

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!

How can it be that we are not consumed by the LORD's wrath? Thanks be to God for His abounding mercy and steadfast compassion. As we gather to worship the LORD, may we draw near His presence with reverent fear and bless His holy name!

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COME AND WORSHIP

OUR DWELLING PLACE

Moses grew up as a prince in the palace of Egypt, spent years in Midian with his family, and eventually traversed the wilderness with the children of Israel. Where was his true dwelling place?

The reflections of this man of God are recorded in Psalm 90.

¹ Lord, You have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.

PSALM 90:1-2

1. Moses found a dwelling place in God Psalm 90:1
2. A place that transcends the physical world
 - a. Before the mountains were brought forth Psalm 90:2a
 - b. Before God formed the earth and the world Psalm 90:2b
 - c. The LORD was already there

3. A place that transcends generations

a. God is from everlasting to everlasting

Psalm 90:2c

b. His eternal presence has stood with all generations

May we lift our gaze beyond our present circumstances and behold the LORD, who has been there from the beginning. In whatever terrain of life we find ourselves, may we glory in our relationship with God and treasure the privilege of dwelling in His presence! The Lord is our Refuge and Strength!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

14 FEBRUARY 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Only God
2. Undivided

Jamie Li and Gloria Lim

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Cajonist: Jared Ho

Scripture Reading

Text: Deuteronomy 31:1-8

Bethany Toong and Chloe Tang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Message

“Be strong and of good courage”

Text: Deuteronomy 31:1-8

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

14 FEBRUARY 2026

“BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE”

DEUTERONOMY 31:1-8

WORSHIP SONGS

ONLY GOD

By Gabriel Ou

Who could take away our sins?
Who could free from guilt within?
Who could make the sinner whole
And heal the wounded soul?

Who would cleanse and not condemn?
Who would save the souls of men?
Who would give His only Son
So we can be made one?

Chorus:

Only God,
Only God,
Only God can make the sinner whole
And heal the wounded soul.
Only God,
Only God,
Only God would give His only Son
So we can be made one.
Only God.



Who can give us strength to cope,
For each day a living hope?
Who can lend His Spirit's pow'r
To help in ev'ry hour?

Who will lead us on the way,
Give us grace for ev'ry day?
Who can give us life anew
So we can be made new?

Chorus

If God would give His only Son,
So He would give to ev'ry one
The things we need to grow.
Our Father surely knows.

Final Chorus:

Only God,
Only God,
Only God can make the sinner whole
And heal the wounded soul.

God can take away our sins.
God can free from guilt within.
God can make the sinner whole
And heal the wounded soul.

Only God,
Only God,
Only God would give His only Son
So we can be made one.

God will cleanse and not condemn.
God will save the souls of men.
God has giv'n His only Son
So we can be made one.

Only God
(end)

