

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!

The Word of God is Sure and it can make us Strong. We are truly privileged to have it opened to us at Worship. Let us be encouraged to listen attentively and receive the Lord's Word into our hearts today!

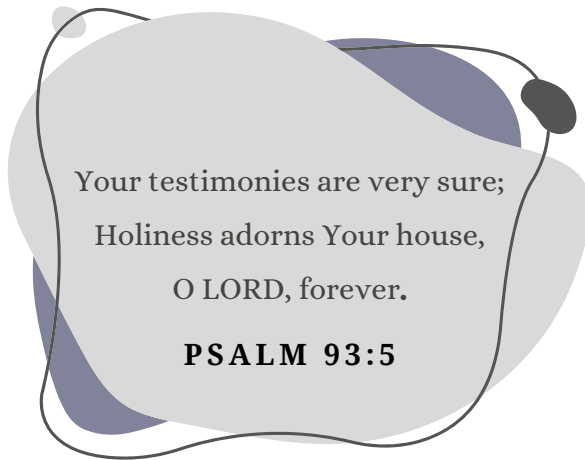


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YOUR TESTIMONIES ARE VERY SURE

Contemplating and concentrating on the greatness of our Everlasting God puts the challenges of life into perspective. The LORD is clothed with majesty and strength (Psalm 93:1). His might is higher than the destructive power of raging waters (Psalm 93:3). Furthermore, His Word is steadfast and sure.



1. Your testimonies are very sure
 - a. The Scriptures contain precious Truths about God
 - b. They also reveal the unfailing Promises of the LORD
 - c. They are solid, sure and steadfast
 - d. We can trust that every Word will come to pass
2. Holiness adorns Your house forever
 - a. The House of God is where the LORD dwells
 - b. It remains distinctively Holy forever
 - c. Unmoved and untainted by floods of evil

A HOUSE BUILT ON SOLID ROCK

With the knowledge of these truths about God, how may we practically exercise our faith and be unfazed by the storms of life? The teaching of our Lord Jesus to build our lives upon the solid Word of God comes to mind.

47 “Whoever **comes to Me**, and **hears My sayings** and **does them**, I will show you whom he is like:

48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. “

LUKE 6:47-48

1. Our lives can be made strong
 - a. Unmoved by the flood
 - b. Unshaken by vehement stream
2. The challenge to lay a strong foundation
 - a. To come to the Lord Jesus
 - b. To hear His sayings
 - c. To do them

Let us be fervent in pursuing knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures. Let us dig deep to make the Word of God the foundation of our lives. Then, we can emerge unmoved even when life's challenges hit us ferociously.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

13 MAY 2023

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. The Heart of Worship

Lorraine Lai

2. With All My Heart

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 1:1-22

Goh Yuanli, Chloe Tang
& Ong Yanning

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Message:

"Made their Lives bitter with

Hard bondage"

Text: Exodus 1:14

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

13 MAY 2023

**“MADE THEIR LIVES BITTER WITH
HARD BONDAGE”**

EXODUS 1:14

The Heart of Worship

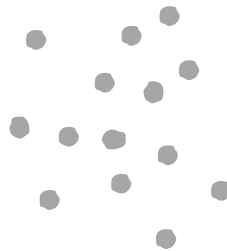
By Matt Redman

When the music fades,
All is stripped away,
And I simply come;
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart.



I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear.
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You,
It's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You,
It's all about You, Jesus.

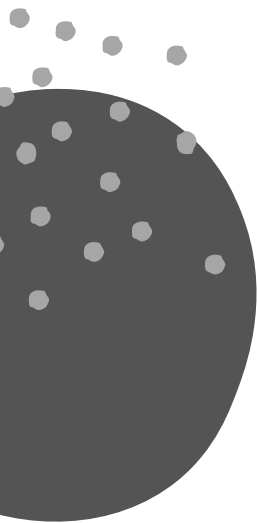


King of endless worth,
No one could express
How much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor,
All I have is Yours,
Every single breath.

I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear.
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You,
It's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You,
It's all about You, Jesus.

(end)



With All of My Heart

by Babbie Mason

In this quiet place with you
I bow before your throne.
I bear the deepest part of me
To You and You alone.
I keep no secrets for there is no thought
You have not known.
I bring my best and all the rest
To You I lay them down

With all my heart
I want to love You, Lord,
And live my life each day to know You more.
All that is in me is Yours completely,
I'll serve You only with all my heart.

