

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!

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this afternoon. Let us praise the enduring name of the LORD with our whole heart, and be thrilled to receive His Word!



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COME AND WORSHIP

FOR I KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GREAT (II)

The greatness of God is not only manifested in nature (Psalm 135:5-7), it is also seen in the history of Israel, which we have been studying in the book of Exodus. The Psalmist recalled the mighty acts of God in redeeming the children of Israel from the bondage of the Egyptians.

8 He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt,
Upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He defeated many nations
And slew mighty kings—

11 Sihon king of the Amorites,
Og king of Bashan,
And all the kingdoms of Canaan—

12 And gave their land as a heritage,
A heritage to Israel His people.

PSALM 135:8-12

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

One aspect of God's greatness is His Sovereign Power.

1. Redeeming the children of Israel

- a. The LORD had performed signs and wonders in the midst of the Egyptians
- b. The most poignant being the destruction of all the firstborn in the land

2. Giving of the Promised Land

- a. The land of Canaan was occupied by many mighty nations
- b. The children of Israel were far from being their match
- c. But the LORD fought for them
 - i. He defeated the nations
 - ii. He slew the mighty kings
- d. Eventually, God gave the land as a heritage to the children of Israel

These mighty deeds help us to understand and appreciate the LORD who orchestrated it all in His divine plan. He is faithful to His covenant promise, and most gracious to His people.

There is truly none like the LORD. It is our honour to belong to this Great and Powerful God, and to be called His people and His servants. May consciousness of this treasured relationship with the LORD lead us to worship Him with great adoration!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE **20 JANUARY 2024**

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Lord, Reign In Me
2. You Will Never Walk Alone

Stanley Woo

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 16:1-16

Chloe Tang, Bethany Toong
and Tessa Kang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

Message:

“Complaints against the LORD”

Text: Exodus 16:1-16

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

20 JANUARY 2024

“COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE LORD”

EXODUS 16:1-16

WORSHIP SONGS

Lord, Reign In Me

By Brenton Brown

Over all the earth,
You reign on high,
Every mountain stream,
Every sunset sky.
But my one request,
Lord, my only aim
Is that You reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me.
Reign in Your power,
Over all my dreams
In my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't You reign in me again?

Over every thought,
Over every word.
May my life reflect
The beauty of my Lord;
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing,
So won't You reign in me again?

Lord, reign in me.
Reign in Your power,
Over all my dreams
In my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't You reign in me again?
(end)



You Will Never Walk Alone

By Point of Grace

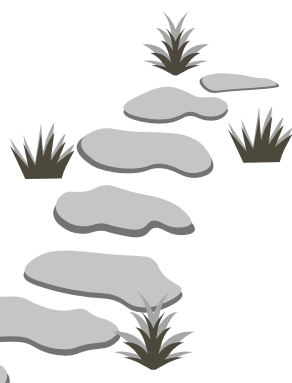
Along life's road there will be
Sunshine and rain,
Roses and thorns, laughter and pain.
And across the miles you will face
Mountains so steep,
Deserts so long and valleys so deep.

Sometimes the journey's gentle,
Sometimes the cold winds blow,
But I want you to remember,
I want you to know

You will never walk alone,
As long as you have faith,
Jesus will be right beside you all the way.
And you may feel you're far from home,
But home is where He is,
And He'll be there down every road;
You will never walk alone.

The path will wind,
You will find wonders and fears,
Labours of love and a few falling tears.
Across the years there will be
Some twists and turns,
Mistakes to make and lessons to learn.

Sometimes the journey's gentle,
Sometimes the cold winds blow,
But I want you to remember,
I want you to know



You will never walk alone,
As long as you have faith,
Jesus will be right beside you all the way.

And you may feel you're far from home,
But home is where He is,
And He'll be there down every road;
You will never walk alone.

Jesus knows your joy,
Jesus knows your need;
He will go the distance with you faithfully.

You will never walk alone,
As long as you have faith,
Jesus will be right beside you all the way.
And you may feel you're far from home,
But home is where He is,
And He'll be there down every road;
You will never walk alone.
(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 13 JANUARY 2024

"HE TESTED THEM"

EXODUS 15:22-27

THE BEGINNING OF THE WILDERNESS JOURNEY

1. God had delivered His people from the bondage of the Egyptians
2. They now began their wilderness journey to the land of Canaan

LESSONS WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN LEARNT FROM THE PAST

1. God fulfils His promises
 - a. What God has promised Exodus 6:6-8
 - b. He will fulfil
2. God has the power to overcome great obstacles
 - a. The 10 plagues Exodus 7-11
 - b. The Crossing of the Red Sea Exodus 14
3. God has a plan to lead His people Exodus 13:17-18
 - a. God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines
 - b. God led the people by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea
4. God's presence would be with His people Exodus 13:20-22
 - a. The LORD went before them in a pillar of cloud by day
 - b. In a pillar of fire by night
5. Questions that need to be asked
 - a. Did the children of Israel learn these lessons well?
 - b. Could they apply these lessons when the challenges came?