UNDIVIDED

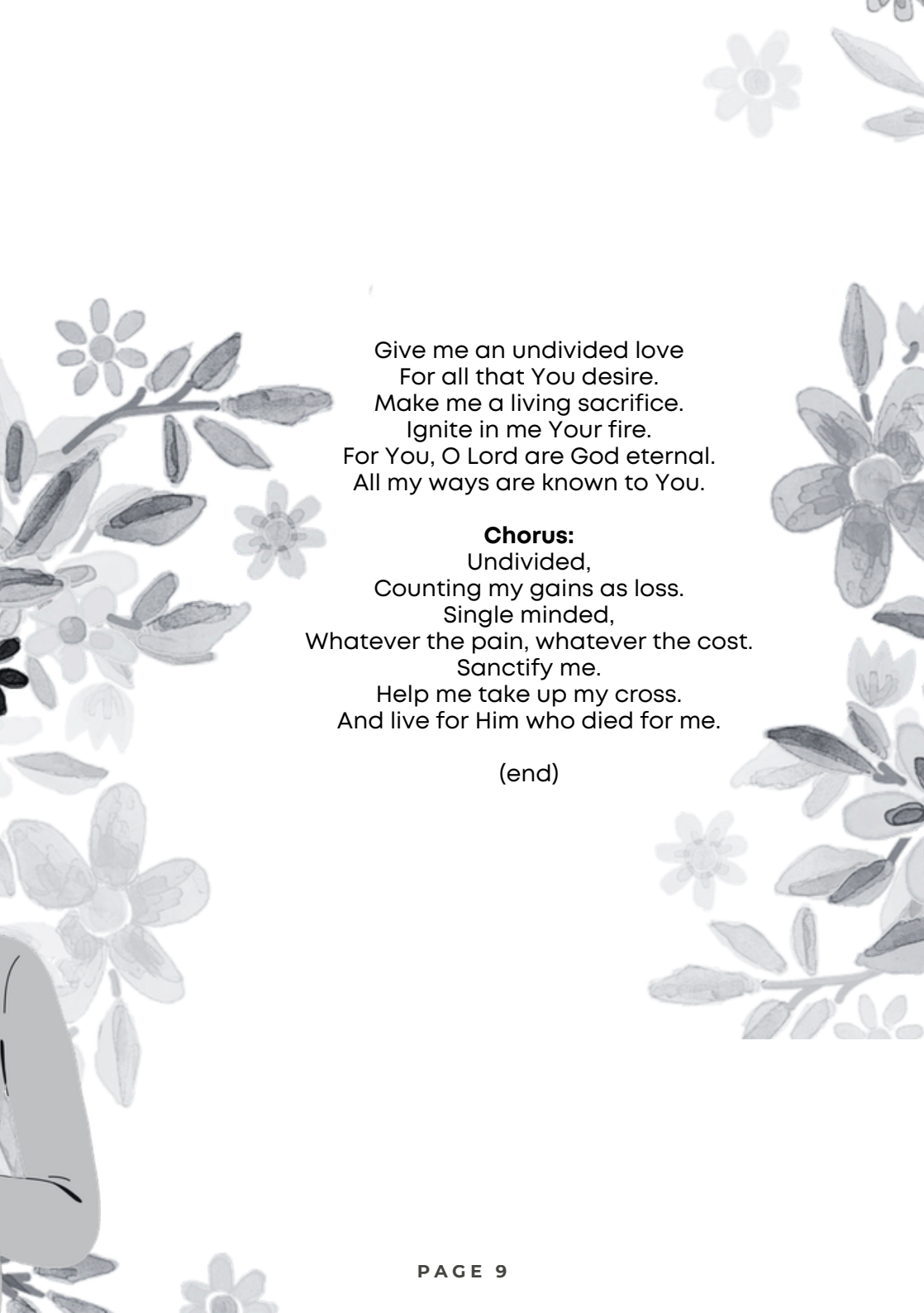
By Rob Smith

Give me an undivided heart
That I might fear Your name.
Teach me to walk in righteous paths
And follow in Your ways.
For You are gracious and forgiving.
Hear, O Lord, and answer me.

Give me an undivided mind
That I might love Your Word.
Help me to hunger for Your voice.
And know Your Spirit's sword.
For You are good, Your truth unchanging.
Life is found in serving You.

Chorus:

Undivided,
I want to live for You.
Single minded,
All that I say, all that I do.
Sanctify me,
Take me and make me new
That I might live for Christ, my Lord.

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Give me an undivided love
For all that You desire.
Make me a living sacrifice.
Ignite in me Your fire.
For You, O Lord are God eternal.
All my ways are known to You.

Chorus:

Undivided,
Counting my gains as loss.
Single minded,
Whatever the pain, whatever the cost.
Sanctify me.
Help me take up my cross.
And live for Him who died for me.

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 31 JANUARY 2026

“THAT WE MAY DO ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LAW”

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 29

INTRODUCTION

1. God's covenant and oath Deuteronomy 29:12-13
 - a. To establish Israel as a people to Himself
 - b. To be their God
2. Key features of God's Covenant
 - a. Israel must enter into God's Covenant
Deuteronomy 29:12
 - b. Israel must understand and practise the community aspect of God's Covenant
Deuteronomy 29:14
 - c. Israel must guard against the danger of forsaking God's Covenant
Deuteronomy 29:25

THE NEED FOR A RENEWED COVENANTAL COMMITMENT

*“These are the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.”
Deuteronomy 29:1*

