# 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!

Belonging to God as His special and chosen people is a humbling and uplifting truth. May our lips proclaim grateful and heartfelt praise to the LORD, who is our Maker and the Shepherd of our soul!



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# **COME AND WORSHIP**

# HE APPOINTED

Have you considered that the day and night are specially ordained by the LORD?

It is marvellous to behold the plan of God in His creation. Each one plays its unique and indispensable role. Every act of God is wellorchestrated in splendid detail.





19 He appointed the moon for seasons;

The sun knows its going down.

20 You make darkness, and it is night. In which all the beasts of the forest creep about.

21 The young lions roar after their prey,

And seek their food from God.

22 When the sun rises, they gather together

And lie down in their dens.

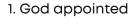
23 Man goes out to his work

And to his labour until the evening.

PSALM 104:19-23







- a. The moon
- b. The sun

Psalm 104:19a

Psalm 104:19b



#### 2. The moon and the sun

- a. They play multiple important roles for us to discover
- b. One of which is to help us to differentiate day and night
- c. They also serve to distinguish the Creatures of the Day and the Creatures of the Night



## 3. The Creatures of the Night

a. They stay active at night	Psalm 104:20
b. The lions are nocturnal animals	Psalm 104:21a
c. At night, they catch their prey which God supplies	Psalm 104:21b
d They lie down and rest when it is day	Psalm 10/:22

#### 4. Man is also described

- a. They commence work in the daytime
- b. They labour till the day is done in the evening

#### UNDERSTANDING GOD'S DESIGN IN CREATION

Nothing is created without purpose or plan. The day and night are ordained by God for good reasons. The rising and setting of the sun are not by "chance" or "coincidence"! Every living thing thrives according to God's Plan of Day and Night.

It is wise for us to understand that there is a time for work, and there is a time for rest. We sometimes neglect our personal health and spiritual wellbeing in pursuit of excellence at studies and at work. May we be perceptive and prudent to apply the Lord's design towards work and rest in our lives!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE 1 JULY 2023

Prelude Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Call to Worship Pastor Charles Tan

**Opening Prayer** Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading Joel Tan

1. What a Faithful God Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

2. Have Faith in God

**Scripture Reading:** Asia Tan, Tessa Kang and

Exodus 4:24-31 Laura Chan

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Eugene Seow

Message: Pastor Charles Tan

"The people believed"

Text: Exodus 4:31

Closing Prayer Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

# **MY NOTES**

1 JULY 2023

## "THE PEOPLE BELIEVED"

EXODUS 4:31

# **WORSHIP SONGS**

# WHAT A FAITHFUL GOD

By Robert Critchley

Lord, I come before Your throne of grace; I find rest in Your presence, and fullness of joy. In worship and wonder I behold Your face, Singing what a faithful God have I.

#### **Chorus:**

What a faithful God have I, What a faithful God. What a faithful God have I, Faithful in every way.

Lord of mercy, You have heard my cry; Through the storm You're the beacon, My song in the night.

In the shelter of Your wings, Hear my heart's reply, Singing what a faithful God have I.



#### Chorus:

What a faithful God have I, What a faithful God. What a faithful God have I, Faithful in every way.

Lord all sovereign, granting peace from heav'n, Let me comfort those who suffer With the comfort You have giv'n.

I will tell of Your great love for as long as I live, Singing what a faithful God have I.



# HAVE FAITH IN GOD

By Camille Tam

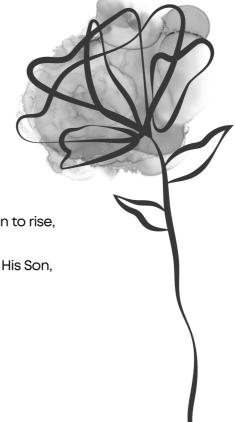
When the struggles of life seem too rough, And the problems that come seem too tough. Remember the One who knows all things, To His steadfast Word we cling!

#### Chorus:

Have faith in God, He will lead the way. Have faith in God, His promises are real today.

Don't give up hope, Keep holding fast; Have faith in God, In Him trust!

When the doubts come and fears begin to rise, God will draw near to You in the night. He'll remind you He loves You; He gave His Son, So that ev'ry battle can be won!



#### **Chorus:**

Have faith in God, He will lead the way. Have faith in God, His promises are real today.

Don't give up hope, Keep holding fast; Have faith in God, In Him trust!

We will believe, we will hold on,
We'll find the hope and strength to overcome!
We believe, with God,
We can overcome!

#### Chorus:

Have faith in God, He will lead the way. Have faith in God, His promises are real today.

Don't give up hope, Keep holding fast; Have faith in God, In Him trust!

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# **REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD**

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

# YWS MESSAGE - 24 JUNE 2023 "AND MOSES TOOK THE ROD OF GOD IN HIS HAND" EXODUS 4:20

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1. Many questions were raised by Moses
- 2. God answered all of them
- 3. But Moses was still unsure and reluctant
- 4. God had to reveal to Moses His anger if he persisted in his reluctance

#### THE ANGER OF THE LORD

- **10** Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."
- 11 So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD? 12 Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."
- **13** But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever *else* You may send."
- **14** So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

Exodus 4:10-14

- 1. Moses insisted that he was not an eloquent man
- 2. Worse, he was actually "slow of speech and slow of tongue"
- 3. The anger of the LORD was aroused!
- a. Moses was being stubborn
  - b. God reminds him of what He can do
  - c. The LORD would be with Moses and teach him

#### **GOD'S FURTHER PROVISION**

**15** Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do.

- **16** So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God.
- 17 And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs."

