

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 you for choosing to worship with us. May our hearts and minds be illumined concerning the Person of God and be inspired to worship Him with gladness!



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COME AND WORSHIP

*Blessed is that man
who makes the LORD his trust*

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**Blessed is that man
who makes the LORD his trust,
And does not respect the proud,
nor such as turn aside to lies.**

”

PSALM 40:4

1. The blessings of the LORD
 - a. He will hear our cries (Psalm 40:1)
 - b. He will deliver us from our troubles (Psalm 40:2)
 - c. He will put a new song of gladness in our hearts (Psalm 40:3)The blessings of God are non-exhaustive!
2. To whom will these blessings be bestowed?
Those who place their trust in the LORD!

3. Those who know and trust the Lord will:

- a. Refuse the proud
- b. Disregard those who resort to lies

Upon personal reflection and careful observation of life, David recognised the obvious blessings of the Lord upon those who trust in Him.

What is our first response as we face our “horrible pits” and “miry clays”? Let faith and trust be our chosen response towards challenges in life. Trust in the Lord would teach us to wait patiently upon God to render help and deliverance. An intimate knowledge of God would compel us to reject all that is contrary to His Being.

Let us be drawn to renew and deepen our trust in a Faithful and Merciful God! May our hearts be found rejoicing as His blessings ensue!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

8 OCTOBER 2022

Prelude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. There is a Hope

2. Empower Me

Stanley Woo

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 42:18-28

Ong Yanning, Asia Tan,

Laura Chan and Tessa Kang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

Message:

"We are truly guilty"

Text: Genesis 42:21

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Postlude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

MY NOTES

8 OCTOBER 2022


“WE ARE TRULY GUILTY”

GENESIS 42:21

WORSHIP SONGS

THERE IS A HOPE

By Stuart Townend & Mark Edwards



There is a hope that burns within my heart,
That gives me strength for every passing day;
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
Yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
To make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
A consolation strong against despair,
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
And every longing satisfied.
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
For I am truly home.

(end)



EMPOWER ME

By Claire Cloninger & David T. Clydesdale

Nobody knows how weak I am, better than You
Nobody sees all of my needs, better than You
And nobody has the power to change me, to what I was born to be
Jesus be strong in my weakness, empower me!

Chorus:

Empower me, like a rushing river flowing to the sea
Lord, send Your Holy Spirit flowing now through me
Till I'm living as Your child, victorious and free
Send the power of Your love, empower me!

Nobody's eyes see through my soul, better than Yours
Nobody's love can make me whole, no love but Yours
And nobody has the power to lift me, to reach for eternity
Jesus break through all my defences, empower me!

Chorus:

Empower me, like a rushing river flowing to the sea
Lord, send Your Holy Spirit flowing now through me
Till I'm living as Your child, victorious and free
Send the power of your love, empower me!

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 1 OCTOBER 2022

"JOSEPH REMEMBERED THE DREAMS" GENESIS 42:9

INTRODUCTION

1. The famine
 - a. It had affected Egypt
 - b. It had also affected Canaan
2. News that Egypt had grain
 - a. Jacob spoke to his sons
 - b. He sent them to Egypt to purchase grain to prevent starvation
 - c. But he retained Benjamin at home Genesis 42:4

JOSEPH AS THE GOVERNOR OF EGYPT

1. Egypt cried out to the Pharaoh in their distress Genesis 41:55a
2. The Pharaoh told them to see Joseph
 - a. He was the appointed governor of the land
 - b. He managed the problem of the severe famine
 - c. He held great power over all Egypt

THE SONS OF JACOB IN EGYPT

1. The brothers had come to Egypt to buy grain
 - a. They had to bow to the Governor of Egypt
 - b. This was the expected respect to be shown to the Governor

2. Joseph immediately recognised them Genesis 42:7-8a

3. But the brothers did not recognise Joseph Genesis 42:8b

REMEMBERING THE DREAMS OF OLD

1. Joseph remembered the dreams that he was given

2. He had shared these dreams

a. With his brothers

b. With his father Genesis 37:5-11

3. What God had shown him in a dream when he was a young lad,
was being fulfilled

THE DEEP PLAN OF JOSEPH

1. "You shall be tested" Genesis 42:15

2. This was essentially Joseph's plan right from the start

3. But this plan was deep and the brothers could not fathom what
was happening

THE ACCUSATION MADE AGAINST THE BROTHERS I

1. The charge against the brothers

a. "You are spies" Genesis 42:9a

b. "You have come to see the nakedness of the land" Genesis 42:9b

c. This was a serious charge

i. They could be imprisoned

ii. They could be executed

2. The protest of the sons of Jacob

10 And they said to him, “No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food.

11 We are all one man’s sons; we are honest men; your servants are not spies.”

Genesis 42:10-11

- a. They spoke humbly
- b. They were not haughty anymore
- c. “Your servants”
 - i. They had come only to buy food
 - ii. They knew the danger they were in

THE ACCUSATION MADE AGAINST THE BROTHERS II

12 But he said to them, “No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land.”

13 And they said, “Your servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and in fact, the youngest is with our father today, and one is no more.”