1. Israel in the land of Moab

Deuteronomy 29:1

- a. Israel had now come to the end of their 40 years in the wilderness
- b. The old generation that came out of Egypt had now been replaced by an entirely new generation
- c. This new generation of Israel was about to enter into the Promised Land

2. The need for Israel's renewed commitment to God's Covenant

- a. God's Covenant made in Horeb 40 years ago with Israel was still applicable
- b. The current generation of Israel
 - i. They must not assume that they had already entered into God's Covenant
 - ii. Neither must they think that God's Covenant no longer applied to them
- c. The challenge was whether Israel would renew their commitment to God's Covenant before entering the Promised Land
- d. God's Covenant would continue to apply even in the generations to come

"I make this covenant and this oath, not with you alone, but with him who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, as well as with him who is not here with us today."

Deuteronomy 29:14-15

THE CONSEQUENCES OF FORSAKING GOD'S COVENANT REITERATED

1. The dangers forewarned

a. The heart does not seek to perceive what the LORD has done

“Yet the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day.”

Deuteronomy 29:4

b. The heart can be turned away from the LORD

“So that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations.”

Deuteronomy 29:18a

c. The heart can become corrupted

“And that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood.”

Deuteronomy 29:18b

d. The heart can end up being presumptuous

“And so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart’—as though the drunkard could be included with the sober.”

Deuteronomy 29:19

2. The consequences of forsaking God's Covenant

"The LORD would not spare him; for then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, and the LORD would blot out his name from under heaven."

Deuteronomy 29:20

- a. The anger of the LORD
- b. Curse in place of blessing

THE CHOICE THAT MUST BE MADE

1. To be obedient to the Word of God

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

Deuteronomy 29:29

- a. There will be secret aspects of God's plan that are not revealed
- b. But the things which are revealed
 - i. These belong to Israel and to Israel's children
 - ii. Israel must seek to do all the words of this law

2. To return to the LORD in moments of failure

- a. He will have compassion

"And you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you."

Deuteronomy 30:2-3

b. He will cleanse the heart

“And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”

Deuteronomy 30:6

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND HOPE

1. It is possible to succeed!

“For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.”

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

2. Choosing right will lead to life and blessing!

“I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

By Ashley Tan

Welcome back to Youth Worship! Two weeks ago we learnt from Deuteronomy 29, where we read of how Moses asked Israel to renew their covenant with God while also warning them against the dangers of breaking the covenant.

The danger of the heart

While we can begin from a desire to be committed to our relationship with God, our hearts can turn away if we are not careful—a problem which was highlighted by Moses. The heart can start off as not being able to perceive what God has done (Deuteronomy 29:4), then it turns away and becomes corrupted (Deuteronomy 29:18), and end up being presumptuous, thinking one's spiritual state is good even though we are following the desires of our heart rather than God's commandments (Deuteronomy 29:19).

This reality of how our hearts can turn away is one that is sobering, especially when we consider our own hearts. For me, I see this danger as real when I start to be caught up with school responsibilities, such that my time spent with God is often interrupted by distractions. I may even think that my spiritual state is not affected as long as I

have spent some time reading God's word. In reality, my heart cannot be focused on Him as long as it is distracted by the work I have left to do.

One way I guard my heart is by reminding myself I should never assume my spiritual state. The moment I think I am doing alright, I enter presumptuous territory. Proverbs 4:23 is a verse I am often reminded of, which reads,

“Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it spring the issues of life.”

Staying committed to God

Truly, our hearts can lead us downhill, but we can find encouragement knowing that it is not impossible to stay committed to God. By applying our hearts to appreciate what God has done, obeying His commandments and seeking His cleansing when we sin, God can enable us to grow and be stronger in our commitment to Him. We do not have to feel overwhelmed by thinking we cannot overcome, because as it reads in 1 Corinthians 10:13, “...God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

Committed because we love Him

Ultimately, we should seek to cultivate hearts that love God with their entirety (Deuteronomy 6:5). One way I seek to do this is by being more conscious of the blessings God has blessed me with to cultivate a more grateful heart. A verse I like to focus on is taken from Psalm 92:1-2,

“It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,
And Your faithfulness every night.”

