

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 is pleasant and beautiful to sing of God's abundant grace. May our hearts offer praise with understanding of God's great name!



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I HAVE PROCLAIMED THE GOOD NEWS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

9 I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness

In the great assembly;

Indeed, I do not restrain my lips,

O LORD, You Yourself know.

10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart;

I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation;

I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth


From the great assembly.

PSALM 40:9-10

1. Determination to proclaim the good news

- a. To speak of God's righteousness**
- b. To declare His faithfulness**
- c. To share of His salvation (deliverance)**
- d. To testify of His lovingkindness**
- e. To tell of His wonderful truths**



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2. To whom David declared this good news
 - a. The great assembly
 - b. Those who served him
 - c. Those who would gather to hear him

THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The prophesied Messiah found sheer delight in the knowledge and will of God. Preaching the Kingdom of Heaven and gospel of salvation were foremost on His heart and mind. Many barren souls were in need to hear the gospel. The Lord had never refrained His lips from proclaiming the good news of salvation despite relentless oppositions!

PERSONAL DETERMINATION TO BEAR WITNESS

The good news of salvation is too wonderful not to be shared!

God Himself is the Giver of this salvation. His dealings with us are certainly most gracious. He would crown us with His lovingkindness and tender mercies. Through the ages, He remains immutably faithful to His children.

Let us be challenged to speak of our faith in our Saviour, the Lord Jesus. Salvation in Him is magnificent to behold. The heart is thoroughly cleansed and changed from deep within. A transformed life in Christ brings such blessed assurance!

Let us seek to cultivate a heart for those who have yet to hear the Gospel! May we be zealous and unafraid to speak of salvation in the Lord Jesus!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

29 OCTOBER 2022

Prelude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Come, Praise the Lord

2. Never Once

Lorraine Lai

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 43:15-34

Goh Yuanli, Ong Yanning and
Laura Chan

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

Message:

“His heart yearned for his brother”

Text: Genesis 43:30

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Postlude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

MY NOTES

29 OCTOBER 2022

“HIS HEART YEARNED FOR HIS BROTHER”

GENESIS 43:30

COME, PRAISE THE LORD

By Kristyn Lennox & Keith Getty

Come, praise the Lord, He is life in all its fullness;
Will you lift your voice?
Come, praise the Lord, He is light that shatters darkness;
We have come to rejoice.

All around the world He is calling
People who would take up His call
And follow Him.

Ev'ry breath be praise,
Ev'ry heart be raised to the King of all creation.
Ev'ry breath be praise,
Ev'ry heart be raised to the Lord of all.

WORSHIP SONGS

Come, praise the Lord, He is love that welcomes sinners;
Will you give your life?
Come, praise the Lord, He is great above all others;
All His ways are right.

All around the world He is calling
People who would take up His call
And follow Him.

Ev'ry breath be praise,
Ev'ry heart be raised to the King of all creation.
Ev'ry breath be praise,
Ev'ry heart be raised to the Lord of all.

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NEVER ONCE

By Matt Redman

Standing on this mountain top,
Looking just how far we've come,
Knowing that for ev'ry step,
You were with us

Kneeling on this battle ground,
Seeing just how much You've done,
knowing ev'ry victory
was Your pow'r in us.

Scars and struggles on the way,
But with joy our hearts can say,
Yes, our hearts can say

Never once did we ever walk alone.
Never once did You leave us on our own.
You are faithful, God, You are faithful.



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REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 22 OCTOBER 2022

"MAY GOD ALMIGHTY GIVE YOU MERCY" GENESIS 43:14

INTRODUCTION


1. A severe famine had struck Egypt and surrounding nations
2. Only Egypt was fully prepared for the famine
3. All surrounding nations were driven to go to Egypt to purchase grain

DESPERATE TIMES FOR JACOB AND FAMILY

- 1 Now the famine *was* severe in the land.
- 2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a little food."