You faithfully supply my needs
According to Your Plan,
So help me Lord, to seek Your face
Before I seek Your hand
And trust You know what's best for me
When I don't understand,
Then follow in obedience in ev'ry circumstance.

With all my heart
I want to love You, Lord,
And live my life each day to know You more.
All that is in me is Yours completely,
I'll serve You only with all my heart.

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 6 MAY 2023

“THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WERE FRUITFUL”

EXODUS 1:7

INTRODUCTION

1. There is a close connection between Genesis and Exodus
2. Exodus may be called the historical sequel to Genesis

THE DREAM GIVEN TO ABRAM

12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror *and* great darkness fell upon him. **13** Then He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that* is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. **14** And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. **15** Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. **16** But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet complete.”

17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. **18** On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying:

“To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— **19** the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, **20** the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, **21** the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

Genesis 15:12-21

1. His descendants would be strangers in a foreign land
2. They would be afflicted for 400 years
3. But the nation that enslaved them would be judged
4. His descendants would go to a land that God would give to them

THE FIRST PART OF THE FULFILMENT OF THAT DREAM

1. The first part of the dream is to live in a foreign land (Egypt)
 - a. Joseph would go to Egypt and rise to great power
 - b. Jacob and his family would be invited to live in Goshen, Egypt
2. They would be provided for and protected by the Lord
 - a. Joseph would be there to look after the descendants of Abram
 - b. The first part of Abram's dream was not difficult

THE DESCENDANTS OF JACOB

1 Now these *are* the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob:

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah;

3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin;

4 Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

5 All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph was in Egypt *already*).

Exodus 1:1-5

1. Eleven sons were formally named
2. Joseph was already in Egypt
3. There were 70 people who lived in Egypt
4. They were certainly not ready to go and possess Canaan

A SMALL CHALLENGE TO THE FULFILMENT OF ABRAM'S DREAM

And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation.

Exodus 1:6

1. Joseph:
 - a. The Governor of Egypt
 - b. The Benefactor of Jacob's family
 - c. He had died
2. The Brothers of Joseph
 - a. They too died
 - b. This was to be expected
3. How would the next generation fare?

GROWTH OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AS ANOTHER PART OF THE FULFILMENT OF ABRAM'S DREAM

But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

Exodus 1:7

1. The death of Joseph and his brothers did not adversely affect the children of Israel
2. The facts are:
 - a. They were fruitful
 - b. They increased abundantly
 - c. They grew exceedingly mighty
 - d. The land was filled with them
3. What do these things mean?
 - a. It is God who had blessed their families
 - b. They needed to grow to become a nation
 - c. They need to be strong if they hoped to conquer Canaan one day
 - d. Fruitfulness was part of God's plan of blessing
 - e. This was all part and parcel of God's dream given to Abram

CONCLUSION

1. God's plan
 - a. It may sometimes span many generations
 - b. Each generation is a part of God's great plan

2. Vital lessons

- a. What God has promised, He would fulfil
- b. God's Word is inviolable
- c. God's power would be there to ensure His Plan is fulfilled
- d. God's Plan covered Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their descendants

3. Our Challenge

- a. To cultivate knowledge
- b. To build our faith
- c. To understand God's plans
- d. To seek to fulfil what God had planned

REFLECTIONS

WRITTEN BY

Chloe Tang

This month, we begin our study of the book of Exodus. While Exodus is a new book to many of us, we cannot view it as separate from Genesis - it is a continuation of all the events that were recorded in Genesis. We continue to see how God was with Abraham's descendants in Egypt.

God's provision and protection

Years after the events we read in Genesis 50, the children of Israel still remained in Egypt, in a foreign land. They started out being small in number, only seventy persons. It may be difficult to imagine, but for a group of seventy in a nation full of Egyptians - the chances of growth would not have been very high. So many things could have gone wrong and led to the downfall of the children of Israel. However, we read that the children of Israel were extremely fruitful. So fruitful, in fact, that the passage mentions it several times in different ways, to emphasise just how abundant and mighty the children of Israel had become, that they were able to fill a land that was not theirs. I can only think of one explanation - God's provision and protection.