By reviewing how God has been with me consistently, I am able to develop a more personal understanding of what it means for God to be present in my life. His word becomes more alive to me when I see how it is real in my own life. And through such an appreciation, He enables me to love Him more.

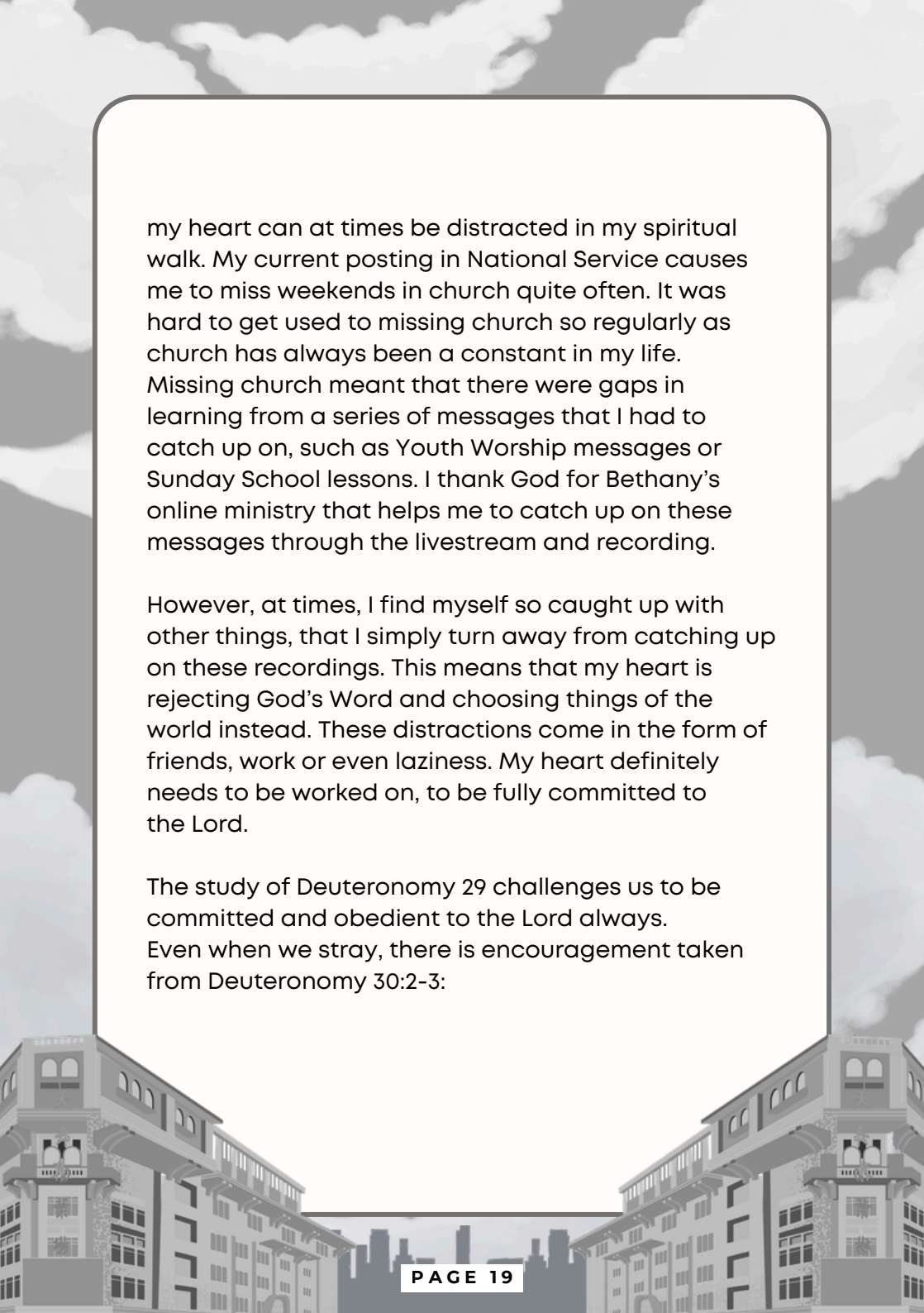
As we learn to love God more, the less likely we are to stray from Him. Hearts that truly love God naturally will not turn away, but would seek to keep His commandments to honour Him. And God enables those who love Him to stay committed to Him. Each time we catch ourselves lacking, let us return to God and learn to guard our hearts more diligently, seeking to love Him more!