Genesis 43:1-2

1. The famine continued to be severe
2. The supply of grain brought from Egypt had been consumed
3. Jacob had words with Reuben on the subject of bringing Benjamin with them to Egypt



4. He had refused to let Benjamin go with the brothers lest some mishap should befall Benjamin

5. He knows that he needs to send his sons to Egypt to purchase more food

6. He was still not willing to let Benjamin go with his brothers to Egypt

CONVERSATION BETWEEN JACOB AND JUDAH I

3 But Judah spoke to him, saying, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you.'

4 If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food.

5 But if you will not send *him*, we will not go down; for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you.'

Genesis 43:3-5

1. Judah tried to reason with his father Jacob

- a. They cannot see "the man" (Joseph)
- b. Unless Benjamin was brought down to Egypt

2. If Benjamin would not go with them

- a. They would not be able to purchase the necessary provisions
- b. Without food, they would lose everything
 - i. Their animals
 - ii. Their very lives



CONVERSATION BETWEEN JACOB AND JUDAH II

6 And Israel said, "Why did you deal so wrongfully with me *as* to tell the man whether you had still *another* brother?"

7 But they said, "The man asked us pointedly about ourselves and our family, saying, '*Is* your father still alive? Have you *another* brother?' And we told him according to these words. Could we possibly have known that he would say, 'Bring your brother down?'"



8 Then Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you *and* also our little ones. **9** I myself will be surety for him; from my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him *back* to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. **10** For if we had not lingered, surely by now we would have returned this second time."

Genesis 43:6-10

1. Jacob's query

Why did they disclose to the Egyptian Minister that they had a younger brother?

2. Judah's response

- a. The Man (Joseph) had asked pointed questions
 - i. Whether their father was alive
 - ii. Whether they had another brother
 - b. They could not but tell the truth!
 - c. They could not have imagined that they would be compelled to bring Benjamin down to Egypt
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3. The Plea of Judah

- a. This was a matter of life and death
- b. If they can purchase grain, they would live
- c. If they do not go to Egypt, they would all die!

4. The proposition of Judah

- a. He would be surety for Benjamin
- b. If anything untoward happened to Benjamin, he would bear the blame forever

5. An urgent appeal

- a. They could have gone to Egypt and returned
- b. This procrastination was unmeaningful

JACOB'S DECISION

11 And their father Israel said to them, "If *it must be* so, then do this: Take some of the best fruits of the land in your vessels and carry down a present for the man—a little balm and a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds. **12** Take double money in your hand, and take back in your hand the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was an oversight. **13** Take your brother also, and arise, go back to the man. **14** And may God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved, I am bereaved!"

Genesis 43:11-14



1. If it must be so
 - a. Carry a present for "the man"
 - i. Best fruits
 - ii. A little balm
 - iii. A little honey
 - iv. Spices and myrrh
 - v. Pistachio nuts and almond
 - b. Bring double the money
 - c. Return the money that was found in their sacks
 - d. Take Benjamin too
2. The mercy of God
 - a. And may God Almighty give you mercy before the man
 - b. That he may release your other brother (Simeon)
 - c. And Benjamin
3. If I am bereaved, I am bereaved!
 - a. Resignation
 - b. Sorrow anticipated

CONCLUSION

1. Where God was not in the picture
Helplessness and hopelessness will set in!
2. Where God is brought in
There is possible mercy and a miracle!



REFLECTION

WRITTEN BY

Ing Yanning

At Youth Worship last week, we read from Genesis 43:1-14 where Jacob and his family had finished their supply of grain. Jacob could not deny further that his beloved son, Benjamin, had to follow his other sons back to Egypt for more grain. Jacob decided to bring God back into the picture once again though he was resigned to losing Benjamin. The message last week spoke to my heart in two ways.

Firstly, do not delay in making good decisions. In last week's passage, we saw Jacob's family facing a dire situation because he delayed having his sons to return to Egypt for more grain. While we practise making choices daily, the reality is that we could find some decisions more complex than others. Like Jacob, I realised that I tend to procrastinate certain decisions because they are important to me, and I fear facing the consequences. I learnt that facing the problem and not delaying is the first step to making a good decision.

