

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 LORD has chosen us to draw near to Him not because of who we are, but because of His great love. May God's affection for us fan our desire to offer Him wholehearted worship!

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How Often They Provoked Him

Sin can manifest itself in many forms, and it is not merely the transgression of a commandment. Limiting God is also an expression of sin that is grave enough to provoke His anger and grieve His heart.



⁴⁰ How often they provoked Him
in the wilderness,
And grieved Him in the desert!

⁴¹ Yes, again and again they tempted God,
And limited the Holy One of Israel.

PSALM 78:40-41



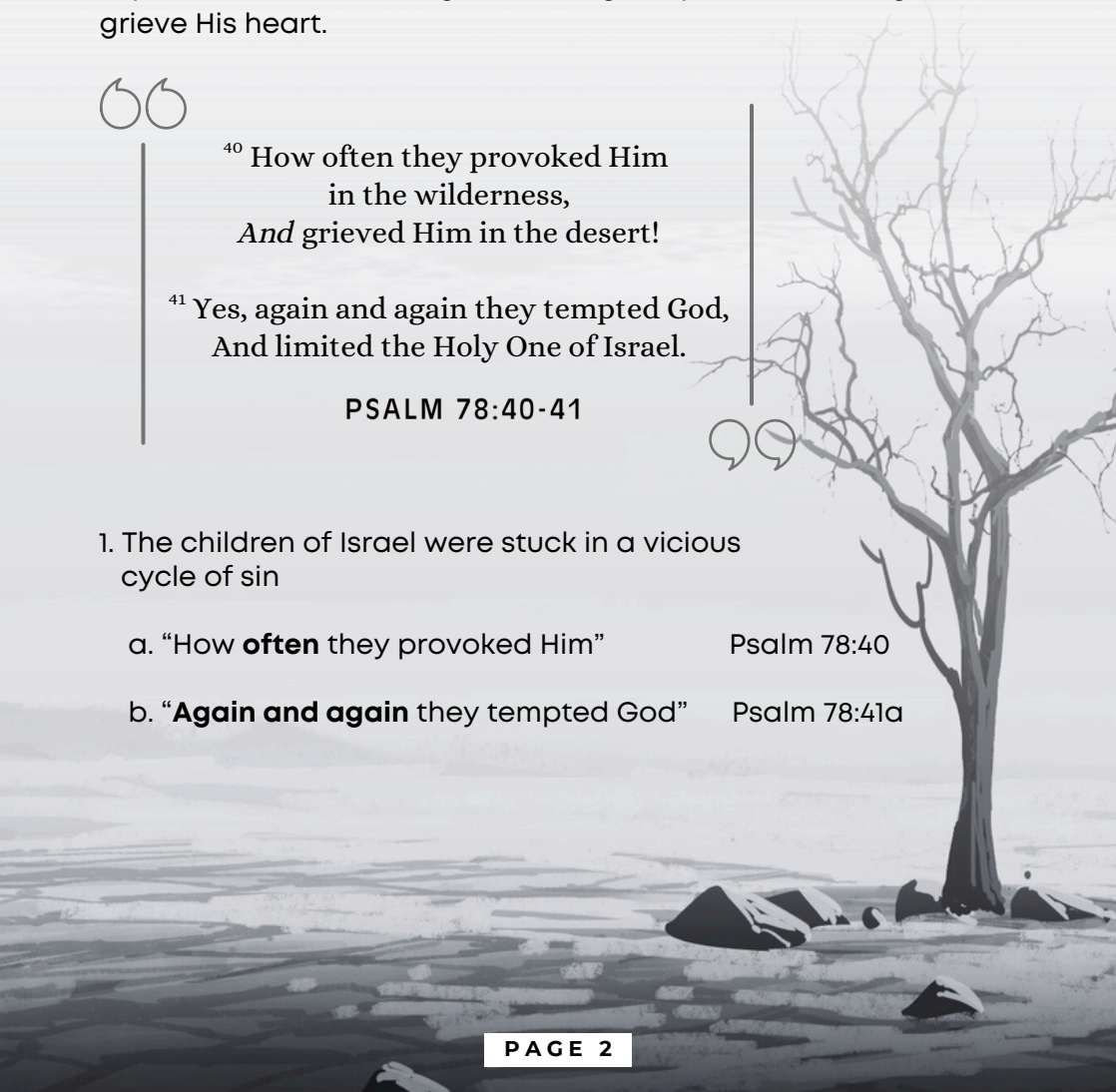
1. The children of Israel were stuck in a vicious cycle of sin

a. “How **often** they provoked Him”