TESTED THROUGH CHALLENGES

22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. **23** Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they *were* bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah.

Exodus 15:22-23

1. The challenge of going through the wilderness
 - a. 600,000 men (not counting women and children) and livestock
 - b. Basic necessities would have to be looked into
2. "Water" problems
 - a. No water Exodus 15:22
 - i. Three days in the wilderness
 - ii. No water found
 - b. "Bitter" water Exodus 15:23
 - i. "Bitter" water found at Marah
 - ii. This was not potable
3. A test from God
 - a. It was God who led them
 - b. It was God who allowed for this test
 - c. How would they fare?

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE TO THIS TEST

24 And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" **25** So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast *it* into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

Exodus 15:24-25a

1. They complained against Moses

2. Insight from the Psalmist about the people

7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders;
They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies,
But rebelled by the sea—the Red Sea.

8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake,
That He might make His mighty power known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up;
So He led them through the depths,
As through the wilderness.

10 He saved them from the hand of him who hated *them*,
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their enemies;
There was not one of them left.

12 Then they believed His words;
They sang His praise.

13 They soon forgot His works;
They did not wait for His counsel.

Psalm 106:7-13

- a. They did not understand His wonders
- b. They did not remember the multitude of His mercies
- c. They rebelled at the Red Sea
- d. They forgot His works
- e. They did not wait for His counsel

3. Nonetheless, the LORD helped them
The bitter waters were made sweet

THE PRINCIPLE AND PRACTICE OF TESTING ESTABLISHED

25 ... There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, **26** and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I *am* the LORD who heals you."

Exodus 15:25b-26

1. The LORD would test them
This was established as a statute and ordinance
2. What would be tested
 - a. If they would diligently heed the voice of the LORD
 - b. Do what is right in His sight
 - c. Give ear to His commandments
 - d. Keep all His statutes
3. Reward / punishment
 - a. The LORD can specially keep them from diseases
 - b. Or the LORD can put those diseases on them
 - c. It would depend on how they fared on their tests

A MOMENT OF RESPITE

Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.

Exodus 15:27

1. There will be moments of respite
2. This was also part of God's leading

IMPORTANT LESSONS TO BE LEARNT

1. How we may pass the tests from the LORD
 - a. Remember the lessons learnt from the past
 - b. Relate to God with faith in the midst of challenges
 - c. Build a far more resilient faith in God
2. What God will do
 - a. God will reward those who pass His tests
 - b. God will also grant moments of respite along the way



REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Chloe Tang

God tested the people

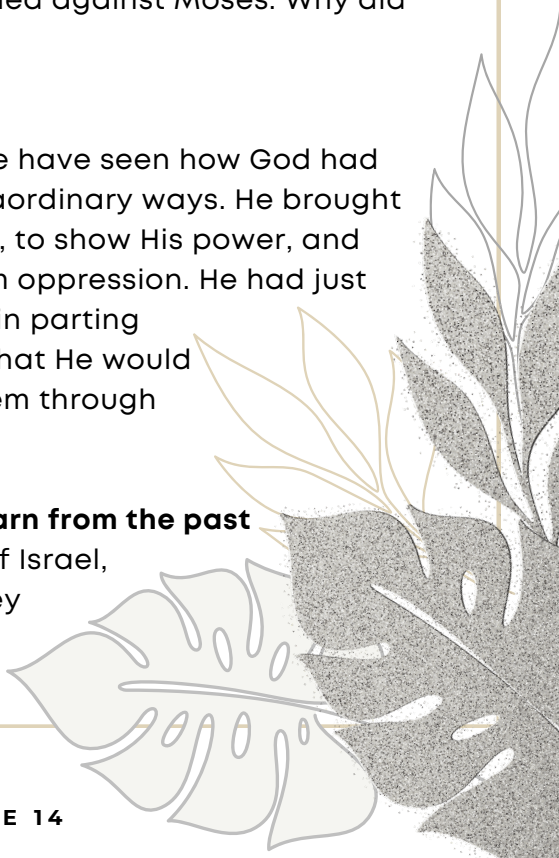
In the second part of Exodus 15, not long after God had delivered the children of Israel from the Egyptians yet again, we see the children of Israel continuing their wilderness journey. It wasn't long before they met another challenge, in the form of not being able to find potable water. When this happened, the people complained against Moses. Why did they respond like this?

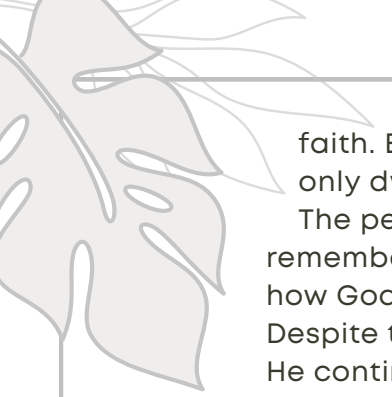
God's provision in the past

In the many chapters before, we have seen how God had provided for the people, in extraordinary ways. He brought the plagues upon the Egyptians, to show His power, and saved the children of Israel from oppression. He had just demonstrated His mighty hand in parting the Red Sea! He had promised that He would be with the people and lead them through the wilderness.

