

POST YOUTH CONFERENCE SPECIAL III BULLETIN  
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# Post-Youth Conference Special 3



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

PIANIST: GABRIELLE WAN

OPENING PRAYER

PASTOR CHARLES TAN

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MESSAGE

PASTOR CHARLES TAN

"STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT THROUGH HIS  
SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN"  
TEXT: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

CLOSING HYMN

PASTOR CHARLES TAN

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

CLOSING PRAYER

PASTOR CHARLES TAN

POSTLUDE

PIANIST: GABRIELLE WAN

# I'M SINGING

BY KARI JOBE

1. Only one name lasts forever  
Only one fame stands alone  
Only one King has an anthem  
That goes on and on and on

## *Chorus:*

And I'm singing to the God  
Who brings redemption to the nations  
Kings and oceans bow to Him in praise

And I'm singing to the God  
Who wrote the book on our salvation  
To the One who covers me in grace  
I'm singing

2. Only one word in the beginning  
Only one truth will prevail  
Only one love brings a freedom  
Only one Man took the nails

## *Chorus*

*Bridge:*

Praise, praise to the Saviour  
Praise to the Lamb of God  
Praise in all of His splendour  
Praise for saving my life

*Chorus*

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And I'm singing to the God  
Who wrote the book on our salvation  
To the One who covers me in grace  
To the One who covers me in grace  
I'm singing, I'm singing,  
I'm singing, I'm singing.

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# GRACE

BY LAURA STORY

1. My heart is so proud  
My eyes are so unfocused  
I see the things you do through me  
As great things I have done

And now you gently break me  
Then lovingly you take me  
And hold me as my Father  
And mould me as my Maker

## *Chorus:*

I ask You, "How many times will You pick me up  
When I keep on letting You down?"  
And each time I will fall short of Your glory  
How far will forgiveness abound?

And You answer, "My child, I love you  
And as long as you're seeking My face  
You'll walk in the power of My daily sufficient grace"

2. At times, I may grow weak  
And feel a bit discouraged  
Knowing that someone somewhere  
Could do a better job

For who am I to serve You?  
I know I don't deserve You  
And that's the part that burns in my heart  
And keeps me hanging on

*Chorus*

3. As I walk with You, I'm learning  
What Your grace really means  
The price that I could never pay  
Was paid at Calvary

So, instead of trying to repay You  
I'm learning to simply obey You  
By giving up my life to You  
For all that You've given to me

*Chorus*

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# WHATEVER IT TAKES

BY LANNY & MARIETTA WOLFE

1. There's a voice calling me  
From an old rugged tree;  
And it whispers, "Draw closer to Me.

Leave this world far behind;  
There are new heights to climb,  
And a new place in Me you will find."

## *Refrain:*

For whatever it takes to draw closer to You, Lord,  
That's what I'll be willing to do.  
For whatever it takes to be more like You,  
That's what I'll be willing to do.

2. Take the dearest things to me,  
If that's how it must be  
To draw me closer to Thee.

Let the disappointments come,  
Lonely days without the sun,  
If through sorrow more like You I'll become.

## *Refrain:*

For whatever it takes to draw closer to You, Lord,  
That's what I'll be willing to do.  
For whatever it takes for my will to break -  
That's what I'll be willing to do.

# I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

BY ANNIE S. HAWKS & ROBERT LOWRY

1. I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

*Refrain*

I need Thee, O I need Thee;  
Ev'ry hour I need Thee!  
O bless me now, my Saviour,  
I come to Thee.

2. I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh

*Refrain*

3. I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain;  
Come quickly, and abide, or life is vain.

*Refrain*

4. I need Thee ev'ry hour, teach me Thy will,  
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

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# MY NOTES

MESSAGE: "STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT  
THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN"

TEXT: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

# REFLECTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

*"WHAT IS ONE LESSON  
YOU HOPE TO CARRY WITH  
YOU IN 2026" ?*

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BY CHLOE TANG

Hi everyone! I wonder how your 2025 has been. For me, this year has been a bit of a whirlwind. It marked my first full year of not only full-time work, but also involvement in new ministries - both of which brought many new responsibilities. While there were plenty of new tasks and challenges, there were also many opportunities for me to exercise faith.

Yet in the midst of these opportunities, at times this year I still struggled to apply faith and felt that I had fallen short, disappointing not only myself, but God too. In certain situations, I realised that my pride affected the way I reacted. I recognised that darkness existed in my life, and although I knew that I could seek the Lord's grace and mercy, I still found it difficult to deal with these struggles. I was not always able to seek the Lord in prayer or respond with faith as I should have. As we learnt at Youth Conference, the old sinful nature remains in our flesh and continues to struggle with the new man. There were also periods throughout the year when circumstances did not improve, and feelings of discouragement crept in.

It was in light of these struggles that the messages at this year's Youth Conference were especially meaningful to me. We learnt about reconciliation and were reminded that despite how far man is from God, and no matter how much we fall short because of our sinful and weak nature, He still



calls us back to Himself. God has extended to us the invitation of salvation, that we can not only be brought near to Him, but also be counted as His children alongside the Lord Jesus. In His love, God has already paid the ultimate sacrifice for us and calls us His beloved children. What more will He give us the things we need to grow, and to help us cope!

