

# 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!

Knowing the LORD who holds supreme power is a privilege. May we behold His wondrous works recorded in the Scriptures, and evidenced in our Church and our lives! Let us worship our Almighty God with reverence and adoration!

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## THE LORD ON HIGH IS MIGHTIER

A tsunami wave can rise as high as 100 feet, and travel as fast as a plane at 500 miles/hr. Its devastating force can effortlessly wreck an entire coastline. Truly, the mighty waves of the sea can be tremendously frightening! The Psalmist employed the imagery of the floods to symbolise the dangers afoot.

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**3** The floods have lifted up, O LORD,  
The floods have lifted up their voice;  
The floods lift up their waves.

**4** The LORD on high *is* mightier  
Than the noise of many waters,  
*Than* the mighty waves of the sea.

**PSALM 93:3-4**

”

1. The imagery of the floods Psalm 93:3
  - a. Lifted up
  - b. Roaring loudly
2. The might of the floods
  - a. Power to cause great destruction
  - b. Many lives can be lost
3. The symbol of the floods
  - a. Danger
  - b. Disaster

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4. The LORD on high is mightier      Psalm 93:4
- a. God is higher than the floods
  - b. He possesses supreme power

## **PUTTING OUR TRUST IN THE ALMIGHTY GOD**



The problems and issues of life can hit us like vehement waves, potentially causing us to shudder in fear and anxiety, and leaving some debilitated.

The Scriptures tell us of an assuring truth – our God on high is mightier than any of the storms we face in life! Recorded in the Bible are testimonies of God’s might. His power is evident in His protection upon Abraham and his descendants. Soon at Youth Worship, we will also read about the LORD’s Might in judging the Egyptians with 10 plagues to deliver the children of Israel out of the hands of their oppressors.

When we put our trust in the LORD, we will never need to fear the threats posed by malicious people or the issues of life. Let the words of the Psalmist David in Psalm 56 be our personal conviction.

“

**IN GOD**

I have put

**MY TRUST;**

I will not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

PSALM 56:11

”

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

6 MAY 2023

### Prelude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

### Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Song Leading

1. Across the Lands

Ong Yanning

2. Before You I Kneel

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

### Scripture Reading:

Genesis 15:12-21; Exodus 1:1-7

Bethany Toong, Ong Yanning  
& Chloe Tang

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

### Message:

"The children of Israel were fruitful"

Text: Exodus 1:7

Pastor Charles Tan

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Offering

### Postlude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

# MY NOTES

6 MAY 2023

**“THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL  
WERE FRUITFUL”**

EXODUS 1:7

# WORSHIP SONGS

## *Across the Lands*

By Keith & Kristyn Getty

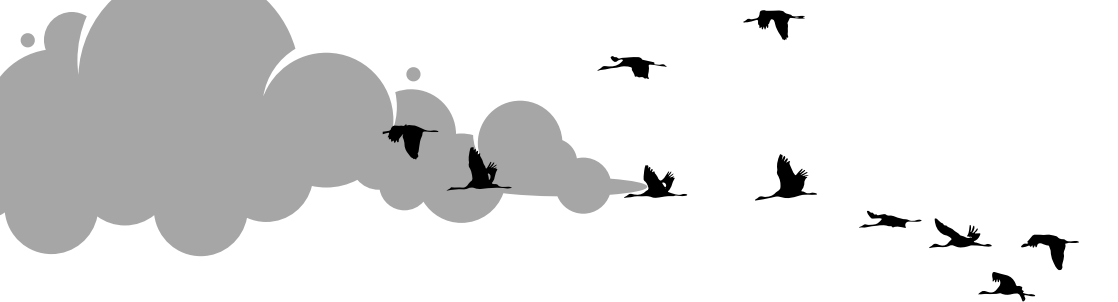
You're the Word of God, eternal,  
From before the world began;  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.

All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory;  
Let the land and seas rejoice.

You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man,  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of Heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
With a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered,  
That the guilty may go free.



You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man,  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wrestling vict'ry from the grave,  
And ascended into Heaven,  
Leading captives in Your way.

Now You stand before the Father,  
Interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners Home.

You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man,  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

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# Before You I Kneel

by Keith and Kristyn Getty

Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker,  
To offer the work of my hands.  
For this is the day You've given Your servant;  
I will rejoice and be glad

For the strength I have to live and breathe,  
For each skill Your grace has given me,  
For the needs and opportunities  
That will glorify Your great name.

