

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!

Let us come before the Presence of the LORD with thanksgiving, with hearts ready to offer praise for His goodness and mercy in our lives! May we look forward to a time of connecting with God through worship!

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THE SEVEN-FOLD BLESSINGS

How will the LORD respond to one who has set his love upon Him, and sought to know His name? Psalm 91 concludes with a list of blessings that God promises to them.

14 Because he has set his love upon Me,
therefore I will deliver him;

I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble;

I will deliver him and honour him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him,
And show him My salvation.”

PSALM 91:14-16

1. God promised to bless

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| a. Those who have set their love upon Him | Psalm 91:14a |
| b. Those who have sought to know Him deeply | Psalm 91:14b |

2. The Seven-Fold Blessings

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| a. He will deliver | Psalm 91: 14, 15 |
| b. He will set us on high | Psalm 91:14 |
| c. He will answer our prayers | Psalm 91:15 |
| d. He will be with us in trouble | Psalm 91:15 |
| e. He will honour us | Psalm 91:15 |
| f. He will satisfy us with a long and blessed life | Psalm 91:16 |
| g. He will show us the fullness of His salvation | Psalm 91:16 |

HOPE IN GOD'S PRECIOUS PROMISES

While the Problems of this life may stir up fear and anxiety within us, our faith in God teaches us how to rise above the storms of life to see and focus on the LORD and His precious Promises instead.

How uplifting it is to look at the path before us and be assured of God's blessings!

The Biblical Joseph whom we have been studying at Youth Worship serves as an example for us. He held on to God's promises even in the darkest of days, and the seven-fold blessings are irrefutably apparent in his life!

Knowing that the fulfilment of God's blessings is hinged upon our personal faith-pursuit, let us be deeply challenged to set our love on the LORD and be committed in growing our faith and closeness to Him!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

15 APRIL 2023

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Eugene Seow

Opening Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Song Leading

1. You Made Us Your Own
2. We Will Carry The Torch

Goh Yuanli

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 50:1-14

Asia Tan, Chloe Tang
& Tessa Kang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Message:

“The Burial of Jacob”

Text: Genesis 50:1-4

Pastor Eugene Seow

Closing Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

15 APRIL 2023

“THE BURIAL OF JACOB”

GENESIS 50:1-14

YOU MADE US YOUR OWN

by Sovereign Grace

We were ruined in our sin;
We were guilty and undone,
When Your love reached down
With sovereign hands
And beckoned us to come.

You sought out the wanderers;
Made the prodigals come home,
With a lavish feast You welcomed us
For You made us Your own.

Chorus

You have loved us like You love Your Son.
We are heirs with Christ, bought by His blood.
Oh how great the love that we've been shown.
We're Your children now,
You made us Your own.

We are strangers to the world,
But no strangers to Your throne.
We draw near You now with confidence
For all our fears are gone.

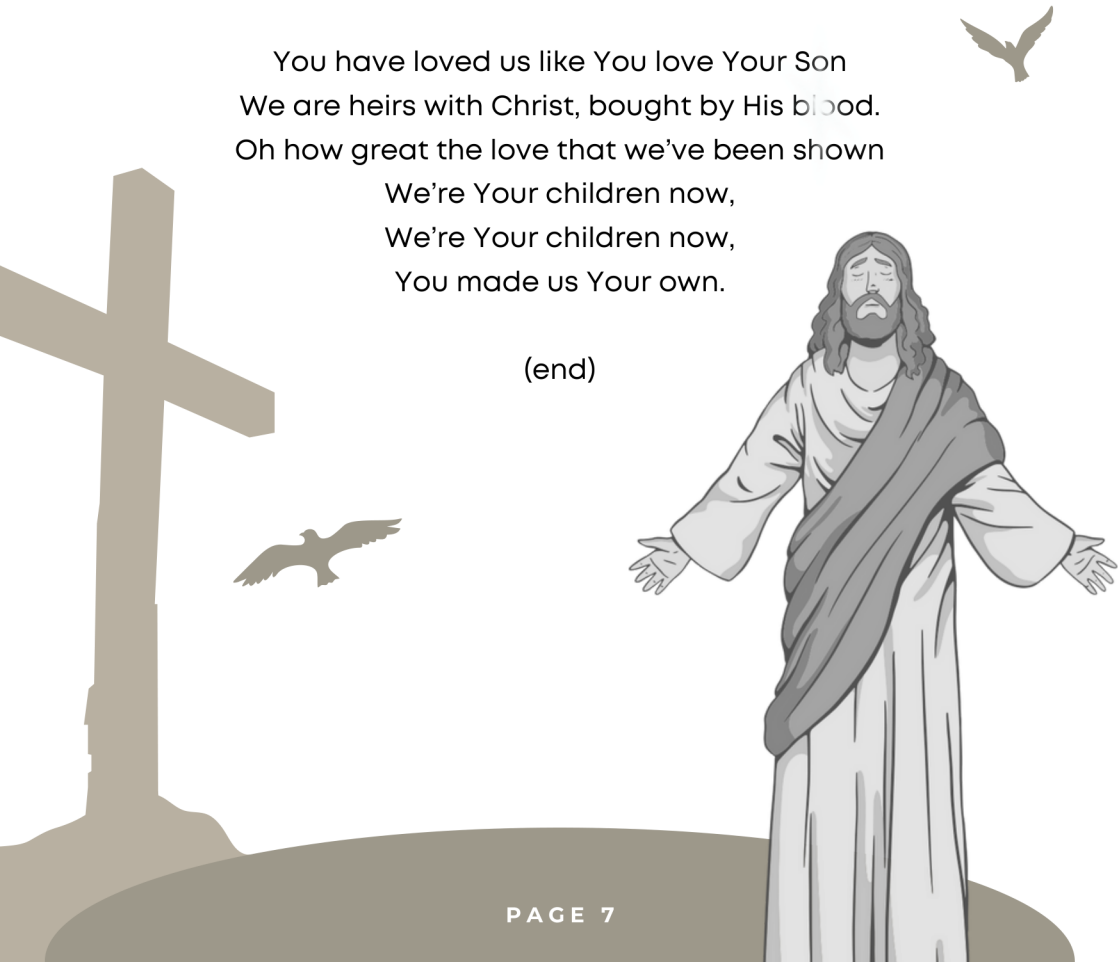
And one day when Christ returns,
We'll meet saints we've never known.
And forever we will be amazed
That You made us Your own.

