

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!

It's a happy sight to see all of us gather together for Worship. May the truths that we will learn from the Scriptures lead us to appreciate the Lord and treasure the closeness of relationship that He invites us into!



IN THIS BULLETIN

- 01 GREETINGS
- 02 COME AND WORSHIP
- 04 ORDER OF WORSHIP
- 05 MY NOTES
- 06 WORSHIP SONGS
- 10 REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD
- 14 REFLECTION
- 17 POETRY CORNER
- 18 ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 20 NEXT YWS

COME AND WORSHIP

Many are Your wonderful works


To David, trust in the Lord is logical. Seeing God's goodness in the history of ancient Israel as well as his own personal life, David was encouraged to place his trust in none other than God Himself.

“

**Many, O LORD my God,
are Your wonderful works
Which You have done;
And Your thoughts toward us
Cannot be recounted to You in order;
If I would declare and speak of them,
They are more than can be numbered.**

PSALM 40:5

”



1. Many are God's wonderful works

a. National level

- i. Powerful deliverance from the tyranny of the Egyptians
- ii. Provision and Protection to survive the wilderness journey
- iii. Provision of the Promised Land
- iv. Protection from enemies

b. Personal level

- i. God had heard and answered David's prayers Psalm 40:1
- ii. He delivered David out of a quagmire Psalm 40:2

c. This list is non-exhaustive!

2. God's innumerable thoughts toward us

- a. What God has done reveals His thoughts
- b. His thoughts toward us are good and most wonderful
- c. They are further revealed in the Scriptures

DEEPENING OUR TRUST IN GOD

The wonderful works of God are seen in Bethany and in our personal lives too. Through the years, our Church has been specially preserved by God, and blessed beyond measure! Many are the prayers that have been astoundingly answered by the Lord. In our lives, God has also carried us through the storms, comforted us in the night seasons and bestowed us with blessings that bring joy to the heart.

While these memories and experiences affirm our decision to trust in God, let us be challenged to deepen this trust by anchoring it in the Scriptures. More than just a historical book, the Bible contains God's loving and profound thoughts toward man. May we seek to discover and comprehend them, that we may trust in the Lord viscerally!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

15 OCTOBER 2022

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Indescribable

Olivia Lai

2. Have Faith in God

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 42:29-38

Bethany Toong & Janelle Tan

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Message:

"All these things are against me"

Text: Genesis 42:36

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

15 OCTOBER 2022

“ALL THESE THINGS ARE AGAINST ME”

GENESIS 42:36

WORSHIP SONGS

INDESCRIBABLE

By Chris Tomlin

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
creations revealing Your majesty.
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring,
every creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name,
You are amazing, God.

All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim,
You are amazing, God.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet, conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom.

WORSHIP SONGS

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name,
You are amazing, God.

All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim,
You are amazing, God.

(end)



HAVE FAITH IN GOD

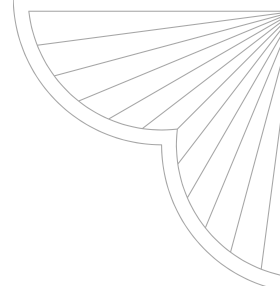
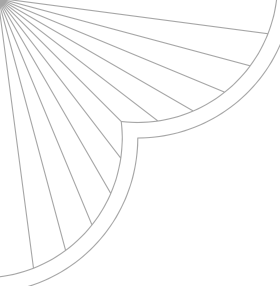
By Camille Tam

When the struggles of life seem too rough,
And the problems that come seem too tough.
Remember the One who knows all things,
To His steadfast Word we cling!

Have faith in God,
He will lead the way.
Have faith in God,
His promises are real today.

Don't give up hope,
Keep holding fast;
Have faith in God,
In Him trust!

When the doubts come and fears begin to rise,
God will draw near to You in the night.
He'll remind you He loves You; He gave His Son,
So that ev'ry battle can be won!



Have faith in God,
He will lead the way.
Have faith in God,
His promises are real today.

Don't give up hope,
Keep holding fast;
Have faith in God,
In Him trust!

Have faith in God,
He will lead the way.
Have faith in God,
His promises are real today.

Don't give up hope,
Keep holding fast;
Have faith in God,
In Him we trust!