The children of Israel did not learn from the past

When God tested the children of Israel, He wanted to see how much they had learnt from their previous experiences, and if they had





faith. But they did not fare well - they could only dwell on the difficulties ahead of them.


The people of Israel did not understand nor remember His works, and could not think about how God could provide for them in this situation. Despite their complaining, God was merciful, He continued to satisfy their needs, giving them sweet water.

God also tests us

Just as God tested the children of Israel, He will also test us. In school and at work, we face tests. This may be in the form of exams and projects, which we are graded on our performance. Sometimes when we do not prepare enough, and we do not remember what we learn, we fall short.

When God tests our faith, He wants to see how our faith fares. When we encounter difficulties in life - do we react like the children of Israel, and choose a complaining spirit? Or are we able to recall how God has been faithful in the past, and choose to trust in Him? The response we choose would reflect the state of our faith - how much we have learnt from our own past experiences with God, how we relate to Him, and what we know about Him from His Word.

But this is easier said than done. When I encounter my own small tests, I sometimes struggle with seeing God and end up focusing on the problems in front of me. It may be tempting to ask why God has allowed for such things to happen, like the children of Israel did. But as I have grown in faith and learnt to see God's hand, I have seen how He provides and how He is in control. I do my best to turn to Him and trust in Him, rather than complaining.



How should we then live?

We read God's answer to this question in Exodus 15. He gave an ordinance to the children of Israel, telling them that if they were to heed His voice, do what is right in His sight, listen to His commandments, and keep His ways, then He would preserve and heal them. This was a sign that God would continue to test them through the wilderness, but that He would continue to provide, if they had faith in Him.

Similarly, testing will come our way throughout the different seasons of life. God reaches out to us, teaching us that we can do our own part to learn about Him and grow in our faith. If we can do this, when challenges come, we would be able to relate to Him amidst them, and our faith would be a resilient one.



POETRY CORNER

It Is Not Me

The Pharaoh listened to his butler;
He had spoken of a fellow-prisoner.
Joseph interpreted two dreams correctly;
Perhaps he can assist the Pharaoh, directly!

The Pharaoh ordered the release of the prisoner;
Joseph first had to be groomed to meet the Ruler.
He shaved and was given new garments;
Being properly attired was important!

The Pharaoh spoke to Joseph respectfully;
He asked if he could interpret dreams clearly.
He had heard about his gift of interpreting dreams;
He must have looked at Joseph with a kind gleam.

Joseph immediately said, "It is not in me;"
He refused to take any credit or glory.
He attributed all honour to his great God;
He was only a humble servant of the LORD.

Charles Tan
Genesis 41:14-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YW Schedule in February

In view of the Chinese New Year celebrations, we will not be meeting for Youth Worship on 10 & 24 February 2024.

10 February 2024

First day of Chinese New Year

24 February 2024

Chinese New Year Special Program in Church

May we look forward to spending meaningful time with our family, both biological and spiritual!



Family Camp 2024

The registration for Family Camp 2024 has begun!

DETAILS

Theme: "I Will Lift Up My Eyes" Psalm 121

Date: 10 -15 Mar 2024



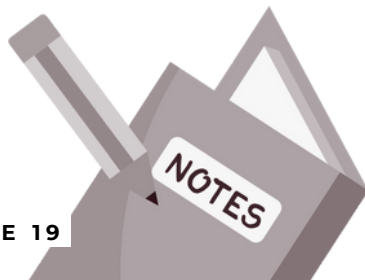
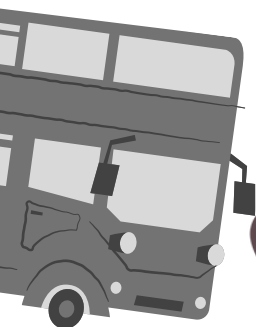
This year, you will be able to sign up for camp through an online registration form. You can access the online form by scanning the QR code.

If you need further assistance, please go to the registration booth at the Fellowship Hall on Sundays and we will assist you with the registration process.

Do ensure that your passport expiry date is after 16 September 2024 before you begin registration.

If you are aged 16 and under, you must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend camp.

Let us look forward to a wonderful time of learning from the Word of God.



NEXT YWS



27 JANUARY 2024

Message: "To be kept for your generations"

Text: Exodus 16:17-35

God heard the complaints of the children of Israel and thoughtfully provided for them. He also gave specific instructions on how they should gather the food each day.

Would the children of Israel heed the voice of the LORD and do what is right in His sight? Or would they refuse to keep God's commandments and laws?

Diligently heeding the LORD's voice is foundational in relating to God. This important lesson must be etched in the heart and mind of the children of Israel, and be passed down from generation to generation!



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