Chorus

You have loved us like You love Your Son.
We are heirs with Christ, bought by His blood.
Oh how great the love that we've been shown.
We're Your children now,
You made us Your own.

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We are heirs with Christ, bought by His blood.
Oh how great the love that we've been shown
We're Your children now,
We're Your children now,
You made us Your own.

(end)





WE WILL CARRY THE TORCH

Words and Music by David Baroni and Lynn Keesecker

The world lies in darkness, lost in their sin,
And they don't even know the danger they're in;
We who are called to that glorious fight,
Must shine like a beacon of love in the night.

Chorus

We will carry the torch, we will lift high the flame,
We will march through the darkness
With the light of His name;
'Til the glory of God is seen by the world,
We will carry the torch of the Lord.

There's no need for failure, no need for fear,
For the Lord goes before us to make our path clear.
Let the glorious flame, let that glorious light,
Let it shine out through you and shine in the night.

Chorus

We will carry the torch, we will lift high the flame,
We will march through the darkness
With the light of His name;
'Til the glory of God is seen by the world,
We will carry the torch of the Lord.

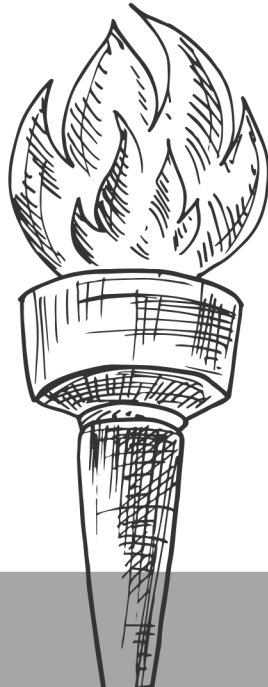


The torch is our Saviour,
The hope for all men
And as we lift Him up
He will draw all men to Him!

Chorus

We will carry the torch, we will lift high the flame,
We will march through the darkness
With the light of His name;
'Til the glory of God is seen by the world,
We will carry the torch of the Lord!

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 8 APRIL 2023

"THE DEATH OF JACOB"

GENESIS 49:29-33

INTRODUCTION


1. Deaths of the Patriarchs recorded in Genesis
 - a. Death of Abraham Genesis 25:1-11
 - b. Death of Isaac Genesis 35:27-29
 - c. Death of Jacob Genesis 49:29-33
2. Lessons to be learned
 - a. About Life
 - b. About Death

THE LIFE OF JACOB

1. The Life of Jacob (Geographically)
 - a. In Canaan
 - b. In Haran
 - c. Back to Canaan
 - d. In Egypt
2. The life of Jacob (Family)
 - a. As sons of Isaac and Rebekah
 - b. On his own in Haran
 - c. Growing a Family amidst the deep hurts suffered
 - d. Reconciliation in the family
 - e. Last words of admonition to all his sons



SIGNIFICANT EPISODES IN JACOB'S LIFE

1. The Sinful life of Jacob in Haran
 - a. Cheating Esau
 - i. Of his birthright
 - ii. Of his blessing
 - b. Consequences
 - i. Fleeing from Esau in great fear
 - ii. Fleeing to Haran to seek Laban
 2. The Salvation of Jacob
 - a. God reached out to Jacob
 - b. A ladder showing angels climbing up and down was seen
 - c. Jacob turns to God in faith
 3. The Serving years in Haran
 - a. For the hand of Rachel
 - b. The birth of many sons
 - c. Seeing the futility of all his labour
 4. Seeking God's help to return to Canaan safely
 - a. Facing Wrath from Laban
 - b. Facing the Fear of Esau
 - c. Finding God's grace and mercy in prayer
 5. Seeing much turmoil in the Family
 - a. The wickedness of Simeon and Levi
 - b. The wandering of Judah
 - c. The "War" between Joseph and his brothers
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6. The saddest years of Life in Canaan
 - a. The Loss of Joseph
 - b. The famine in the land
 - c. The growing disaster of starvation during the famine
 - d. The problem faced by the brothers in Egypt
7. Seeing Light at last
 - a. Regaining of Happiness
 - b. Reconciliation with Joseph
 - c. Rejoicing in God and life again
8. Seeking to give words of wisdom
 - a. Instructions from his deathbed
 - b. Important Insights given to all the children
 - c. Impending Death