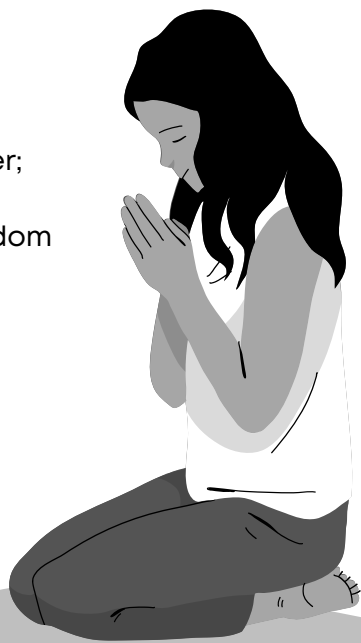
Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness  
To cover the work of my hands.  
For patience and peace to shape all my labour,  
Your grace for thorns in my path.

Flow within me like a living stream,  
Wear away the stones of pride and greed  
'Til Your ways are dwelling deep in me  
And a harvest of life is grown.

Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker;  
Establish the work of our hands.  
And order our steps to seek first Your kingdom  
In every small and great task.

May we live the gospel of Your grace,  
Serve Your purpose in our fleeting days,  
Then our lives will bring eternal praise  
And all glory to Your great name.

(end)





# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 29 APRIL 2023**

### **“GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD”**

#### **GENESIS 50:20**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Death and Burial of Jacob
  - a. It was a long-drawn event
  - b. It was a very grand funeral
2. Old fears arose
  - a. The brothers of Joseph became afraid
  - b. They approached Joseph fearfully

#### **THE RISE OF OLD FEARS**

**15** When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him."

**16** So they sent *messengers* to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying,

**17** 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.'" Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.'" And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

**18** Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we *are* your servants."

Genesis 50:15-18

1. The reality of Jacob's death sank in
  - a. The mourning period was over
  - b. Jacob, their father, was no more
2. Real fears arose
  - a. Fear that Joseph would repay their evil
  - b. Fear that they would be executed
3. Messengers (Messages) were sent to Joseph
  - a. They claimed that their father Jacob had given this advice
  - b. The contents of this message

"I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you."

Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father."

Genesis 50:17

- c. This message cannot be verified
  - i. It was not written
  - ii. Joseph did not receive this word from his father directly
  - iii. It is possible but perhaps not very likely
- d. Bowing before Joseph
  - i. They bowed to Joseph
  - ii. They presented themselves as "servants of Joseph"

## ALLAYING OF THE FEARS

**19** Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for *am* I in the place of God?

**20** But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.

**21** Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Genesis 50:19-21

1. He sought to allay their fears
2. His word to his brothers
  - a. He spoke about God
  - b. God’s hand revealed
    - i. Evil was turned around
    - ii. Good prevailed
    - iii. Joseph’s destiny was to save lives
  - c. Joseph’s promise
    - i. They need never fear
    - ii. He will provide for them
    - iii. He will provide for their families (children)
  - d. Word of comfort and kindness were spoken

## THE DEATH OF JOSEPH

**22** So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years.

**23** Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third *generation*. The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph's knees.

**24** And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

**25** Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here."

**26** So Joseph died, *being* one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Genesis 50:22-26

### 1. The death of Joseph

- a. He lived to 110 years old
- b. He saw his children grow up
- c. He saw his grandchildren and great-grandchildren

### 2. The last words of Joseph

- a. He spoke of dying
- b. He spoke of his faith that God would bring them out to the Promised Land

3. Obtaining an oath from all his relatives
  - a. When God visits them
  - b. They are to bring his bones out of Egypt to be buried in Canaan
4. Burial of Joseph
  - a. He was embalmed
  - b. He was put in a coffin in Egypt

## **CONCLUSION**

1. The faith of Joseph
  - a. Expressed practically
  - b. Expressed outstandingly
2. The challenge to us
  - a. To know God better
  - b. To have a greater faith