Secondly, involve God in making a good decision. From the time the sons returned from Egypt till this moment, Jacob did not turn to God. There were feelings of fear which resulted in tremendous hopelessness. This was the same problem of fear that Jacob struggled with previously. In Jacob's hopelessness, he recalled God as the Almighty, and he could only depend on the mercies of God. To make a good decision, we can always turn back to God.





Unlike Jacob, we can choose to involve God from the beginning. Jacob was trapped in despair and hopelessness for a long time. He only turned to the Lord when he was at his wits' end when he recognised that he had to exercise his faith in God. For us who have the privilege of reading these stories in hindsight, we can be reminded that God will always make a way. Even though it might not be natural for us to do so, we can make a conscious choice to respond by involving God at every step of the way. As I look towards making big decisions like choosing a career, which is still largely unknown at this point in time, I am encouraged by Psalm 34:18 that reads, "The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit." I am challenged to involve God from the beginning because in Him, hope is found.



I AM THE LORD GOD

The mighty angels of God appeared in a dream;
To Jacob this was absolutely fascinating!
He was not fully aware that angels exist;
To see angels in movement was truly bliss!

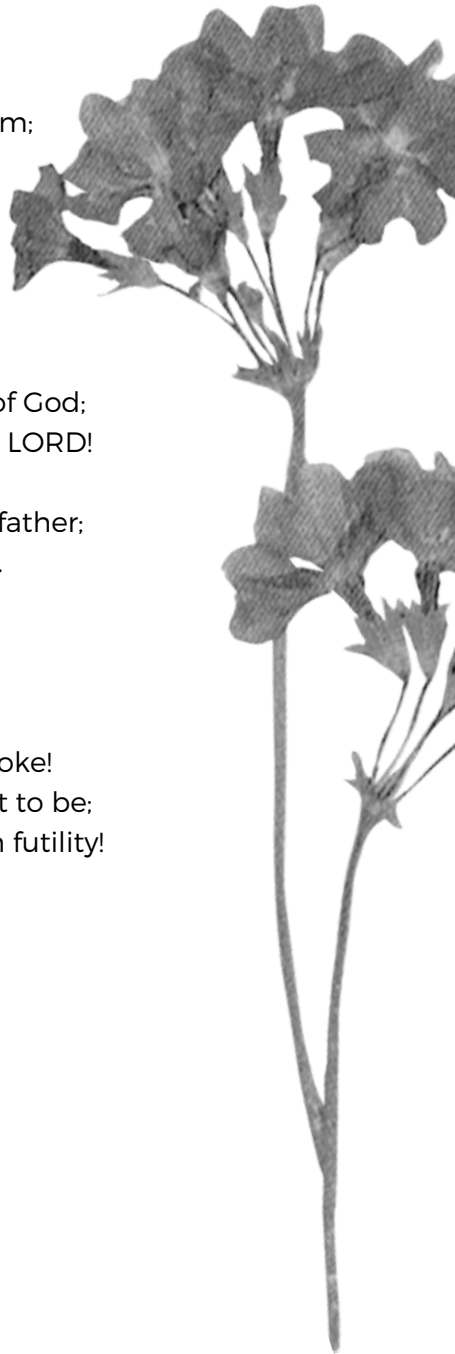
Then the LORD God came onto the scene;
His Presence was awesome and frightening.
Jacob had paid little attention to the notion of God;
And then came this announcement from the LORD!

He was the LORD God of Abraham, his grandfather;
He was also the LORD God of Isaac, his father.
But Jacob's name was not mentioned at all;
The implication was something that appals!

But God was gracious in the way He spoke;
He promised to be with him; and then he awoke!
What an awesome dream this had turned out to be;
He knew that his present life would end up in futility!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 28:10-13



ADDRESSING LIFE'S PROBLEMS WITH FAITH

Problems in life should be addressed without delay,
Sitting on them only makes things worse — they won't just go away.
Denial and wilful blindness are most unhelpful,
Argument and finger pointing are even more unfruitful.

Instead, problems must be met with determination—
To work out a solution; to figure out a direction.
The complexities of life's problems require much wisdom,
Even if it means some hardship, one must make a decision.

