

# 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 gladdens the heart when we can offer worship to our Almighty God. May we hearken to His voice and heed the vital truths embedded in the Scriptures!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

*I delight to do Your will*

Worship to God is wonderfully sacred. There is profound symbolism to the offering of sacrifices to the Lord. Cleansing has to be genuinely sought. Unfortunately, the true meaning of worship was not properly understood by many in Israel. They reduced the worship of God to mere religious rituals and meaningless sacrifices.

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**6 Sacrifice and offering You did not desire;**

**My ears You have opened.**

**Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.**

**7 Then I said, “Behold, I come;**

**In the scroll of the book it is written of me.**


**8 I delight to do Your will, O my God,**

**And Your law is within my heart.**

**PSALM 40:6-8**

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1. God does not desire
    - a. Burnt offerings
    - b. Sin offerings
  2. What God desires
    - a. Understanding of who He is and His Word
    - b. God would have to open our ears to hear His voice
  3. A prophetic statement about the Messiah, the Lord Jesus  
Hebrews 10:5-10
    - a. He would possess knowledge of the Scriptures
    - b. He would come to do the will of God
    - c. He would delight in fulfilling God's will
    - d. He would have a deep love for God's Word

True worship of God must be esteemed and revered. A genuine worshipper would desire forgiveness of his sins and seek cleansing from the LORD. Sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving would flow from a heart that loves the LORD. Knowledge of God and His Word would be his great reward!

We have the Lord Jesus as our perfect Example of One who knows and loves the LORD. His life demonstrated righteousness and obedience to God His Father. Fulfilling the Word of God was never a burden!

May we seek to cultivate a true and genuine heart of worship for the LORD! May we look to the example of the Lord Jesus and seek to fulfil all that God has willed for us to do!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

22 OCTOBER 2022

### Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

### Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Song Leading

1. Worthy Of All Praise

2. What Can I Do

Ong Yanning

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

### Scripture Reading:

Genesis 43:1-14

Laura Chan, Bethany Toong &

Ong Yanning

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

### Message:

"May God Almighty give you mercy"

Text: Genesis 43:14

Pastor Charles Tan

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan



# MY NOTES

22 OCTOBER 2022

**“MAY GOD ALMIGHTY GIVE YOU MERCY”**

GENESIS 43:14

## WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE


By Emu Music

Jesus, Lord of Creation,  
King of salvation,  
Great God of grace  
Messiah, promised Redeemer,  
Our risen Saviour,  
Author of peace.

### **Chorus:**


You are worthy of all praise,  
Worthy of all honour,  
Worthy of all glory, wisdom and strength,  
And so we'll sing through endless days  
That You alone are worthy,  
Worthy of all power,  
Worthy of all praise.

# WORSHIP SONGS



For You sought us,  
Wonderfully bought us,  
You paid for us dearly,  
The price was Your blood.  
And You freed us, brought us to pardon,  
Back to the garden, safe in Your love.

## **Chorus:**



You are worthy of all praise,  
Worthy of all honour,  
Worthy of all glory, wisdom and strength,  
And so we'll sing through endless days  
That You alone are worthy,  
Worthy of all power,  
Worthy of all praise.