# REFLECTIONS

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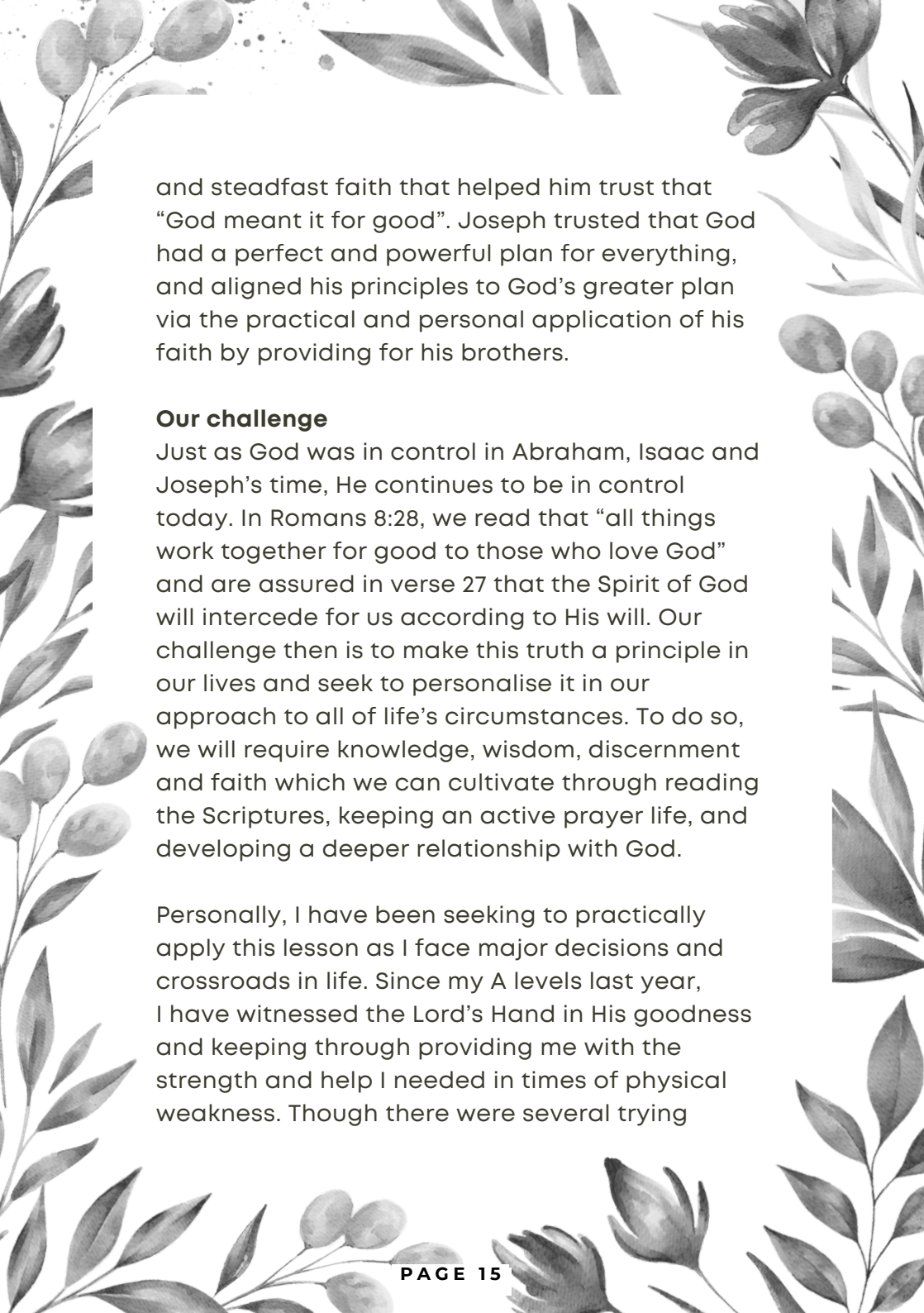
*Asia Tan*

## **The narrative**

Last week, we concluded our study of Genesis at Youth Worship after two years. In Genesis 50, we read about how Joseph's brothers were fearful of how Joseph might repay their evil deeds after Jacob's passing, but instead, Joseph responded with love and gentleness. He allayed their fears and meant no harm, and even promised to continue providing for his brothers' families. Through these, we see the outstanding and godly character of Joseph, how he was able to forgive his brothers, and even go a step further to display generosity and tender love towards them. Joseph was able to have this type of response only because of his faith and trust in God.

## **God's perfect and powerful plan**

Joseph's faith in the Lord helped him to see beyond the many tribulations that plagued his life, including his brothers' malicious deeds towards him, becoming a slave in Egypt, experiencing the famine and more. Though Joseph faced much adversity as a result of man's evil toward him, he bore a strong




and steadfast faith that helped him trust that “God meant it for good”. Joseph trusted that God had a perfect and powerful plan for everything, and aligned his principles to God’s greater plan via the practical and personal application of his faith by providing for his brothers.