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 8 OCTOBER 2022

“JOSEPH REMEMBERED THE DREAMS” GENESIS 42:9

INTRODUCTION

1. In Egypt
 - a. All surrounding countries came to Egypt
 - b. Only in Egypt was there grain to feed the hungry millions
 - c. The famine was very severe
2. The problem the sons of Jacob faced
 - a. They had been accused of being spies
 - b. They knew that they could possibly be executed!
 - c. They were already in prison for three days

THE TEST PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR OF EGYPT

18 Then Joseph said to them the third day, “Do this and live, *for I fear God*:

19 If you *are honest men*, let one of your brothers be confined to your prison house; but you, go and carry grain for the famine of your houses.

20 And bring your youngest brother to me; so your words will be verified, and you shall not die.”
And they did so.

Genesis 42:18-20



1. The proposal made:

- a. One of the men would be confined in prison
- b. They can purchase grain for the family in Canaan
- c. The youngest brother must be brought to Egypt on the next trip

2. If they agreed to this proposal

- a. Their words would be verified
- b. They would not die (executed as spies)


Genesis 42:20

CONVERSATION AMONG THE BROTHERS

21 Then they said to one another, “We *are* truly guilty concerning our brother, for we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear; therefore this distress has come upon us.”

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, “Did I not speak to you, saying, ‘Do not sin against the boy’; and you would not listen? Therefore behold, his blood is now required of us.”

Genesis 42:21-22



1. In full agreement among the brothers

- a. They felt that they were truly guilty concerning their brother
- b. They remembered what Joseph did:
 - i. The anguish of his soul
 - ii. His pleas made to them
- c. They also remembered
 - i. They refused to hear Joseph
 - ii. They had been so angry and jealous
- d. They were in deep distress now
 - i. This distress had come about because of their sin
 - ii. This was God’s punishment

2. Reuben chipped in:

- a. He had pleaded with the brothers not to kill Joseph
- b. But no one had listened
- c. This present distress was the judgment of God upon all of them

THE TEARS OF JOSEPH

23 But they did not know that Joseph understood *them*, for he spoke to them through an interpreter.

24 And he turned himself away from them and wept. Then he returned to them again, and talked with them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

Genesis 42:23-24

1. The brothers had not recognised Joseph
2. They did not know that Joseph had understood all they were saying
3. All along, Joseph had used an interpreter
4. He was moved by what he had heard:
 - a. His brothers had recognised their wrong
 - b. They had been remorseful and regretful
5. Joseph turned away from his brothers
 - a. He needed to give vent to his emotions
 - b. He wept:
 - i. So many years had been wasted
 - ii. So much pain and suffering had been experienced by all



6. He returned to the brothers
 - a. He talked to the brothers further
 - b. Simeon was arrested and jailed
 - c. This was done right in front of them
 - d. The impact must have been very significant
7. All of these things
 - a. They were carefully planned
 - b. Joseph needed to know what their true character was
 - c. This was a huge, carefully planned test
8. The guilt of the brothers
 - a. There was fear
 - b. There was guilt
 - c. There was despair too
9. The proving of the brothers
 - a. They had been wicked once
 - b. They had changed
 - c. They were changed for the better!



REFLECTION

WRITTEN BY

Lorraine Lai

A key problem

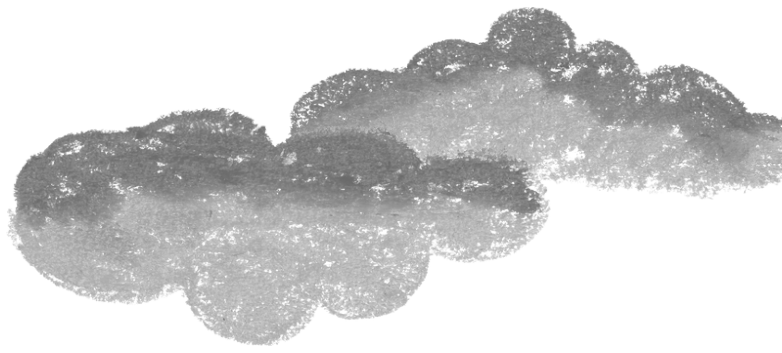
Deep distress came upon the brothers. They could not comprehend everything that happened to them thus far. Simeon was imprisoned and they still had to make their way back home to bring Benjamin back to Egypt. They also remembered what they did to Joseph, and were filled with guilt.

The confusion and guilt weighed on the brother's minds. Their hearts failed them and they were afraid.

What is this that God has done to us?

For the first time in a long while, the brothers made reference to God. Their outcry recorded in Genesis 42:28, "What is this that God has done to us?" was not one which demonstrated faith but a lack of knowledge and understanding of God.

It may seem that the response of the brothers is one that we can't relate to or comprehend. In fact, one might be tempted to say that we would turn to prayer when faced with trying circumstances.