Psalm 78:40

b. “**Again and again** they tempted God”

Psalm 78:41a



2. Some expressions of Israel's sin

a. They tempted God

Psalm 78:41a

i. To tempt God is to test Him

ii. An instance of testing God was when Israel asked
for food of their fancy

Psalm 78:18

iii. Despite God's provision, they continued
to challenge and doubt the LORD

Psalm 78:20

iv. Their incessant complaining reflects their doubts about God

b. They limited the Holy One of Israel

Psalm 78:41b

i. Fundamentally, Israel doubted God because they had
limited Him

ii. Doubts about the LORD's power to fulfil His promise

iii. Doubts about God's love and care for them

GUARDING AGAINST THE SIN OF LIMITING GOD

We often think we are all right because we have not committed any grievous sin that has brought harm to others. However, unbelief and doubts in the form of limiting God are also sin that provokes the LORD's wrath.

Our complaining, worries, and anxieties are an expression of a lack of faith – We doubt that God can and will provide for what we need. Would not the God who displayed His mighty power in Israel's redemption be able to provide for everything and anything in heaven and on earth? Would not the LORD who had time and again extended His compassion toward us (Psalm 78:38-39) care to attend to our needs?

Let us guard against unbelief and limiting God in our lives, and seek a deeper faith to trust in Him and His heart.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

12 JULY 2025

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Song Leading

1. What A Faithful God
2. All I Have Is Christ

Audrey Chia and Ryan Quek

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Cajonist: Rayne Quek

Scripture Reading

Text: Numbers 22:1-21

Bethany Toong and Tessa Kang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

Message

“Moab was exceedingly afraid”

Text: Numbers 22:1-21

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

12 JULY 2025

“MOAB WAS EXCEEDINGLY AFRAID”

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What A Faithful God

By Dawn Critchley & 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

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.

Chorus

(End)



All I Have Is Christ

By Jordan Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night,
Yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave.

I had no hope that You would own,
A rebel to Your will;
And if You had not loved me first,
I would refuse You still.

Refrain

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

But as I ran my hell-bound race,
Indifferent to the cost.
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross.

And I beheld God's love displayed:
You suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me;
Now all I know is grace!

Refrain

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me.

Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be:
My only boast is You.

Refrain

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 5 JULY 2025

"I HAVE DELIVERED HIM INTO YOUR HANDS"

NUMBERS 21:10-35

INTRODUCTION

1. Last week, we learned about the complaints of the people of Israel
 - a. To chastise and correct them, God sent fiery serpents against them
 - b. It reflected God's love as a Father to a son
 - c. The people's conscience was affected, and they repented of their sins
 - d. They were saved by looking at the bronze serpent
2. This week, as we read from Numbers 21:10 onwards, we see a transition.
 - a. From the old rebellious children of Israel who were dying out
 - b. To a new generation rising up
3. The title for today's message is "I have delivered him into your hands" Numbers 21:34
 - a. God delivering Israel personally
 - b. God delivering the enemy into the hands of Israel

THE PLAN TO ENTER THE PROMISED LAND

1. The failure of the first attempt Numbers 13,14
 - a. 12 spies were sent to search the land
 - b. 10 spies gave a bad report ... giants, fortresses.
 - c. The people became fearful and refused to enter the land
 - d. God punished them by sending them into the wilderness for 40 years
2. The forward movement of the second attempt

¹⁰ Now the children of Israel moved on and camped in Oboth. ¹¹ And they journeyed from Oboth and camped at Ije Abarim, in the wilderness which *is* east of Moab, toward the sunrise. ¹² From there they moved and camped in the Valley of Zered. ¹³ From there they moved and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which *is* in the wilderness that extends from the border of the Amorites; for the Arnon *is* the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. ¹⁴ Therefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of the LORD:

“Waheb in Suphah,
The brooks of the Arnon,
¹⁵ And the slope of the brooks
That reaches to the dwelling of Ar,
And lies on the border of Moab.”

¹⁶ From there *they went* to Beer, which *is* the well where the LORD said to Moses, “Gather the people together, and I will give them water.”