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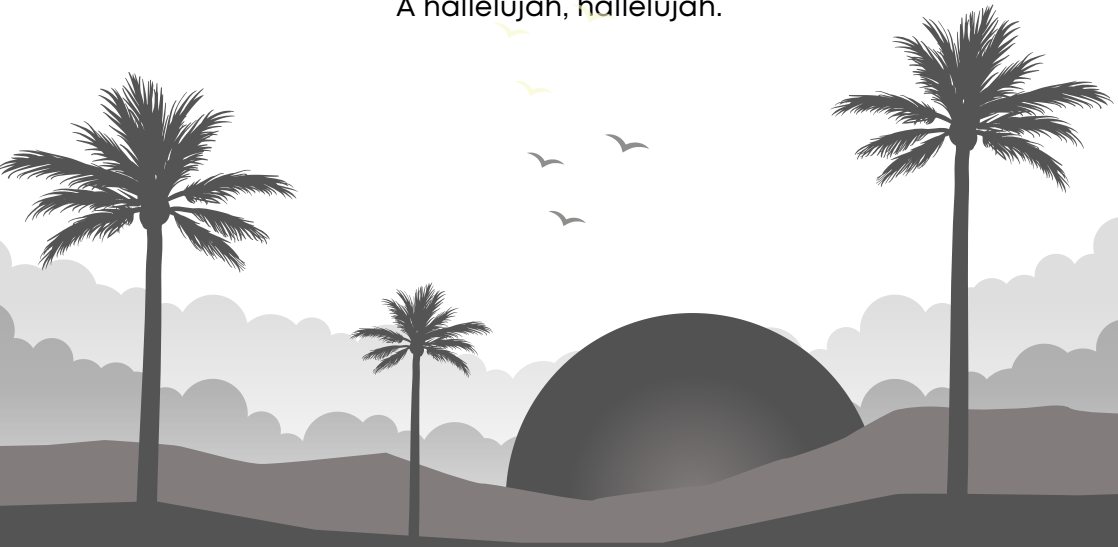
# WHAT CAN I DO

By Paul Baloche

When I see the beauty of a sunset's glory,  
Amazing artistry across the evening sky,  
When I feel the mystery of a distant galaxy,  
It awes and humbles me to be loved  
By a God so high.

## **Chorus:**

What can I do but thank You;  
What can I do but give my life to You;  
Hallelujah, hallelujah;  
What can I do but praise You;  
Every day make ev'rything I do a hallelujah,  
A hallelujah, hallelujah.

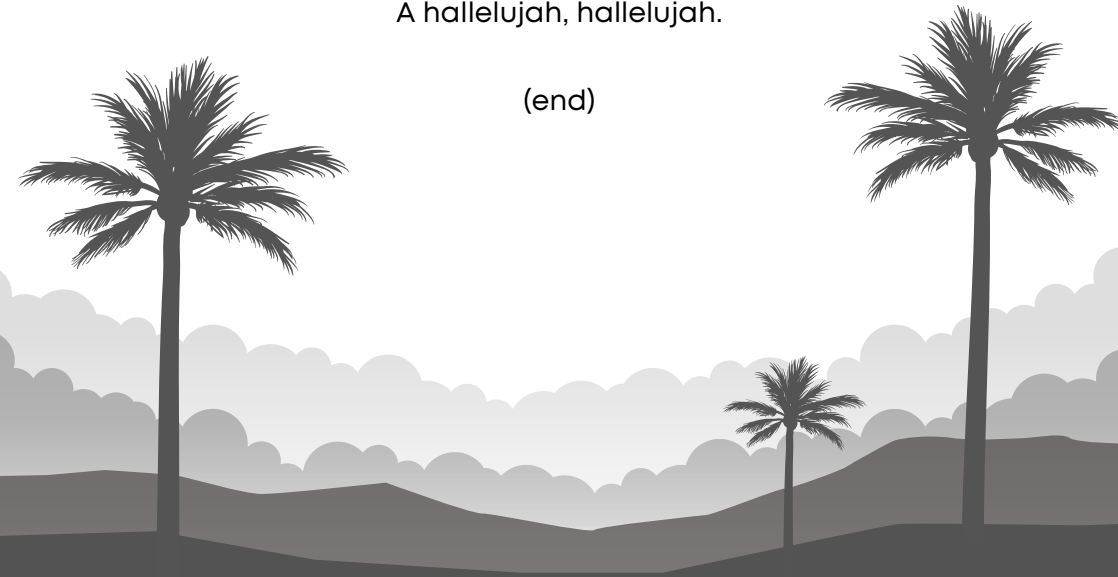


When I hear the story of a God of mercy  
Who shared humanity and suffered by our side,  
Of the cross they nailed You to,  
That could not hold You;  
Now You're making all things new  
By the pow'r of Your risen life.

