

# 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 join us for Worship this afternoon. Let us seek the Person of God with glad and grateful hearts!

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# COME AND WORSHIP

## SEEK HIS FACE EVERMORE!

Relating to the LORD by giving thanks, praying, and singing praises to Him (Psalm 105:1-2) must be integral in our lives. Moreover, we must go further if our pursuit is to find a deep and strong relationship with God. We must seek the LORD Himself!

**3** Glory in His holy name;

Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

**4** Seek the LORD and His strength;

Seek His face evermore!

### PSALM 105:3-4



1. Glory in His holy name Psalm 105:3

a. Glory is found in the LORD

b. We can delight in the LORD

c. There is joy in knowing Him personally

2. An exhortation to seek God Psalm 105:4

a. Seek the LORD

b. Seek His Strength

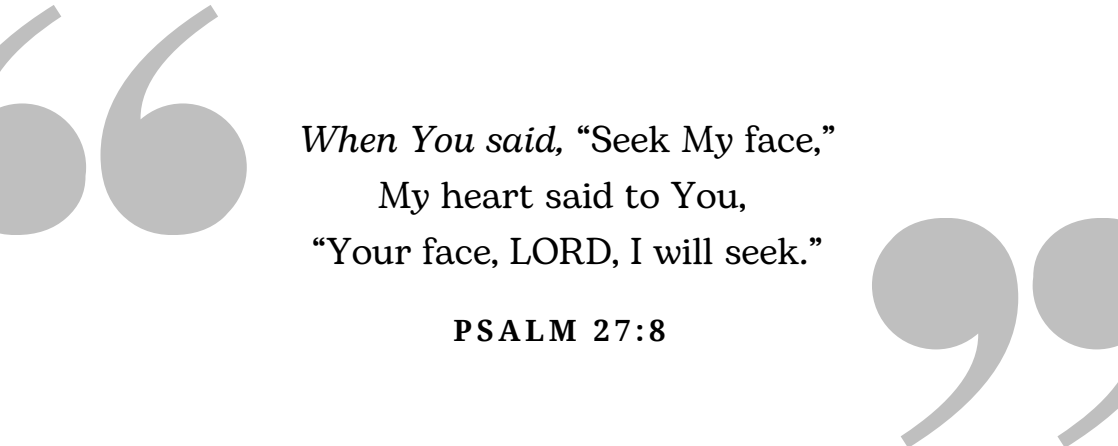
c. Seek His Face

## SEEKING THE LORD

What constitutes seeking the LORD? Would it be dwelling in the house of God? Would it be praying to Him?

Often, we go to the LORD looking for solutions and answers to our current predicament. We could also associate coming to church with seeking the LORD. But at the heart of our quest must be to know God Himself better, and to abide in His very Presence. In Him, our soul will find supreme joy and assurance even when the answers to life's questions are not forthcoming.

The interaction between the Psalmist David and the LORD holds a lesson that we must take to heart too.



*When You said, “Seek My face,”  
My heart said to You,  
“Your face, LORD, I will seek.”*

**PSALM 27:8**

Let us obey this loving commandment of the LORD who has invited us into a treasured relationship with Him. May we be challenged to look beyond His hand of blessing to seek His face!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

23 MARCH 2024

### Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

### Call to Worship

Pastor Eugene Seow

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

### Song Leading

1. May The Peoples Praise You

2. The Wonderful Cross

Stanley Woo & Janelle Tan

Pianists: Esther Tang

& Lorraine Lai

### Scripture Reading:

Exodus 18:13-27

Tessa Kang, Chloe Tang

& Laura Chan

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

### Message:

“I will give you counsel”

Text: Exodus 18:19

Pastor Eugene Seow

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

### Offering

### Postlude

Pianist: Esther Tang



# MY NOTES

23 MARCH 2024

**“I WILL GIVE YOU COUNSEL”**

EXODUS 18:19



## MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU

By Keith and Kristyn Getty

You have called us out of darkest night,  
Into Your glorious light,  
That we may sing the wonders of  
The risen Christ.  
May our every breath retell the grace  
That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy,  
With endless life.



### Chorus

May the peoples praise You,  
Let the nations be glad!  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise,  
May praise the Name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within,  
Each harvest is Your own,  
And from Your hand we give to You,  
To make Christ known.  
May the seeds of mercy grow in us  
For those who have not heard,  
May songs of praise build lives of grace  
To spread Your Word.