### **Our challenge**

Just as God was in control in Abraham, Isaac and Joseph’s time, He continues to be in control today. In Romans 8:28, we read that “all things work together for good to those who love God” and are assured in verse 27 that the Spirit of God will intercede for us according to His will. Our challenge then is to make this truth a principle in our lives and seek to personalise it in our approach to all of life’s circumstances. To do so, we will require knowledge, wisdom, discernment and faith which we can cultivate through reading the Scriptures, keeping an active prayer life, and developing a deeper relationship with God.

Personally, I have been seeking to practically apply this lesson as I face major decisions and crossroads in life. Since my A levels last year, I have witnessed the Lord’s Hand in His goodness and keeping through providing me with the strength and help I needed in times of physical weakness. Though there were several trying

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temporal incidents that left me lost as to what God was trying to teach me, looking back, I see that it was all part of His plan to lead me to where I am today. As I am about to enter University, many uncertainties lie ahead. But I am choosing faith over fear as I know that God is in control, and though a man's heart plans his way, the Lord ultimately directs his steps (Proverbs 16:9). As I enter school once more, I am seeking to personalise this principle that I'm learning by striving to utilise what God has given me to the best of my ability to reflect His glory. May we all seek to see beyond our current circumstances and trust that the Lord is in control and that everything will ultimately fall into place according to His perfect plan!



## THE ANGELS OF GOD

Fear was in the heart of Jacob when he fled from home;  
Fear was on every side, as he began to wander and roam.

He could not return to Canaan to see his mother;  
He had to go to dwell with his mother's own brother.

God gave to Jacob an extraordinarily special sight;  
He saw angels ascending and descending one night.

God then appeared to him and spoke graciously.  
Jacob's journey of Faith began immediately.

For many years, he toiled to provide for his family;  
The LORD had blessed Jacob most abundantly.

He was now on the way home to Canaan;  
God once again sent angels from Heaven.

Jacob saw a company of angels nearby;  
He knew, that on the LORD, he must rely.  
The angels represented the Almighty;  
God had looked after Jacob faithfully!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 28:10-12; 32:1-2

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CHURCH SPRING CLEANING

Thank God for each one who made time to clean the Church on Monday morning (1 May 2023). The energy and enthusiasm to serve the Lord were evident.

Let us preserve this spirit of service as the next generation in Bethany! May we always have a love for the Lord and His House!



# HELPING OUT AT JUNIOR CAMP 2023

We are excited to announce the return of Junior Camp for our children aged 7 -12 years old.

## Details

Date: 29 May - 1 Jun 2023 (Mon- Thu)

Time: 8:30am - 2:00pm

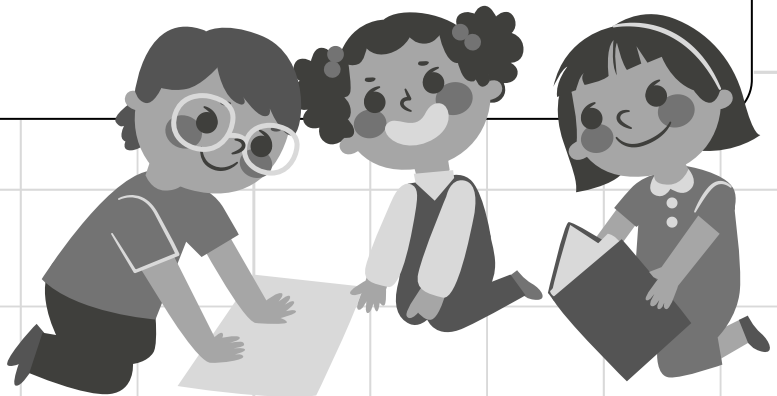
Lunch will be provided

Help will be needed for the camp to run smoothly, which includes cleaning up the church every day during camp. If you would like to serve at the Junior Camp, kindly inform any of the following teachers:

Janelle (Mobile 9711 1023)

Ying Sui (Mobile: 9691 2661)

Yuanli (Mobile: 9155 3173)



# NEXT YWS



**13 MAY 2023**

Message: "Made their Lives bitter with Hard bondage"

Text: Exodus 1:14

God intimated to Abraham that his descendants would be afflicted by the people of the land for 400 years (Genesis 15:13).

This dream given to Abraham was fulfilled. Before long, the deeds of Joseph in saving the lives of the Egyptians were forgotten when a new Pharaoh arose. Under his tyranny, the lives of Abraham's descendants were bitter with hard bondage. Not only that, the Pharaoh commanded them to slay their male offspring.

The reality of life can be harsh. What is needed to cope? How do we bring the Lord into the picture? Let us look forward to learning vital faith-principles when we return to Youth Worship next week!



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