THE DEATH OF JACOB

1. The Charge of Jacob

29 Then he charged them and said to them: "I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite, **30** in the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite as a possession for a burial place. **31** There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah. **32** The field and the cave that *is* there *were* purchased from the sons of Heth." **33** And when Jacob had finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 49:29-33

2. Features of the Charge

- a. To be buried with his fathers in Machpelah
- b. In the land of Canaan
- c. Clarity of knowledge of Abraham's purchase of the family burial plot

CONCLUSION

1. Lessons to be learned about Life

- a. How we live matters
- b. Serious attention must be given to how we choose to live

2. Lessons to be learned about Death

- a. It must reflect our Faith
- b. It would be good to reflect a Faith that dates back to our forefathers

REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

by Esther Tang

Last week, Pastor reminded us of the significant “episodes” in Jacob’s life.

Significant episodes in Jacob’s life

In his younger age, Jacob sinned greatly against his father Isaac and his brother Esau, stealing his brother’s birthright by tricking him, and lying to his father. It was only after he fled from home and went to Bethel that he found salvation in the Lord when God reached out to him in a vision. Jacob then served Laban for 14 years to gain the hand of Rachel, before returning to Canaan where he had to face Esau. In Jacob’s own family, there was great turmoil- there was a lack of closeness between him and his children. Jacob returned to the Lord when he went to Egypt to see Joseph. Finally, he gave admonitions to each of his sons before he breathed his last.

Jacob’s final words

In Jacob’s final words, a sense of connection to the patriarchs before him was seen, in his reference to the people in Canaan as “my people” and “my fathers”. This connection

was not seen in the early years of Jacob's life, yet this sense of connection that Jacob had grown to have was extremely important. Because of the sense of connection that he felt, Jacob was conscious to give specific instructions to be buried in Canaan with his forebears, reflecting his spiritual understanding that Canaan was the promised land from God.

My challenge

Even as Bethany celebrates 50 years of ministry, I am challenged to develop this sense of connection with the church. Despite having grown up in church, finding this connection is not a given. It must be one that is personal and not one that can be "passed down" from generation to generation. With this sense of connection to the Church, I must be conscious to be faithful to the Lord and to grow in my Faith. I want to continue to call Bethany my second home. As I continue to grow physically and spiritually, learning more valuable and precious lessons from the Lord's Word each week, I hold this hope that in time to come, should the Lord find me faithful, He will call me to serve Him significantly in the different ministries in church.



BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID

Fear to Jacob, was a constant companion;
He feared his brother Esau and now Laban.
There were problems he could not resolve;
Around the problem of Fear, his life revolved.

He fled from Laban because of great Fear;
He relied heavily on God to be very near.
Laban's search for his idols came up empty;
Rachel had hidden them most cunningly.

Jacob then spoke his mind to Laban;
He had been cheated for years in Haran.
He had worked very hard for his family;
But Laban had cheated him routinely.

Jacob now spoke of his faith in the LORD;
Abraham and Isaac had faith in this God.
It was this God who had given him protection;
Laban was no longer able to have dominion.

Charles Tan
Genesis 31:22-42

ANNOUNCEMENTS



YW NEWSLETTER

15 APRIL 2023

We hope you had a meaningful Easter celebration. Ethan Ho shares his new-found understanding of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. Filled with gratitude for the Lord's act of love and faith in him, Ethan found a desire to live for God!

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NO YOUTH WORSHIP NEXT WEEK (22 APRIL 2023)

Next Saturday, 22 April 2023, is a Public Holiday (Hari Raya Puasa). As such, there will not be any programmes in Church.

Youth Worship will resume the following Saturday, 29 April 2023.

PASTOR CHARLES SENDS GREETINGS FROM PERTH

Bethel concluded their Family Camp this week. Thank God for His blessings!

Pastor Charles Tan sends greetings to all. He will continue to minister in Perth this weekend, and will be back in Singapore on 17 April 2023, Monday.

NEXT YWS



29 APRIL 2023

Message: "God meant it for good"

Text: Genesis 50:20

Joseph held fast to his faith to the very end. Faith in God shaped his character and perspective of life, helping him to endure and rise above even the most trying circumstances.

With a faith that is sublime, Joseph could see and appreciate God's sovereign hand in his life. Even when his brothers meant evil against him, Joseph wholeheartedly believed that God used it for His higher purpose. Our Sovereign LORD had planned for Joseph to save the lives of many.

May we draw inspiration from Joseph to grow and possess an outstanding faith too!

We will conclude the study of Genesis at our next Youth Worship Service! What a delight it has been to have the book of Genesis opened up to us. Thank God for the many precious lessons taught. May we seek to learn them well!



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