### Chorus

May the peoples praise You,  
Let the nations be glad!  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise,  
May praise the Name of Jesus.

This our holy priv'lege to declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue  
Your church proclaims.

### Chorus

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# THE *wonderful* CROSS

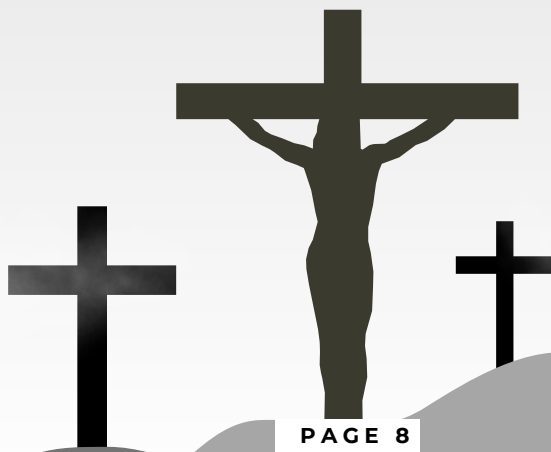
By Chris Tomlin

When I survey the wondrous Cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain, I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

## **Chorus**

Oh, the wonderful Cross! Oh, the wonderful Cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
Oh, the wonderful Cross! Oh, the wonderful Cross!  
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name.



Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an off'ring far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 9 MARCH 2024**

### **“NOW I KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GREATER THAN ALL THE GODS”**

#### **EXODUS 18:11**

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Moses in Egypt
  - a. He went to Egypt alone
  - b. His wife and his two sons remained in Midian
2. Jethro visited Moses
  - a. Jethro visited Moses
  - b. He also brought his two grandchildren with him

## **THE VISIT**

**1** And Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people—that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

**2** Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,

**3** with her two sons, of whom the name of one *was* Gershom (for he said, “I have been a stranger in a foreign land”)

**4** and the name of the other *was* Eliezer (for *he said*, “The God of my father *was* my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh”);

**5** and Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness, where he was encamped at the mountain of God.

**6** Now he had said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her."

Exodus 18:1-6

1. Jethro

- a. He was a priest of Midian
- b. He was the father-in-law of Moses

2. Reconciliation

- a. Moses had sent Zipporah back to her father
- b. She went with her two sons
- c. Jethro sought to reconcile the family

3. The sons of Moses

- a. Gershom (A stranger)
- b. Eliezer (God is my help)

4. The family was reconciled

## THE TESTIMONY OF MOSES

**7** So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, bowed down, and kissed him. And they asked each other about *their* well-being, and they went into the tent.

**8** And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them on the way, and *how* the LORD had delivered them.

Exodus 18:7-8

## 1. The Respectful attitude of Moses

- a. Bowed down
- b. Kissed his father-in-law
- c. Exchange of greetings

## 2. Moses' sharing of what God had done

- a. What God had done to Pharaoh
- b. What God had done to Egypt
- c. What God had done for Israel
- d. The hardship that Israel had experienced in the wilderness
- e. How the LORD had delivered them

## THE RESPONSE OF JETHRO

**10** And Jethro said, "Blessed *be* the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, *and* who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

**11** Now I know that the LORD *is* greater than all the gods; for in the very thing in which they behaved proudly, *He was* above them."

**12** Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and *other* sacrifices to *offer* to God. And Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

Exodus 18:10-12

## 1. Jethro's Exclamation

"Blessed be the LORD"



2. Recognition of all that God had done
  - a. Deliverance from Pharaoh and the Egyptians
  - b. The LORD is greater than all the gods of Egypt
  - c. He was above all the gods of Egypt
3. Profession of faith
  - a. "Now I know"
  - b. "That the LORD is greater than all the gods"
4. The worship of the LORD
  - a. A burnt offering
  - b. Other sacrifices
  - c. All offered to the LORD as an expression of faith

## **GOOD FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP**

1. Jethro
2. Moses and Aaron
3. The elders of Israel
4. A fellowship meal after worship

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

1. To bear witness of our faith in God
  - a. Declare what the LORD has done
  - b. Speak of personal faith
2. Be open to what the LORD can do
  - a. To touch a heart
  - b. To help someone come to faith
3. Worship and Fellowship  
May the centre be the LORD Himself

# REFLECTIONS

## YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

# ESTHER TANG

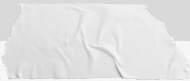
Two weeks ago, we learnt about the testimonies given by Moses and his father-in-law, Jethro. Moses' testimony was a remembrance testimony, whereas Jethro's testimony was a response testimony. Through this lesson, we learnt how a testimony can have a great impact on others, and even bring them to faith.