¹⁷ Then Israel sang this song:

“Spring up, O well!
All of you sing to it—

¹⁸ The well the leaders sank,
Dug by the nation’s nobles,
By the lawgiver, with their staves.”

And from the wilderness *they went* to Mattanah, ¹⁹ from Mattanah to Nahaliel, from Nahaliel to Bamoth, ²⁰ and from Bamoth, *in* the valley that *is* in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah which looks down on the wasteland.

Numbers 21:10-20

- a. Oboth
- b. Ije Abarim, east of Moab
- c. Valley of Zered
- d. River Arnon, border of Moab and the Amorites
- e. Beer
- f. Mattanah
- g. Nahaliel
- h. Bamoth, a valley in the country of Moab
- i. Top of Mt Pisgah

3. The plan of the Lord was being carried out

THE PEOPLE WERE DIFFERENT... A NEW GENERATION

1. The older generation was no more
 - a. In Numbers 21, the people of Israel had been in the wilderness for 40 years
 - b. The older generation had all died in the wilderness

2. A new generation was emerging

- a. Hardier
- b. Obedient
- c. Collective effort

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Numbers 21:16-18

- d. Singing

THE ENCOUNTER WITH KING SIHON

²¹ Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,
²² “Let me pass through your land. We will not turn aside into fields or vineyards; we will not drink water from wells. We will go by the King’s Highway until we have passed through your territory.” ²³ But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his people together and went out against Israel in the wilderness, and he came to Jahaz and fought against Israel.

Numbers 21:21-23

1. The attack of King Sihon

- a. Israel sent messengers to speak to King Sihon
- b. They requested to pass through their land
- c. But Sihon refused to grant them passage
- d. He and his army rose and went against Israel at Jahaz

2. The defeat of King Sihon and his army

Then Israel defeated him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as the people of Ammon; for the border of the people of Ammon *was* fortified.

Numbers 21:24

- a. Israel defeated Sihon and took possession of the land
- b. River Arnon to River Jabbok
- c. Till the border of Ammon

THE ENCOUNTER WITH KING OG

- ³³ And they turned and went up by the way to Bashan. So Og king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.
- ³⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Do not fear him, for I have delivered him into your hand, with all his people and his land; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon."
- ³⁵ So they defeated him, his sons, and all his people, until there was no survivor left him; and they took possession of his land.

Numbers 21:33-35

1. The attack of King Og

- a. He and all his people went out against Israel
- b. Battle at Edrei

2. Promise of deliverance

- a. Not to fear
- b. God will deliver Og into Israel's hands
- c. Assurance based on what the Lord had done to Sihon

THE LORD'S PURPOSE IN HIS PLANS OF DELIVERANCE

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| 1. Edom | Numbers 20:14, Deuteronomy 2:5 |
| 2. Moab and Ammon | Deuteronomy 2:9, 19 |
| 3. Amorites | Numbers 21 |

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

1. Danger of having a wrong spirit
2. Finding a new spirit
3. Applying our faith in God
 - a. No matter what challenges we face
 - b. Learning to move forward

REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

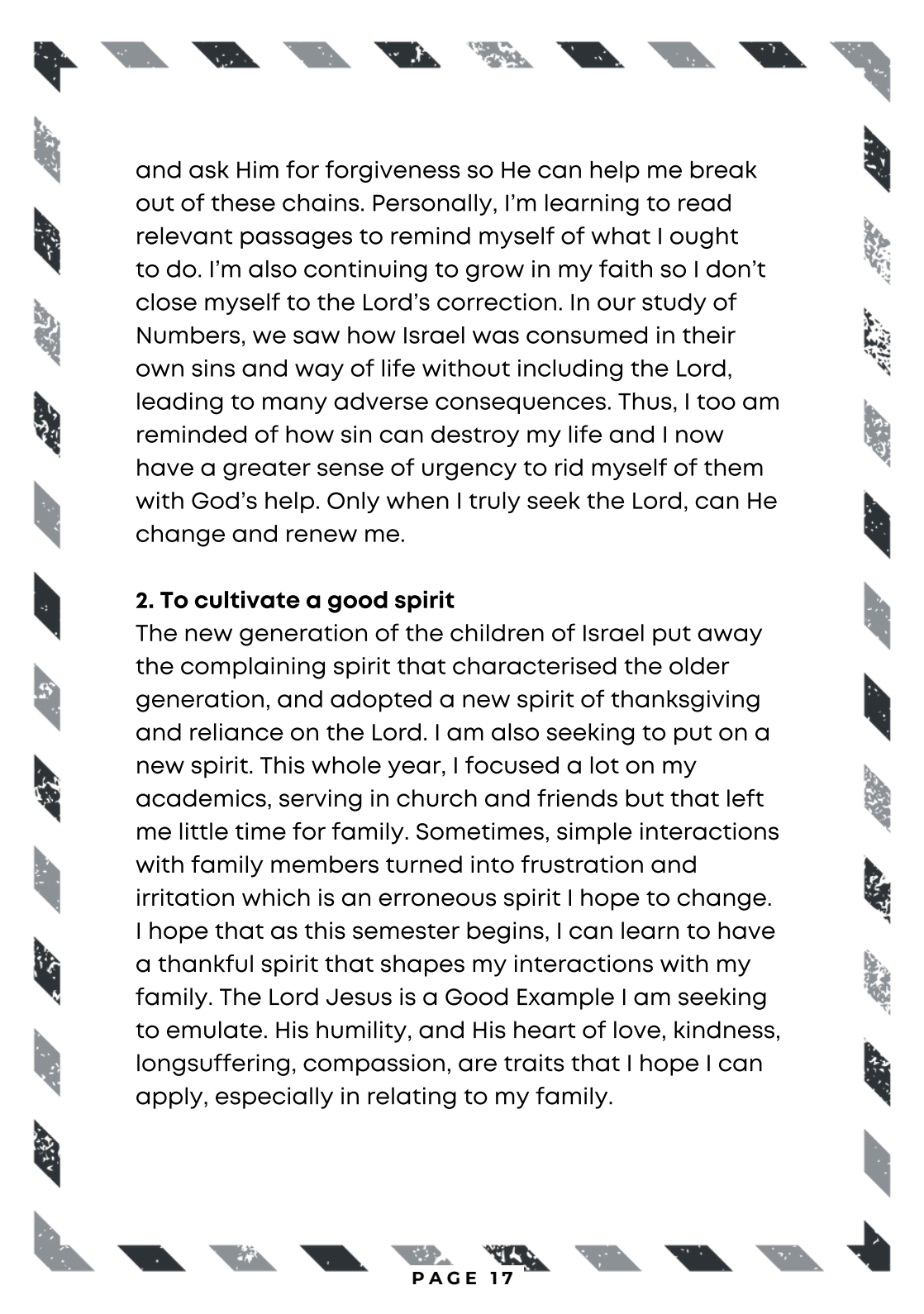
DANIEL CHEW

Last week at Youth Worship, we read from Numbers 21:10-35 of how the children of Israel had a new, and different spirit compared to their forefathers. This generation learnt to trust in God's plan and leading through the wilderness, without bitterness and complaint, though they still encountered difficulties. They even sang with joy in their hearts while they built a well!

Truly, the children of Israel now had a different spirit—but what does that mean for me? Upon reflecting and thinking about this lesson, I really needed to evaluate – Is my spirit still a complaining and dreadful one, or have I seen their example and grown in my own obedience and trust in the Lord? Here are some reflections and lessons that I want to share:

1. To put off an erroneous spirit

Sin threatens all of us, and we have many areas where God needs to correct. I'm far from perfect and there are many sins I need to work on. Upon reflecting on this lesson, I asked myself candidly: Am I truly doing my best to ask for the Lord's help to strip away these sins? Sometimes, I tend to be stubborn, refusing to change, and loving the way of darkness more than the way of light. However, I recognise that I need to return to God



and ask Him for forgiveness so He can help me break out of these chains. Personally, I'm learning to read relevant passages to remind myself of what I ought to do. I'm also continuing to grow in my faith so I don't close myself to the Lord's correction. In our study of Numbers, we saw how Israel was consumed in their own sins and way of life without including the Lord, leading to many adverse consequences. Thus, I too am reminded of how sin can destroy my life and I now have a greater sense of urgency to rid myself of them with God's help. Only when I truly seek the Lord, can He change and renew me.