**Chorus:**

What can I do but thank You;  
What can I do but give my life to You;  
Hallelujah, hallelujah;  
What can I do but praise You;  
Every day make ev'rything I do a hallelujah,  
A hallelujah, hallelujah.

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# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 15 OCTOBER 2022**

### **“ALL THESE THINGS ARE AGAINST ME” GENESIS 42:36**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The trip to Egypt was a fearful one for the sons of Jacob
2. They were allowed to return home with their sacks full of grain
3. But their brother Simeon had been arrested and bound  
Genesis 42:17

#### **JOSEPH'S COMMAND TO HIS MEN**

Then Joseph gave a command to fill their sacks with grain, to restore every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. Thus he did for them

Genesis 42:25

1. The sacks of the sons of Jacob were to be filled with grain
2. The money they paid were to be returned to the men
3. They were given provision for their journey home






## ON THE JOURNEY HOME

**26** So they loaded their donkeys with the grain and departed from there.

**27** But as one *of them* opened his sack to give his donkey feed at the encampment, he saw his money; and there it was, in the mouth of his sack.

**28** So he said to his brothers, "My money has been restored, and there it is, in my sack!" Then their hearts failed *them* and they were afraid, saying to one another, "What is this *that* God has done to us?"

Genesis 42:26-28


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1. The brothers loaded their donkeys with the grain  
And left Egypt
  2. One of them opened his sack to give some food to his donkey
  3. He saw his money (purse) in the mouth of the sack
  4. Their response was one of fear for they could not understand how this could have happened!
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## REPORTING TO THEIR FATHER



1. The brothers reported their experience in Egypt
  - a. They spoke of “the lord of the land” speaking roughly to them
  - b. They spoke of the demand of “the lord of the country”
    - i. One brother was to remain in custody in Egypt
    - ii. The youngest brother must be brought with them the next time they return to Egypt to buy grain
2. Finding that their money had been returned to them
  - a. They could not explain what had happened
  - b. They shared their fears as they emptied their sacks Genesis 42:35

## THE RESPONSE OF JACOB




And Jacob their father said to them, “You have bereaved me: Joseph is no *more*, Simeon is no *more*, and you want to take Benjamin. All these things are against me.”

Genesis 42:36

1. While the response of the sons was “fear”
  2. The response of Jacob was markedly different
    - a. He blamed his sons  
“You have bereaved me”
    - b. His lament:
      - i. Joseph was no more
      - ii. Simeon was no more too
      - iii. Sorrow that Benjamin would be taken away and be no more
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c. He could not apply his faith in God  
“All these things are against me”





Genesis 42:36



## THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN REUBEN AND HIS FATHER

**37** Then Reuben spoke to his father, saying, “Kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you; put him in my hands, and I will bring him *back* to you.”

**38** But he said, “My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is left alone. If any calamity should befall him along the way in which you go, then you would bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave.”

Genesis 42:37-38


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1. Reuben tried reasoning with his father
    - a. The sons of Jacob knew that their supply of grain would run out
    - b. He “guaranteed” that he would bring Benjamin back
    - c. If he failed, Jacob may kill his two sons!
    - d. What kind of reasoning was that?
  2. Jacob rejects any suggestion of allowing Benjamin to go down to Egypt
    - a. His brother (Joseph) is dead
    - b. Benjamin is alone
    - c. If there is a calamity along the way
    - d. Jacob would be brought to the grave with sorrow
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3. The impasse remained
    - a. Reasoning would not resolve the issue
    - b. Offering the sacrifice of the 2 sons of Reuben was irrelevant
    - c. Faith in the LORD was conspicuously absent

## CONCLUSION

1. What happened to the faith of Jacob?
2. Where was the faith of the sons of Jacob?
3. In contrast



**28** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.



**29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**30** Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Romans 8:28-30

- a. How wonderful to have a strong faith in the Lord Jesus
  - b. Be challenged to cultivate a clear and sound faith in the Lord
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# REFLECTION

WRITTEN BY

Chloe Tang

## **Problems & Distress**

We read in Genesis 42 that Jacob's sons returned to him and told him all that had happened in Egypt. They spoke of how they had to leave Simeon behind and would bring Benjamin to Egypt to prove that they were not spies. When they relayed this to Jacob, he felt immense sorrow. He was dismayed and in deep despair at the thought of losing more sons. He felt that many things were against him and he had no way to address them.