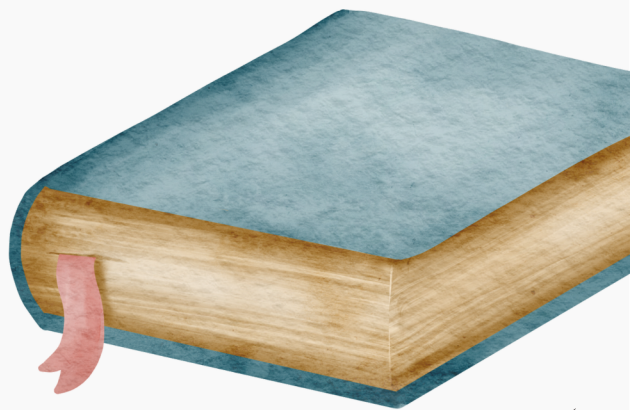
Reflecting on this truth, knowing that God wants to, and will, be there to help us is truly such an uplifting thought. He wants to help me, and He wants to help all of us, in this struggle between the old and the new man. But we need to let Him help us and submit humbly to Him. As I reflected on the year, I realised that I was not always doing that. Many times, I still wanted my will to be done instead of seeking to do God's.

This led me to reflect further on another lesson we learnt at this Youth Conference, that we are God's workmanship. This means that we are a work in progress - not merely that we work on ourselves, but that we have a great and wonderful God who is at work in us! God shapes our lives slowly and reveals things to us precept by precept. We will not suddenly stop struggling overnight, and challenges will still remain. Yet God will help us to grow deeper in faith and closer in our relationship with Him. I am assured that He will empower me to fulfil my responsibilities in a way that honours Him.





Going into 2026, I recognise that there will still be moments of weakness, pride, and discouragement. While the struggle between the old and the new man remains real, I am comforted knowing that God is faithful to complete the work He has begun in me. I pray that I would learn to humbly depend on God's Word and allow Him to continue shaping my heart and mind.






BY RYAN QUEK

One key lesson I hope to carry into 2026 comes from a Sunday School lesson that we should glory only in the Lord from 1 Corinthians 1:26–31 which reads:

*'For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 'But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord." '*

In this text, Paul addresses the root problem in the Corinthian Church which was their desire to glory in themselves. He reminds them that we are not called to salvation based on our own merit, but solely by God's love, grace, and mercy.

This lesson is precious to me because it reminds me of how I want to live my life. It offers two contrasting perspectives to guide me as I face the challenges of the coming year.



Firstly, I should never feel that I am too inadequate for the Lord or too far from His reach. The reality is that the coming year will bring challenges and difficulties that may cause us to stumble. However, we must never lose hope or feel distant from Him. Paul reminds us in verse 27 that the Lord is not like man; He does not despise or belittle us because we are weak. Instead, He lovingly and graciously calls to Himself those the world considers weak or foolish. Therefore, we can hold onto the hope that God chooses us. We need not fall into despair, for the Lord will never abandon us due to our shortcomings.

Secondly, I must never glory in my own earthly achievements, whether in life or in service. There will be highs, but I am reminded never to attribute these successes to my own strength. I want to guard my heart against the pride that can slip in when I am not conscious of it. I must not become complacent, but instead remember that I always need the Lord. We are reminded that we have been saved and redeemed by the Lord Jesus alone, and it is only through Him that we are sanctified and have righteousness imputed to us. It is truly a privilege to be saved, and I never want to take my salvation for granted.



These two perspectives have uplifted my heart and have been a personal challenge to me: to always focus on and glory in the Lord. Whether in good times or difficult times, I want to live well for Him in the coming year. No matter what 2026 brings, I want to learn to abide in Him and glory in Him.

It was encouraging to see how many of us responded to the Youth Conference. My prayer is that we will carry this lesson in our hearts! Let us always remember the importance of our faith in the Lord and seek to exercise our faith as we face the many challenges and uncertainties in 2026!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DOWN MEMORY LANE 2025

Our annual Down Memory Lane Service will be taking place at the end of the month.

Date: 31 December 2025

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

Let us take time to reflect on 2025, and look forward to 2026!

## RESUMPTION OF YPG AND YOUTH WORSHIP IN 2026

Young People's Group (YPG) and Youth Worship for the new year will resume next Saturday, 3 January 2026.

### YPG

Age groups:

13 to 15 year olds (YPG 1),

16 to 18 year olds (YPG 2),

19 to 22 year olds (YPG 3)

Venues:

Auditorium 2-1 (YPG 1),

Auditorium 3-1 (YPG 2),

Auditorium 4-1 (YPG 3)

Time: 2.00 to 2.45pm before Youth Worship

### Youth Worship

Venue: Auditorium 4-7/4-8

Time: 3.15pm

Let us look forward to a new year of learning from the Lord's Word!



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