2. To cultivate a good spirit

The new generation of the children of Israel put away the complaining spirit that characterised the older generation, and adopted a new spirit of thanksgiving and reliance on the Lord. I am also seeking to put on a new spirit. This whole year, I focused a lot on my academics, serving in church and friends but that left me little time for family. Sometimes, simple interactions with family members turned into frustration and irritation which is an erroneous spirit I hope to change. I hope that as this semester begins, I can learn to have a thankful spirit that shapes my interactions with my family. The Lord Jesus is a Good Example I am seeking to emulate. His humility, and His heart of love, kindness, longsuffering, compassion, are traits that I hope I can apply, especially in relating to my family.

3. To learn to have faith and to trust in Him

Everyone can say he has faith but how can I truly apply my faith? JC life is hectic and stressful and there is so much that can go wrong. Without the Lord in my mind, constant worries tug at my heart and the weight of work pulls my head below water. However, learning to apply my faith amidst these challenges is something that I want to learn. Just as the children of Israel continued to encounter immense difficulties such as their battle against King Sihon and King Og, they relied on the Lord, trusting in His promise to deliver them into their hands, despite them being extremely inexperienced as a nation. I lack my own knowledge to lead myself forward in life and I don't know how to best prepare for the future myself. However, I am truly challenged to learn to have a greater faith and trust in God that He will guide me through what lies ahead and to just do my best, not worrying or trying to take matters into my own hands.

These lessons learnt are easier said than done and I really hope to grow more in this second half of the year by trusting that the Lord will see me through this journey.



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Jerome Lai

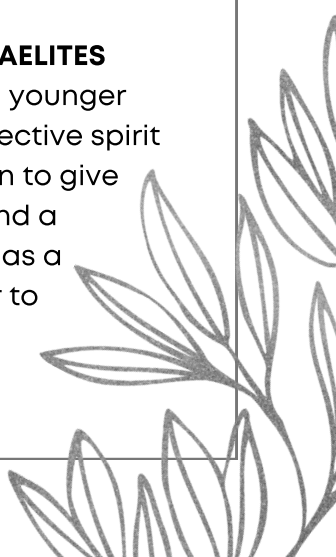
RECAP


Welcome back to Youth Worship everyone! Last week, we learnt from Numbers 21:10-35. In this passage, we read how the Israelites dug a well at Beer which was God's provision to them. We also read how the Israelites defeated King Sihon of the Amorites, and the even mightier King Og of Bashan.

Through this text we see how we are to have a spirit of faith in the LORD even when facing challenges. Though the Israelites were refused by King Sihon to pass through the land, it was all part of God's plan to firstly, punish the Amorites for their sin (Genesis 15:16) and ultimately to show the Israelites His hand of deliverance (Deuteronomy 2:30-36) such that their spirit of faith may be further strengthened.

THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW GENERATION OF ISRAELITES

The people that Moses led were a new and younger generation. This new generation had a collective spirit of faith and they comprehended God's plan to give them the promised land. This led them to find a sense of fervour and unity to fulfil His word as a whole nation, in diligently working together to dig the well at Beer and even fight against King Sihon and King Og.





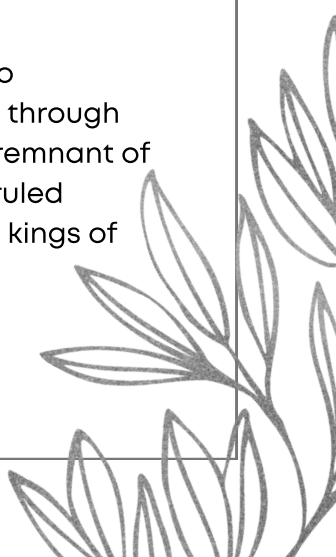
This was in contrast to the older generation who were fearful of the inhabitants in the land and rebelled against God and Moses (Numbers 13-14). This older generation did not achieve anything great as a result of their lack of faith, and their spirit of rebellion.


LEARNING FROM THE COLLECTIVE SPIRIT OF THE ISRAELITES

Looking at the example of the new generation of Israelites, I cannot help but wonder how much stronger our Bethany family would be if we too can find the same spirit of faith, unity and fervour in God! It was through this collective spirit of the new generation of Israelites that they could fulfil great things which the LORD had promised. Similarly, we too as the new generation of Bethany can do great things for the LORD our God if we can learn how to have this same spirit of faith, unity and fervour in Him.

