closing Prayer Pastor Charles Tan





MY NOTES

18 DECEMBER 2021

"THAT MY SOUL MAY BLESS YOU BEFORE I DIE" (II)

GENESIS 27:14-29

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 11 DECEMBER 2021 "THAT MY SOUL MAY BLESS YOU BEFORE I DIE" (I) GENESIS 27:1-13

INTRODUCTION

- 1. The Passing of the Years
 - a. The Lord had obviously blessed Isaac Genesis 26:13
 - b. Isaac had raised an altar to worship God Genesis 26:25
- 2. Old Age and its Challenges
 - a. Isaac was old Genesis 27:1a
 - b. His eyes were so dim that he could not see Genesis 27:1b

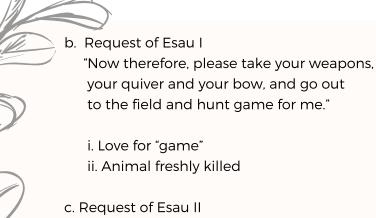
A DEEPLY MOVING SCENE

- Calling Esau but leaving out Jacob
 He called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son."
 - And he answered him, "Here I am." Genesis 27:1c
 - a. Deep affection for Esau was obvious
 - b. There is nothing wrong about a deep affection
- 2. Conversation with Esau
 - a. Talking about Death

"Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death."

- i. Old age was mentioned
- ii. The day of death was mentioned

Genesis 27:2



ii. Animal freshly killed

"And make me savoury food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die." i. Love for "savoury food"

ii. Blessing Esau before he dies

WHEN MISTAKES BECOME SINS

- 1. Mistakes may be made at any time
 - a. Younger age
 - b. Old Age
 - c. By anyone
 - i Isaac
 - ii. Rebekah
 - iii. Esau
 - iv. Jacob
- 2. Mistakes are potentially dangerous
 - a. When mistakes are not recognized
 - b. When they are not corrected
 - c. Mistakes can become sins
 - d. Sin has deadly consequences



Genesis 27:3

Genesis 27:4



a. God was not mentioned at all

i. God had blessed Isaac Genesis 25:11

ii. God was with Isaac Genesis 26:28

b. Rebekah was not consulted

i. Isaac loved her Genesis 24:67

ii. What happened to that love?

c. Jacob was not considered

i. Jacob was the twin brother

ii. He did not feature in Isaac's determination

d. Isaac's life in the past

i. He used to meditate Genesis 24:63

ii. He pleaded with God Genesis 25:21

iii. He built an altar Genesis 26:25

e. Isaac's life in the present

i. He loved food

ii. He loved Esau (Almost exclusively)

REBEKAH'S RESPONSE

- 1. She had listened to what Isaac had planned to do Genesis 27:5
- 2. She came up with a scheme
- 3. She spoke to Jacob concerning her plan
- **8** Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to what I command you. **9** Go now to the flock and bring me from there two choice kids of the goats, and I will make savory food from them for your father, such as he loves. **10** Then you shall take it to your father, that he may eat it, and that he may bless you before his death."

Genesis 27:8-10

- a. Two choice kid-goats to be chosen
- b. She would make the savoury food which Isaac loved
- c. This food was to be brought to the father
- d. And after eating, he would give his blessing
- e. She demanded that Jacob obeyed her Genesis 27:8

THE FEAR OF JACOB

1. His fear was raised in a series of observations

11 "Look, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth-skinned man. 12 Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be a deceiver to him; and I shall bring a curse on myself and not a blessing."

Genesis 27:11-12

- a. He is smooth-skinned
- b. He may appear to be a deceiver
- c. He would end up with a curse and not a blessing
- 2. Addressing this fear

But his mother said to him,

"Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice,

and go, get them for me."

Genesis 27:13

- a. Rebekah dismissed his fear
- b. She would bear the curse if Isaac berates Jacob as a deceiver
- c. She insists that Jacob obeyed her

CONCLUSION

- 1. Mistakes must be addressed candidly
- 2. They must be corrected before they become sins
- 3. Sins cannot be taken lightly at any time



REFLECTIONS

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Last week we learnt of the mistakes of Isaac and his family. These sins were insidious and were left undealt with.

Sin and the breakdown of the family unit

I. Isaac's Sin

Isaac went against God's will blatantly and he was aware of it. From the beginning, the Lord had already told Rebekah that Jacob would be chosen (Genesis 25:23). However, Isaac's exclusive love for Esau saw him insist that his firstborn inherit the blessing even though Esau had despised it for a morsel of food (Genesis 25:32). He was deliberate in his decision to give the firstborn blessing to Esau since he did not involve Rebekah nor seek her consent in any form.