14 But Joseph said to them, “It is as I spoke to you, saying, ‘You are spies!’

Genesis 42:12-14

1. Joseph insisted that they were spies

Genesis 42:14

2. The sons of Jacob sought to explain further

- a. “Your servants”
- b. They were originally 12
 - i. One was still at home
 - ii. One was no more

THE TEST PROPOSED

15 In this manner you shall be tested: By the life of Pharaoh, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here.

16 Send one of you, and let him bring your brother; and you shall be kept in prison, that your words may be tested to see whether there is any truth in you; or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies!"

17 So he put them all together in prison three days.

Genesis 42:15-17

1. The Governor will test the truth of their words
2. He demands to see their youngest brother
3. They would be imprisoned in the meanwhile
4. If they cannot prove their words, then they would be accounted as spies!
Severe would be the penalty if they were spies!
5. For good measure, the brothers were imprisoned for 3 days!



CONCLUSION

1. The dreams of God

- a. Joseph had not understood them when they were first given
- b. It took years before Joseph finally understood them

2. The testing of the brothers

- a. Joseph could not trust them
- b. He had seen their bad behaviour close up
 - i. He had to give a bad report of them to Jacob
 - ii. They wanted to kill him
 - iii. They finally sold him
- c. How could he trust them?



REFLECTION



Written by
L O R R A I N E L A I

The juxtaposition between Joseph and his brothers in Genesis 42 is striking. As the chapter unravels, we see how Joseph was well prepared for the famine. His brothers on the other hand were left panicking with their fast depleting food supply.

But what makes this contrast even more significant is the fact that the tables had turned drastically. Joseph's brothers who had plotted to kill him, and sold him as a slave were now bowing down to him, as governor of the land.

In tune with the Father

What caused Joseph to be so different from his brothers? Joseph was very in tune with the Lord's voice.

The Famine

By being in tune with God, Joseph was conscious of God's plans, which included the impending famine. This caused him to prepare early for the severe famine, which affected not only Egypt but Canaan as well.

REFLECTION

Joseph's life

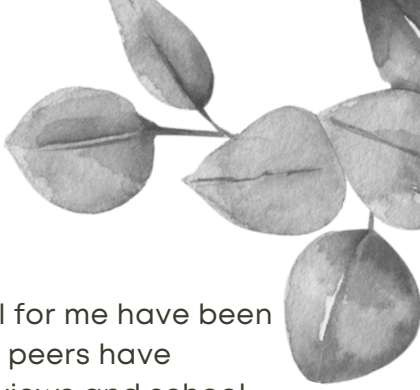
Joseph was also conscious of God's plans for his own life. He remembered the dreams of the sheaves (Genesis 37) and how they represented his brothers bowing down to him. Joseph's faith was also in action. It was a faith that enabled him to take wise and appropriate action when his brothers came to Egypt to buy grain.

When life's circumstances just don't seem to get better

Genesis 42 shows us that Joseph was in tune with the Lord's voice. But this was not the only instance that Joseph sought to do so. He related to the Lord consistently.

However, this did not mean life was smooth sailing, in fact, Joseph's life was fraught with challenges. Joseph was sold as a slave (Genesis 37:36), slandered by Potiphar's wife (Genesis 39:14) and thrown into prison (Genesis 39:20). Joseph had to trust in God's promises (Genesis 39:21) and His ways, in order to sustain him in these low points in his life.

Likewise for us, being in tune with the Lord does not exclude a course where circumstances get progressively worse. It is then, that remembering His plan for us is crucial. Faith to believe in His plan and promises sustain us in moments when we can't seem to comprehend why things happen the way they do.