A spirit of faith

The Israelite's spirit of faith enabled them to overcome great challenges in their journey through the wilderness. King Sihon and King Og (a "remnant of the giants" described in Deuteronomy 3:11) ruled fortified cities and were mighty and feared kings of that time. Yet by faith, the nation of Israel managed to triumph over them, and even





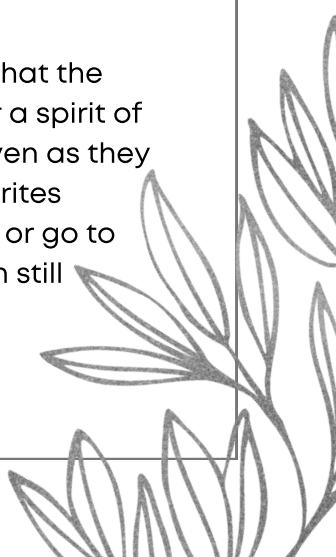
utterly destroy all their cities. How do we build up a similar spirit of faith which the Israelites had? We first have to develop and then strengthen our own individual faith, by desiring to learn and grow deeper in our faith and trust in God. But not stopping there, we must also be challenged to build up a collective faith as a church!


A spirit of unity

Having the same spirit of faith as a church, we can also find a spirit of unity. It is deeply heartening to see so many in Bethany practise their personal faith by dedicating their time during weekends to serve, especially for many of us young people serving in the Custodial Ministry. But beyond just treating our duties as merely mechanical tasks each week, can we also look towards the bigger picture of building up a collective spirit of faith as a whole church, even as we serve alongside fellow brethren?

A spirit of fervour

It was through this spirit of faith and unity that the new generation of Israelites could discover a spirit of fervour, such as how they sang together even as they dug the well, and how they fought the Amorites without complaining. We may not dig wells or go to war together in today's context, but we can still learn from this spirit of fervour which the






Israelites had. Beyond just serving in areas which we are comfortable with, how else can we also contribute to God's work? Are we limiting our service because we are pressured by our peers to serve too, or are we serving out of a genuine heart that seeks to proactively contribute to God's work in every way that we can?

WHAT IS THE SPIRIT OF OUR GENERATION LIKE IN BETHANY?

If we, as the young people of Bethany, can all cultivate a collective spirit of faith, unity and fervour in the way we serve the LORD, how much greater will Bethany grow as God's church! These are lessons that will stand the church in good stead if only we can all learn them well now. We do not know what challenges the future may hold for Bethany... but we do know that it is only through this spirit of faith, unity and fervour as a church that we may overcome them.

May we all, as the new generation of Bethany, be challenged to grow even further, stronger and deeper in our collective spirit of faith, unity and fervour for the LORD!



SHE HAD COMPASSION ON HIM

God's hand was evident from the beginning;
Amram and Jochebed were truly God-fearing.
They hid their baby boy as best they could;
They risked their lives in faith, as they should.

The little baby was put in a small ark, in a river;
The appearance of the Pharaoh's daughter brought a shiver.
Her slaves brought the ark for her attention;
Seeing the crying baby moved her with compassion.

She knew the law her father had cruelly declared;
That was an unjust decree that had made her sad.
She knew that she was looking at a Hebrew baby;
She also knew she was disobeying her father's decree.

God was at hand to help her make the right choice;
This little baby had caused her heart to rejoice.
She had no children of her own and was often lonely;
God touched her heart and she loved the baby naturally.

Charles Tan
Exodus 2:5-7



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating BETHANY'S 50+2 ANNIVERSARY

Theme: "From glory to glory"

The LORD has bestowed bountiful blessings upon our Church! May we unite our hearts to offer grateful worship as we celebrate our Anniversary!

Date: 24 August 2025

Venue: Shangri La

Time: 10.30am (Worship)
12.00nn (Fellowship Lunch)

Main Lunch Programme:

Scan the QR code to book your seat today:



GREETINGS FROM BETHEL

Pastors Charles Tan and Pastor Benjamin Quah
send greetings from Bethel (Perth).
They ministered at the Bethel Family Camp.
They will be returning on Monday,
14 July 2025.





17 JULY 2025

"God's anger was aroused" Numbers 22:22

Text: Numbers 22:22-41

Balaam had disregarded God's command that forbade him to curse the people of Israel. But driven by a greed for material gain, He arose and made his way to Balak, king of Moab with the intention to do his bidding. Balaam had not only failed to realise that He had no power to bless or to curse Israel, He had also acted in rebellion against God. Because of his perversity, God sent the Angel of the LORD to stand in his way as an adversary.



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