Exodus 4:15-17

- 1. God would be there for Moses personally
- 2. He will also give Aaron to be his "spokesman"
- 3. Aaron's role
  - a. Moses will instruct Aaron
    - b. He will tell Aaron what he is to say
    - c. Aaron will be his spokesman to the people d. He will be Aaron's mouth

- 4. Moses' role
  - a. He will be to Aaron as "God"
    - i. For instruction
    - ii. For guidance
  - b. He will take the shepherd's rod with him
    - i. With this rod he will perform "signs"
    - ii. It would be the symbol of his role as the shepherd

#### **BIDDING FAREWELL TO JETHRO**

So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, "Please let me go and return to my brethren who *are* in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive."

And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

Exodus 4:18

- 1. Moses obeys the LORD
- 2. He seeks permission from his father-in-law to return to Egypt
- 3. Moses did not elaborate concerning God's work entrusted to him
- 4. Jethro gives his blessing on the plan to return to Egypt

#### AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

**19** Now the LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go, return to Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are dead."

**20** Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

**21** And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go.

 ${f 22}$  Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: 'Israel is My son, My firstborn.

**23** So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn."

#### Exodus 4:19-23

- 1. Confirmation from the LORD
  - a. Moses is to go to Egypt
  - b. The Pharaoh who wanted to execute Moses was now dead
  - c. Moses would no longer be regarded as a criminal in Egypt
- 2, The signs and wonders
- a. Moses must perform these before Pharaoh
  - b. But he would not respond because his heart was hardened
  - c. God will harden his heart!
  - d. He will not let the children of Israel leave Egypt

- 3. God's word to the Pharaoh
  - a. Israel was His son
  - b. Pharaoh must release Israel
  - c. God would destroy the Pharaoh's son if he remains unrepentant

# **CONCLUSION**

- 1. Find courage to do the bidding of the LORD
- 2. Be thankful for all that God will provide
- 3. Be challenged by the example of Moses in seeking to obey the LORD

# REFLECTIONS

By Ashley Tan

#### **GOD'S ANGER AND PROVISION**

Last week's lesson was taken from Exodus 4: 13-23 where we learnt about the place of God's anger and how it is purposeful in helping us to grow.

Despite having God's assurance, Moses was still fearful of confronting Pharaoh. Moses asked God to send someone else instead, consequently kindling God's anger against him. God's anger is purposive, His anger was to tell Moses to stop trying to dodge what God had set for him to do and to exercise faith instead. But God's anger was not without provision, He helped Moses by providing Aaron who could speak well, allowing him to bring his family along, and providing a rod that could turn into a serpent.

Anger is a part of God as much as it is a part of us. We can be angry at others, at situations, or at ourselves. For me, there are times when I am ill-disciplined, which leads me to spend my time unwisely. I faced this problem when I was preparing for my mid-year exams, and it caused me to be unable to keep up with my revision. Even though I felt frustrated and angry towards myself, this lesson has taught me that God may also be angry with me. His anger is meant to be corrective and He tells me that my actions are wrong. If left uncorrected, small problems

and bad habits may become dangerous problems, like sin. And not only should erroneous behaviour be changed, but we can also learn from God's anger to grow and improve.

Even though God's anger was kindled against Moses, He provided Aaron who could speak well to help Moses with his fears. Moses would still be the leader and he would still have to confront Pharaoh. God also provided a rod that could transform into a serpent and perform signs and wonders. This rod would be Moses' symbol of authority, and a powerful expression of God's hand at work. This was God's wonderful provision for Moses, to help Moses in fulfilling his role in God's plan. While Moses has to do his part, God gives him all the help he needs to do it.

Likewise, God has given us everything we need to fulfil our role in His plan. However, there are times when we may lose sight of our role in God's plan or do not appreciate the provision He has given for us to succeed. Personally, when I fail to carry out my academic duties, it stems from a place of taking God's provision for granted. At times, I may believe that I can pull through at the last minute on my own, which stems from a position of pride. Instead, when God has wonderfully and faithfully provided for me, I should honour Him by doing my best in my work. As such, this is the response I am learning to make a deeper and more conscious part of me.



# POETRY CORNER

# ARISE, GO TO BETHEL

Jacob and his family were in serious trouble; For the murder of the Hivites made them liable. The Hivites had many strong friendly allies: They could mount an attack by surprise.

Jacob never felt more vulnerable;
To have his family killed was possible!
How could he resolve this dilemma?
The killing of the Hivites, all would remember.

God graciously stepped in to take control; Jacob must leave Shechem and go to Bethel. This was where he first knew the LORD; He must return to Bethel where he met God.

There at Bethel he must raise an altar to the LORD; He must dwell in Bethel and renew his faith in God. Faith in the LORD should have been the priority; Without Faith, how does one overcome calamity?

> Charles Tan Inspiration: Genesis 35:1; 28:10-22



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# CELEBRATION OF BETHANY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE (50TH ANNIVERSARY)

We celebrate 50 years of God's faithfulness and goodness upon Bethany. May we remember the LORD's wondrous Works and declare His Strength and Power with zeal and zest!

We will be having a special Anniversary Lunch.

The details are as follows:

Date: 27 August 2023 (Sunday)

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Worship will be at 10.30 am.

Lunch will commence at 12.15 pm.

Please plan to sign up as soon as possible.

You may sign up using the QR Code below.



# **NEXT YWS**



#### 8 JULY 2023

Message: "You have made us abhorrent in the sight of Pharaoh"

Text: Exodus 5:21

In faith, Moses and Aaron came before Pharaoh. They presented their request to let the people of Israel go on a three days' journey to offer worship to the LORD. Outright rejection was expressed by the Pharaoh. Viciously, he accused the Hebrew slaves for being idle in making such an absurd request. Unreasonable demands and harsh beatings were imposed on them. Their days were consumed by despair and desperation for help! How would their faith fare in times of testing?

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!



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