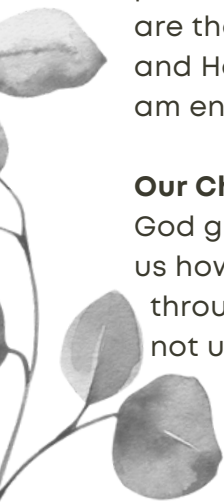


Personally, the past 2 months in school for me have been tough. As a Year 3 student, most of my peers have started job hunting! Juggling job interviews and school has been tiring. When I got rejected and doors were closed, there were times when I started losing sight of the Lord and started questioning His plan, and His promises for me.

I thank God for the lessons we've been learning about Joseph. Particularly, last week's lesson was instructive on how I should approach the challenges I've been facing. I have sought to remember that He has plans that are meant to work together for our good. I recognise that faith also needs to be exercised to believe in His promises. A few Promises that I've kept close to my heart, are that the Lord's ways are higher than mine (Isaiah 55:9) and He is my hiding place and my shield (Psalm 119:114). I am encouraged to press on even when times are tough!

Our Challenge

God gives us a close-up account of Joseph's life, to show us how He has a plan for us and never leaves us as we go through life! His intricate involvement in Joseph's life is not unique to him. God is involved in our lives too, if only we could be more in tune with His voice!



HATRED IN THE HEART

Esau was given a blessing too;
Isaac's love for him was true.
His prayer reflected deep insights;
One day, Esau would surmount his plight.

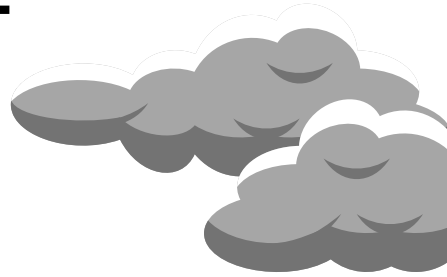
But though prayed for, Esau was still angry;
He plotted to kill Jacob without mercy.
His twin brother had cheated him twice;
What Jacob did was certainly not nice!

Rebekah learned of Esau's wicked plan;
Jacob was greatly afraid and so he ran!
His mother managed to convince Isaac;
Jacob must be sent away, to be exact!

Fear, hatred and plotting prevailed in the family;
The LORD was not involved in all the controversy.
The seeds of sin would yield a terrible harvest;
Sins that are ignored can end up being the deadliest!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 27:41-46



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2022

“MY STRENGTH & MY SHIELD” PSALM 28:7

At this year's Youth Conference, we will seek to learn important principles of Faith through the study of the life and writings of King David. Learning from David, who sought to relate to God in prayer and apply his faith when problems arose, we hope to be better equipped to face life's challenges with trust in God.



REGISTER

FOR YC 2022 TODAY!

Scan QR code to register:



Details:

Dates: 5 - 9 Dec 2022 (Monday - Friday)

Venue: Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm daily

(Lunch will be provided)

Fees: \$25.00

Payment method:

Either via cash OR online bank transfer /
Paynow (UEN: S86SS0049J)

For Online bank transfer, please indicate
“YC2022” in the Reference.

Youth Conference 2022 is open to youths
aged 13 and above.

If you have any enquiries,
please do not hesitate to
reach out to anyone of us:

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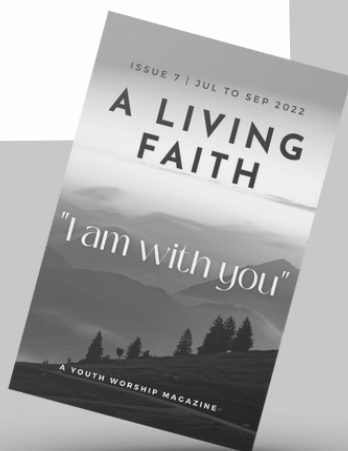


YW “A LIVING FAITH” MAGAZINE ISSUE 7 (JUL - SEP 2022)

THEME: “I AM WITH YOU”

We're glad to share with you our latest issue of “A Living Faith” Magazine! In this issue, we hope to encourage you to experience the reality and relevance of God's Presence in and through the challenges of school and life. May the promise of His Presence be your great treasure!

The Magazines will be distributed at Youth Worship.



NEXT YWS



15 OCTOBER 2022

Message: "All these things are against me"

Text: Genesis 42:36

Joseph's brothers finally returned to Canaan, leaving their brother Simeon imprisoned in Egypt. Recounting their harrowing experience in Egypt to their father Jacob, they shared the demands of the governor, Joseph. Upon hearing that they would have to bring Benjamin with them back to Egypt, Jacob forbade them in anguish and lament. The thought of losing another son was too much to bear! Jacob's faith in God was found to be sorely lacking. May we take heed to cultivate a strong and certain faith in the Lord!



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