II. Rebekah's Sin

One may argue that Rebekah was doing something that was reasonable. Afterall, the blessing was intended for Jacob and she was just using a different means of fulfilling God's will. However, she was wrong. Instead of trusting God to fulfill what He had revealed with reference to the future of the brothers (Genesis 25:23), Rebekah used manipulative scheming to accomplish what she desired and what she thought was God's plan. In the process, she deceived Isaac and caused Jacob to sin by convincing him to carry out her plan. Her scheme caused greater strife between the brothers.

III. Jacob's Sin

Jacob's sin may seem light. He was obeying his mother's wishes and was not the one who came up with the scheme. Even after finding out about the scheme, he was hesitant to carry it out. Yet, he was sinful because he eventually agreed to his mother's plan to deceive his father.

IV. Esau's Sin

Esau was sinful too. In agreeing to Isaac's plan to give him the birthright, he disregarded his previous promise to allow Jacob to have the birthright. Furthermore, he went against God's word which revealed that Jacob would inherit His blessing.

The susceptibility to sin

Each family member sinned against the Lord. They schemed and plotted against each other and went against God.

We may not be involved in scheming and planning just like this family, however, we too are susceptible to sin. This could be the sin of blatant disobedience, like Isaac. It could also be a sin of a slightly less obvious nature just like Rebekah and how she, under the guise of fulfilling God's will, took things into her own hands.

Guarding against sin through a closer walk with God

A recurring trend was how each individual acted according to his own human wisdom and what he thought was right. They lost sight of God's way and walked on another path, leading to the destruction of the family unit.

I too sometimes find myself tempted to go my own way. Often, I justify my acts by thinking that I know myself better. However, each time I do so, I often end up more lost than ever and further from God.

At the recent Youth Worship Special, we learnt about what it means to walk with God. The command from the Lord to walk in His ways guards us from the sin that we are so susceptible to. As I reflect on the lessons learnt during Youth Worship as well as the recently concluded Youth Worship Special, I pray that the Lord would open my eyes to recognise the sins in my life. Beyond recognising these pertinent sin problems, I pray that the Lord would help me to weed out these sins as I seek to have a closer walk with Him.

POETRY CORNER

We Will Destroy This Place

Outcry against Sodom had reached Heaven; Can their dreadful sins be ever forgiven? Abraham pleaded with the Lord for mercy; Sodom would be spared if Ten lived righteously.

Two Angels were sent to check out the sinful place; Would Sodom, and its twin, Gomorrah, be given Grace? Wicked intentions against the Angels were planned; God's power had to be invoked by the Angels' hand.

"We will destroy this place," the Angels had instructed;
"The outcry against them has grown great," they uttered.

"The LORD has sent us to destroy this place;"

The people had not availed themselves of Grace.

The prayers of Abraham were not made in vain;
The Angels had gone to the twin cities in the Plain.
The twin cities truly had no one to blame for their fate;
They had rejected God and chosen a life of shame instead.

Charles Tan Inspiration: Genesis 19:1-14

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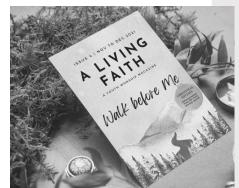
"A LIVING FAITH" MAGAZINE (ISSUE 4)

THEME: "WALK BEFORE ME"

We are excited to present to you another issue of our YW Magazine! In this issue, we look at celebrating Christmas meaningfully with Christ our Savior being the focus. It also features a review of the recently concluded Youth Worship Special 2021. May you take time to read and enjoy the

magazine in this holiday season!

The magazines will be mailed out to you early next week. If you fail to receive it, please contact Teacher Janelle and she would be most glad to assist you.

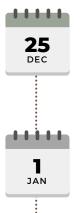




WISHING ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

We celebrate Christmas next Saturday! Wishing you the joy of the Lord as we celebrate God's love in sending His Son the Lord Jesus Christ to be our Saviour!

NEXT YWS



25 DEC 2021 (Christmas Day)

There will not be Youth Worship on Christmas Day. Instead, there will be a special Christmas Worship Service in the morning at 10 a.m.

1 JAN 2022 (New Year's Day)

There will not be Youth Worship as it is a public holiday.



8 JAN 2022

We will resume Youth Worship services in 2022, beginning on 8 January.

Please plan to sign up early! Scan QR code to register for Youth Worship:





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