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

By Rayne Quek

Last Youth Worship, we learnt from the text in Deuteronomy 29. After 40 years in the wilderness, the children of Israel were finally about to enter into the promised land. Over these 40 years, a new generation of Israel had come up and was the one to enter the promised land. Moses addressed them and reiterated the Lord's covenant with them (Deuteronomy 29). This covenant was first given to the children of Israel at Mount Horeb (also known as Mount Sinai). Even though this new generation was not present at that time (Exodus 19), they still were covered under this covenant, and so would future generations of Israel be. However, the children of Israel still needed to do their part to receive the Lord's covenant, which was to be committed to Him. The biggest danger keeping them from committing themselves to the Lord lay in their hearts. Four characteristics of a wrong heart were highlighted: a blind heart, a rejecting heart, a corrupted heart and a presumptuous heart.

Hearing these warnings about the heart, I felt challenged to look at my own heart. I recognised that



my heart can at times be distracted in my spiritual walk. My current posting in National Service causes me to miss weekends in church quite often. It was hard to get used to missing church so regularly as church has always been a constant in my life. Missing church meant that there were gaps in learning from a series of messages that I had to catch up on, such as Youth Worship messages or Sunday School lessons. I thank God for Bethany's online ministry that helps me to catch up on these messages through the livestream and recording.

However, at times, I find myself so caught up with other things, that I simply turn away from catching up on these recordings. This means that my heart is rejecting God's Word and choosing things of the world instead. These distractions come in the form of friends, work or even laziness. My heart definitely needs to be worked on, to be fully committed to the Lord.

The study of Deuteronomy 29 challenges us to be committed and obedient to the Lord always. Even when we stray, there is encouragement taken from Deuteronomy 30:2-3:

“And you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you.”

The Lord will have compassion on us as long as we return to Him! I feel incredibly undeserving of such grace from the Lord. No matter how many times I stray, or choose the world over Him because of my weakness, He will still take me in when I return to Him. Personally, I am challenged to renew my commitment to the Lord, by returning to Him each time and being obedient to Him. As I continue to catch up with worship online, I now have a new sense of awareness of my actions. Prioritising worship over my distractions is a reflection of my heart. If my heart is committed to the Lord, it is only natural that worship and learning from His Word will be a priority. Although my National Service commitments cannot change, I can choose to set aside time to catch up and review His Word on my off days. This will help me grow spiritually, guide me to walk in God’s ways and grant me the spiritual wisdom to approach various challenges in the future.

“Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
Who seek Him with the whole heart!”

Psalm 119:1-2

Psalm 119 reminds us of the blessings when we are obedient to the Lord and walk in His ways. As I reflect on my heart and continue to grow spiritually, I am encouraged to fulfil my renewed commitment to the Lord moving forward.

THE ANGER OF THE LORD

God spoke to Moses most patiently;
He gave signs to prove authenticity.
But Moses continued to hesitate;
He was uncertain; he was so afraid.

Excuse after excuse was offered by Moses;
God continued to be patient on purpose.
He understood that the Task was great;
The Pharaoh was a person filled with hate.