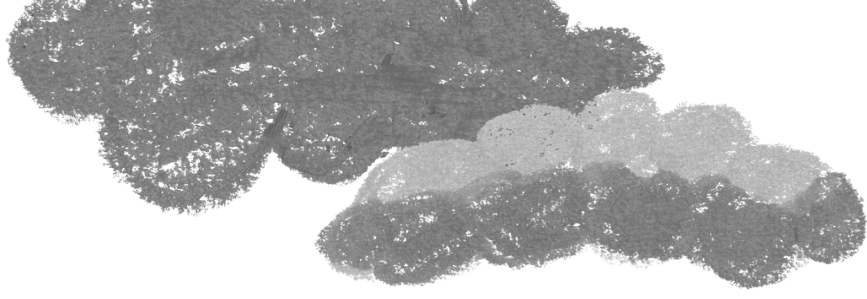
Though turning to the Lord when faced with difficulties is a response we all strive to have, I would admit that the instinctive response is more akin to the brother's desperate outcry. When faced with challenges, the heart often fails, and the spirit is weak.

Guarding the Heart with His Word

The heart fails because the problems of life gnaw at it. It is not strong enough to cope with the problems we face. Therefore, it is important to know how to keep our hearts with all diligence (Proverbs 4:23).

How can we go about guarding our hearts? Personally, I've found the words from Martyn Lloyd Jones helpful. He identifies the cause of our heart's failure to be our tendency to listen to ourselves, rather than speak to ourselves with the Lord's Word.

We listen to what our hearts feel, and as emotional beings, we feel deeply. We feel angry when someone steps on our toes. We are disappointed when we don't meet our own expectations. We feel confused when unexpected things happen to us. When we feel deeply, we often get bogged down by the circumstances in our lives.



It is different when we speak to ourselves with the Lord's word. When we do that, we consciously remind ourselves of God. Who God is, what God has done, and what God has pledged Himself to do. The heart then is guarded because it is armed with God's word. The heart is encouraged, and strengthened. Fresh courage is found to take on the challenges of life.

Though this is something hard to practise, we all need to start somewhere. The process of allowing the Lord's word to speak to us, rather than listening to our emotions increasingly becomes our first response with practice. However, it is ultimately the Lord's grace that will enable us to guard our hearts.

We can't control the challenges we may face in life, but we have control over how we guard our hearts! Let us seek to keep our hearts with all diligence, so that we may rise above life's difficulties.



MAY GOD ALMIGHTY BLESS YOU!

The first prayer of Isaac for Jacob was under a cloud;
Jacob's cheating would not have made him proud.

There were lies and deception all around;
What virtues he possessed had run aground.

To save his own life he now had to flee from home;
Isaac offered a prayer for Jacob as on the road he roams.

He would need the blessing of the LORD indeed;
He will have to learn to trust God for all his needs.

The Almighty's name was invoked in prayer;
Isaac entrusted Jacob to God's merciful care.
He prayed that Jacob would have the blessing of Abraham;
Isaac himself must fully trust in the LORD's Almighty hand.

Jacob left home in a hurry for fear of his brother;
This trip would take him far away from his mother.
The prayer of Isaac would have to be sufficient;
There has to be full trust in God's protection!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 28:1-5

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:

- Yuanli (Mobile: 9155 3173)
- Ying Sui (Mobile: 9691 2661)
- Janelle (Mobile 9711 1023)

YW NEWSLETTER (15 OCT 2022)

Before we are able to exercise trust in the Lord, we must first recognise that we cannot do without Him. This YW Newsletter features a reflection by Ashley Tan on cultivating humility to acknowledge her dependence on the Lord. May this Newsletter encourage us to rightly place our trust in the Lord, rather than ourselves!

Scan QR code to
read Newsletter



NEXT YWS



22 OCTOBER 2022

Message: "May God Almighty give you mercy"

Text: Genesis 43:14

Struck by a severe famine while struggling with the loss of his sons Joseph and Simeon, Jacob was not going to risk allowing Benjamin to go to Egypt to get more food with his brothers, lest a mishap befall him. Without God in the picture, Jacob was left feeling hopeless and helpless in his impasse.

The famine continued to plague the family, and the supplies from Egypt were exhausted. Finally, Israel remembered the God Almighty who appeared to him at Bethel when he needed a spiritual reset. With God in sight, Israel now finds hope in God's mercy and sees the possibility of a miraculous deliverance by God.



Bethany Independent Presbyterian Church

301 UPPER PAYA LEBAR ROAD, SINGAPORE 534934
www.bethanyipc.sg