### **Moses' Testimony**

Moses gave his testimony to honour the Lord for His protection and provision over Israel, and for His deliverance. Moses did not take credit for the Lord's deliverance, and placed the focus of his testimony on the Lord. Moses was also candid about the struggles that he faced while leading the children of Israel, but his focus continued to be on the Lord.

### **Jethro's Response**

Upon hearing the remembrance testimony of Moses, Jethro replied with a response testimony. Jethro, being a religious leader, acknowledged the greatness of the Lord and responded to it. He rejoiced for all the good that the Lord had done for Israel and blessed the Lord.



He saw that the Lord is above all of the gods that he had used to worship. Furthermore, Jethro also chose to respond by giving worship to the Lord. His worship came from a new-found faith, and he took a burnt offering and other sacrifices to offer to the Lord, and fellowshiped with Aaron, Moses and all the elders of Israel.

### **The change in Moses and Jethro's relationship**

As a result of Jethro's coming to faith, Jethro and Moses' relationship was no longer just a father-in-law and son-in-law relationship, but also a relationship found in the Lord, in the same faith. Their relationship where they could both recognise the greatness of the Lord allowed them to enhance their worship of the Lord.

### **My Challenge**

As a 16-year old, I often find it difficult and challenging to share my faith with my friends, especially friends in school who do not share the same faith as me. But after hearing and learning this lesson, I am challenged to have the courage to bear witness of my faith in the Lord. I want to be able to speak of my faith candidly and personally, and to declare what the Lord has done for me and my family. The Lord has been my strength and my shield, and I am challenged to share His greatness with those around me.



## YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

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# JEROME LAI

### **Recap**

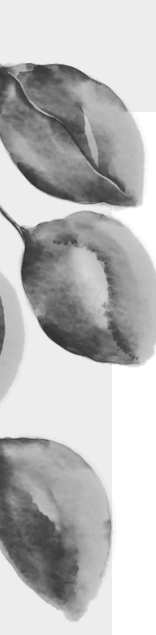
2 weeks ago at Youth Worship, we learnt from Exodus 18:1-12 where Jethro (Moses' father-in-law) came to visit Moses who gave a testimony of God's deliverance and goodness towards the Israelites during their exodus out of Egypt.

### **Moses' Testimony of God's redemptive work**

In Moses' testimony, we see how he recognised God's faithfulness in preserving the Israelites when they escaped Egypt and journeyed through the wilderness. Three things can be noted in Moses' testimony.

Firstly, Moses recognised God's hand in the protection of the Israelites. He told Jethro about '*all that the LORD had done*' (Exodus 18:8). Moses did not take credit for bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, but instead remembered God's protection and provision for them from the very start and throughout.

Secondly, Moses acknowledged how God did everything for the Israelites because they were His people. He told Jethro that God did it all '*for Israel's sake*' (Exodus 18:8), which reminds us that God sets apart His people and specially delivers them.



Thirdly, Moses was candid about the challenges which the Israelites faced. Moses acknowledged the many hardships which the Israelites had to go through, but he did not complain and instead focused wholly on the LORD's goodness and deliverance of the Israelites despite their tribulations.

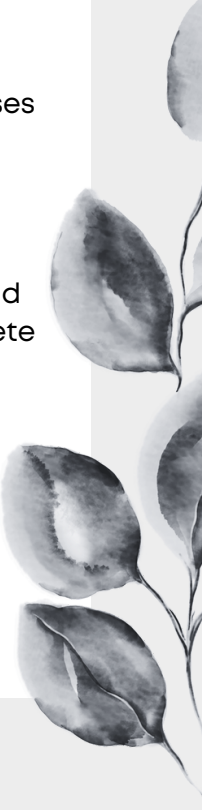
### **Jethro's Rejoicing**

Moses' testimony of the LORD was greatly encouraging to Jethro as we read about how Jethro *'rejoiced for all the good which the LORD had done for Israel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians'* (Exodus 18:9). Jethro even responded with a personal statement of the LORD and gave a burnt offering and other sacrifices to God.


### **Lessons To Learn**

I seek to personally apply 2 lessons from this text.