Throughout this conversation, we can note a few things about Jacob. Firstly, that Jacob is being referred to as Jacob again - not Israel. He had returned to his old self, full of fear instead of faith. Secondly, he did not mention God or bring Him into the picture at all. Both of these observations, along with his sombre attitude, lead to one conclusion - that Jacob could not apply his faith in these tough circumstances.

How did this happen? It seems like not too long ago that we read about Jacob developing a relationship with God and applying his faith in his life (Genesis 35). Since that time, many years and events had passed. The faith of Jacob back then could have been very real in the moment, but he was unable to develop and cultivate his faith in the years following that. He was so badly affected by the problems of life and could not apply his faith.



## **Examples of faith**


We can look to the New Testament for one who was afflicted and challenged way more than Jacob - the apostle Paul. He faced a lot of obstacles in ministry - imprisonment, persecution, and a thorn in the flesh. However, he responded with faith and not despair. In Romans 8:28, we read that he was able to proclaim that all things work together for good, for those who know and love God.

Furthermore, even though Paul had a great faith and ministry, he still humbly said that he did not count himself to have perfected anything. He continued to press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14).

## **Cultivation of faith**

While we may not go through life-shattering events like losing a son, nor the persecutions of Paul, we have our own challenges in life to face. Faith can help us get through them, whether they are big or small.

I know that faith has helped me through university life thus far, when I face stressful periods with exams and submissions every semester. Faith has also helped me in navigating non-academic matters, like making friends and deciding how to interact with others as a Christian.

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Choosing to cultivate faith is not easy. The Lord Jesus acknowledges that it is the narrow way (Matthew 7:13-14). But He also reminds us that the narrow and difficult way leads to life. Cultivating faith means that I seek to spend more time with the Lord throughout the week, choosing to read His word over joining every social event with my friends. It also means being more conscious of how I act and present myself - am I behaving in a manner that the Lord would approve of? These seemingly small changes are not easy to make, especially when everyone around me goes with the flow. But these steps of change are important in my own walk with the Lord and help me to grow in my faith.

I am inspired by the apostle Paul's dedication and devotion to press on in the upward call of God and am reminded by Jacob's life that it is necessary for me to continue to grow my faith to prevent stagnation. Regardless of what stage of life we are in - may we all press on in our own walks of faith and continuously seek to grow our faith!

## THE ANGELS OF GOD

Some do not believe that angels exist;  
But unbelief does not make them myths.  
The Scriptures note their faithful ministry;  
They are the servants of the God of glory.

They attend to the LORD of heaven;  
They are sent out on various missions.  
They are invisible to the human eye;  
But on their strength, we may rely.

They are sent to guard God's children;  
They carry out His orders from heaven.  
They were there to protect Jacob on his journey;  
He had never wandered far from home, in reality.

Some angels were revealed to Jacob in a dream;  
They were climbing a ladder, ascending and descending.  
Their presence hallowed the place where Jacob slept;  
He suddenly realised how he had been wonderfully kept!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 28:10-13

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## 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 /  
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“YC2022” in the Reference.

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

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**29 OCTOBER 2022**

Message: "His heart yearned for his brother"

Text: Genesis 43:30

The sons of Jacob arrived in Egypt safely. Trepidation filled them again as they were invited into the house of the governor, the second in command of Egypt to have a meal together! The fear of being arrested for the money found in their sacks plagued them as they confessed and sought to return the money.

Surprisingly, the steward of the governor's house spoke kindly and brought Simeon to them. Preparations were made for them to eat with Joseph. What was more astonishing was the seating arrangement at the table! Every brother was seated according to his birthright! Completely bewildered, the brothers had no explanation for this unexpected experience. Yet, Joseph would test his brothers once again.



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