God's greater plan

While we read about Joseph and his extraordinary life (Genesis 37-50), we remember that God is the One who led and blessed him. All the challenges in his life were part of God's plan. Recorded in Genesis 50, Joseph said that he would provide for his brothers and their families. During the time of Exodus, Joseph and his generation had already passed on, but God carried on in blessing and providing for the children of Israel. While God had a plan for Joseph, His greater plan started before him, with his great-grandfather Abraham (Genesis 15), his grandfather Isaac (Genesis 26), then his father Jacob (Genesis 28). This plan would also extend beyond Joseph, over many generations, to the nation of Israel.

Understanding and faith

Through his life, and cultivation of faith, Joseph came to know God and eventually understood a bit more about His plan for him. Even after all the hardships he faced - being sold by his brothers into slavery, then years of imprisonment - Joseph was able to say that God meant all those things for good. This greater comprehension of God's plan can only come if we desire to know Him more. When we know more about God, about His many attributes, we may be able to better understand Him. When we find God more real, we will be more able to see God's hand in our lives, and how He guides and leads us. We also need faith in God, to be able to trust Him that He would bring us through the uncertainty and challenges of life. Joseph trusted in God's power and hand, to carry him through various difficulties even when the circumstances seemed dire. In contrast, the children of Israel did not find God real to them and were missing a sense of history and community. As a result, they were not aware of God's plan

Our challenge

From this lesson, I want to know God better and trust Him more. In my life now, I face uncertainties about what the future may hold for me. In the world that we live in where we try to plan our career pathways and possible opportunities, I sometimes struggle to remember that God has a plan for me and has a plan beyond me as well. God will open and close doors, and call me to different areas. He will provide avenues for me to grow and to serve Him more, as part of His greater plan.

One way I see this is how I can serve and contribute to the Church, and be a part of the work that God does through the Church. For instance, when I sing in the choir, I sing not to glorify myself, but to glorify God and share about His goodness. Through the song item we give collectively, God can use us to speak to people and to touch hearts.

Paul writes in Philippians 1:6 that we can be “confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” I am challenged to build a stronger faith that I can speak of, like Joseph, that I will be able to see God’s work in my life more clearly.



GREATLY AFRAID AND DISTRESSED

Jacob had overcome his fears of Laban;
The LORD had called him to return to Canaan.
But he knew that a greater challenge lay ahead;
The thought of seeing Esau caused him to be afraid.

He planned a huge gift to be given to Esau;
Sheep, oxen, goats and camels, and more!
But would these appease his twin brother?
Jacob was diffident, he was just not sure!

In his fear and distress, he sought God in prayer;
To the LORD, he poured out his worries and cares.
He recalled the promises given by the LORD;
Once again, he would have to fully trust God!

Jacob was overwhelmed by his deep fears;
To the LORD, he sought to draw very near.
There was no one else on whom to depend;
He must fully believe the LORD to be at hand!

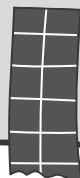
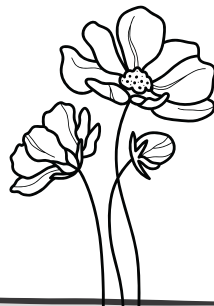
Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 32:3-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MOTHER'S DAY

Thank God for the role that our mothers play in our lives. Let us specially honour them and express our gratitude for their sacrificial love on this special occasion!



YW NEWSLETTER (13 MAY 2023)

The book of Genesis has come alive to many of us who have been faithfully following the messages at Youth Worship. This week's Newsletter features Bethany Toong's reflections on completing the study of Genesis.

May we take time to review the wondrous truths of God learnt and seek to grow in our personal faith in Him!



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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)

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NEXT YWS



20 MAY 2023

Message: "By faith Moses"

Text: Hebrews 11:23

The evil plans of the Pharaoh may have brought much affliction to the children of Israel, but they could not prevail over God's sovereign plan. The unmistakable hand of God preserved Moses when the decree to slay all newborn males among the Hebrews was issued. Though adopted by the Egyptian princess, his biological mother was hired to care for him, giving Moses the opportunity to learn about their family's faith in God.

It would take one with a genuine and great faith in the Lord to undertake the mammoth task of leading the children of Israel out of Egypt. Did Moses grow to have such a faith? What are expressions of a genuine faith? Join us at Youth Worship next week to find out!



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