Firstly, I want to be able to testify of the LORD as Moses did. Just as Moses saw God's hand in protecting the Israelites, I too want to recognise God's hand in my everyday-life. In the mundane routine of school life, I may not easily see God's goodness shown to me. However, as I take the time to reflect, I see God's hand evident in my daily life - the strength given to complete my homework, tutorials and lectures assigned each day, the peace I can find from trusting in His Word, the loving Bethany community and family at home, and so much more. He gives all these abundantly as I am part of His people and this is a special truth that I want never to forget. Entering JC this year has been a continuous struggle, with much longer schedules and heavier workloads. Almost naturally,








I often turn to complaining and worrying. But this lesson serves as a reminder to me, that even in my struggles I can rejoice and be grateful for everything God has provided and done for me and that He will continue to uphold me till the end.

Secondly, I want to rejoice in the LORD with others of the same faith. As Jethro was encouraged by Moses' testimony of God, we can encourage each other here in Bethany by relating to one another through a common faith and joy in God. A verse which encapsulates this idea for us to come together is taken from Psalm 133:1 which reads '*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*' which we learnt from the recent Family Camp. At Camp, I greatly enjoyed relating to others through a shared faith in God, even to people whom I had never met. I hope to relate more to fellow Christians here in Bethany through a shared faith, such as during the fellowship meals and programmes every week. May we all seek to be encouraged by the common faith that we all have, and ultimately rejoice in God!



# A VERY SEVERE FAMINE

God had given an urgent word of warning;  
But the Pharaoh did not have understanding.  
Joseph was summoned and he explained;  
A severe famine would bring great pain.

The years of plenty had come and gone;  
The years of famine had now come along.  
The famine hit Egypt and neighbouring nations;  
Food became scarce and many feared starvation.

Joseph had prepared well for the severe famine;  
The people turned to Pharaoh for relief of suffering.  
The Pharaoh told the people to see Joseph the governor;  
Over all the granaries of Egypt, he was the supervisor.

Joseph opened all the storehouses in the land;  
But he was astute and had made careful plans.  
All the neighbouring countries suffered badly;  
The severe famine had affected them adversely.

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Genesis 41:53-57

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **NO YW NEXT WEEK (30 MARCH 2024)**

We will not meet for Youth Worship on Holy Saturday.

May we ponder the significance of the Lord's love and sacrifice for us, and prepare our hearts to worship Him, and glory in His resurrection!



# Easter Sunday

## 31 MARCH 2024

We will be having a special Easter Worship Service and Fellowship Lunch. Let us look forward to a meaningful time of appreciating the Lord Jesus afresh as our Glorious Risen Saviour this Easter!

### **Details:**

Date: 31 March 2024

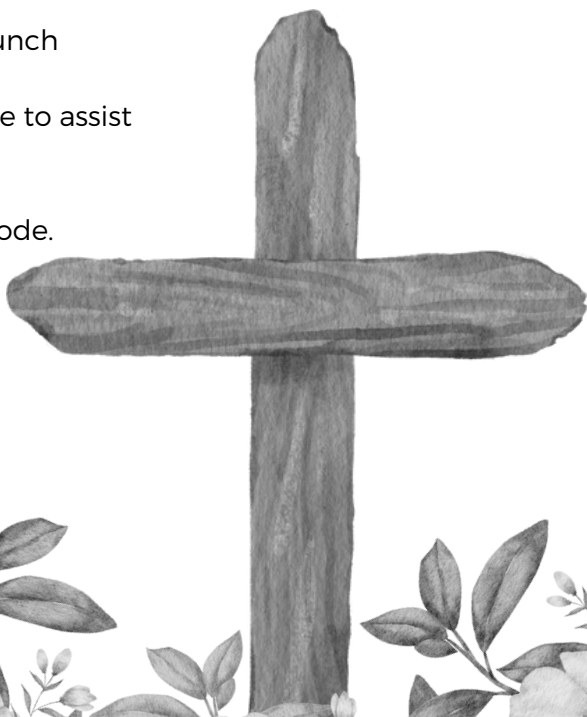
Time: 10.30am

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Followed by Easter Fellowship Lunch

Please sign up as soon as possible to assist in the planning.

You may sign up using the QR Code.





**6 April 2024**

Message: "A special treasure to Me"

Text: Exodus 19:1-6

What does it mean to be called Children of God?

The way the LORD relates to the children of Israel teaches us how He regards them as His special people. They are His special treasure above all the people of the earth. Though their sinful nature has been ostensive in their wilderness journey, the LORD calls them to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation! What an undeserving and glorious privilege this is!





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