The most crucial element in addressing problems is involving the Lord,
Above and beyond all human preparation, wisdom and thought.
For only God can bring about true change and deliverance,
Truly, it is faith in God that would make all the difference!

To overcome diffidence, not our own abilities, but in God we trust,
We can find that confidence, rely on God's mercies we must!
With faith, we can go beyond our human weakness and limitation,
God can order our lives, providing much needed solutions and direction.

By Stanley Woo
Inspiration: Genesis 43:1-14



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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CHRISTMAS CAROLLING 2022

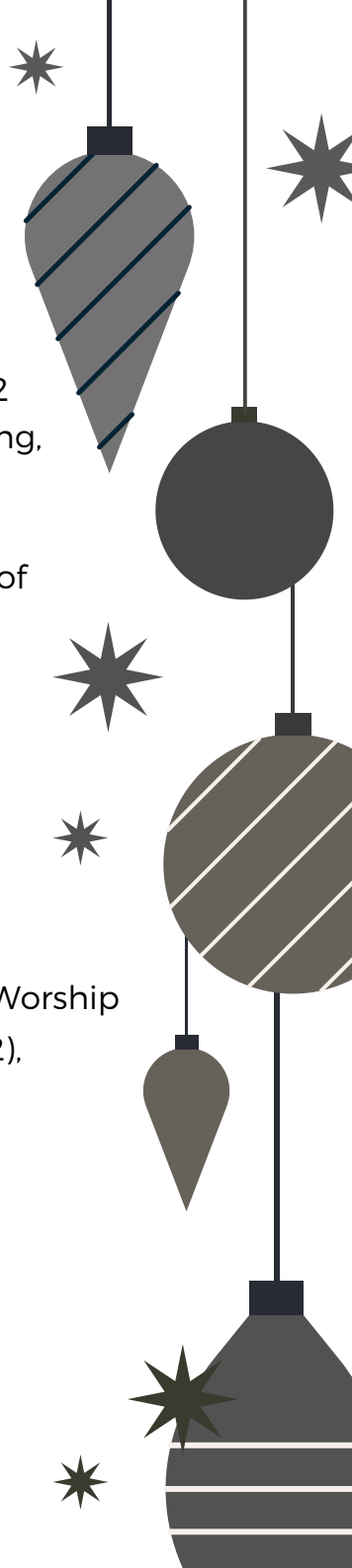
Christmas is fast approaching in less than 2 months' time! With much joy and thanksgiving, we look forward to a time of singing and fellowship at our Christmas Carolling Programme. Let us renew our appreciation of the Lord's goodness and greatness this Christmas!

DETAILS

DATE	17 December 2022, Saturday
TIME	5.00pm
VENUE	Bethany IPC
PROGRAMME	We will begin with a time of Worship in the main sanctuary (Level 2), followed by Dinner at Level 1.

Please plan to sign up early!

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER



YW NEWSLETTER (29 OCTOBER 2022)

All things work together for good to those who love God (Romans 8:28). This is a profound and precious truth that the Lord has offered to all who know and love Him. While we wait upon God for His plans to gloriously unfold, the challenge remains for us to employ faith and be sanguine. This issue of the Newsletter features Gabrielle Wan who finds her assurance in the Lord's perfect plan amidst uncertainties.

Scan here to read more:



NEXT YWS



5 NOVEMBER 2022

Message: "A slave to my lord"

Text: Genesis 44:33

All were going well for the sons of Jacob as they dined with the governor of Egypt, at his house. Unbeknownst to them, Joseph devised a plan to test his brothers once again. He ordered his steward to plant his silver goblet in the sack of Benjamin the night before, and then to pursue and confront them on their way back to Canaan the next day.

The brothers protested their innocence as this accusation of stealing was hurled. To their great horror and despair, the silver goblet was found in the possession of Benjamin during the search! The brothers went on bended knee as they were brought before the governor. Hearing the order for Benjamin to be enslaved, Judah made an honest and impassioned plea. Will the brothers pass this test?



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