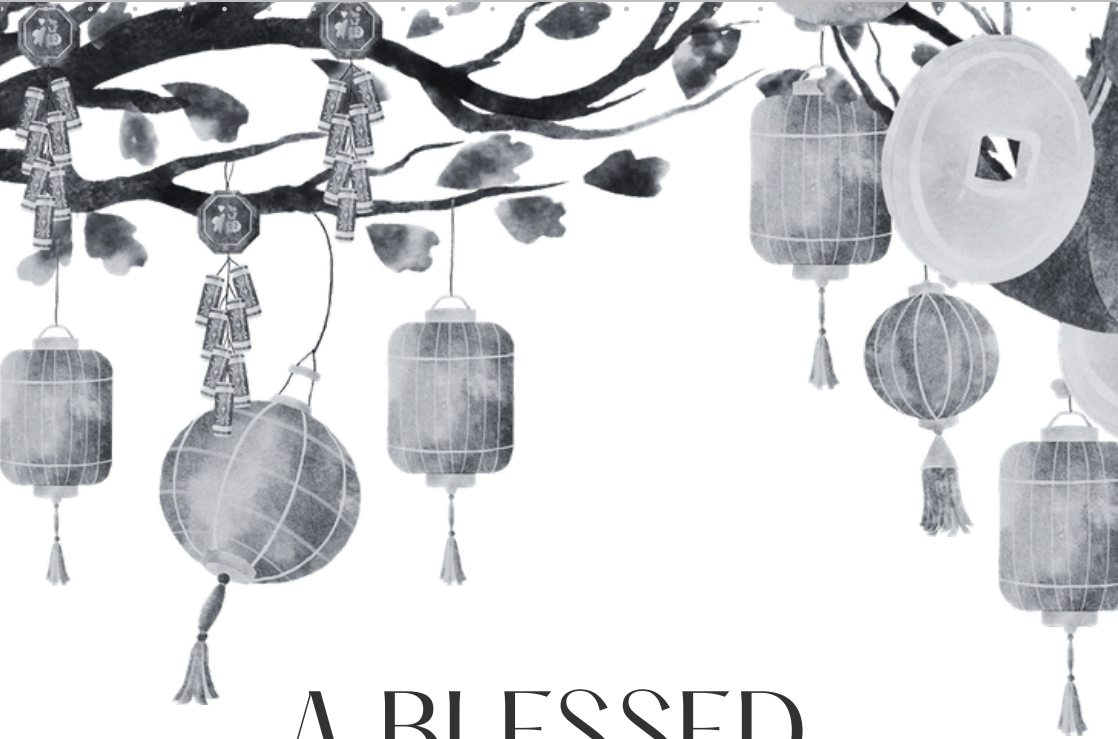
Moses continued to show reluctance in obeying;
God then became angry with Moses for defying.
Moses learned to have a healthy fear of God;
Righteous anger was now displayed by the Lord.

Moses would be given an Assistant in Aaron;
He was a gifted speaker in comparison.
But Moses would still be the servant of God chosen;
Aaron the elder brother would be his spokesman.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Exodus 4:14-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS



A BLESSED CHINESE NEW YEAR

Wishing one and all a happy Chinese New Year!
As we enjoy time with family in this festive season,
may we bless the Lord for all His benefits!



CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECIAL

The details of our Chinese New Year Special Programme this year are as follows:



Date: 28 February 2026, Saturday

Time: 3.00pm

Location: Sanctuary (Level 2)

Followed by Fellowship Tea in the Fellowship Hall (Level 1)

Please sign up at the Booth at the Fellowship Hall on Sundays.



FAMILY CAMP 2026

“PERFECTING HOLINESS”

2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

DATE: 15-20 MARCH 2026

Wrong ideas about “Holiness” exist

1. In the past, many thought they must become monks/nuns to practise holiness
2. But was this the holiness that God wants to see us practise?
3. The Family Camp this year will focus on what Biblical Holiness really is

Sign up for the Family Camp today!

Registering for Camp:

Please sign up for camp through the online registration form (scan the QR code below).

If you need further assistance, please go to the registration booth at the Fellowship Hall.

Do ensure that your passport expiry date is after 20 September 2026 before you begin registration.

Let us look forward to a wonderful time of learning what it means to perfect holiness in the fear of God!



EASTER AT SHANGRI-LA 2026

Easter is one of the most significant events in our church calendar. Let us take this opportunity to renew our faith in God and invite our friends to know our Risen Saviour.

Details:

Date: 5 April 2026 (Sunday)

Time: Worship begins at 10:30am

Lunch commences at 12:15pm

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Easter 2026 Youth Lunch Special

This year, there will be a special lunch program for the Young People to encourage all to reach out to their friends. We warmly invite you to sign up by scanning the QR code:



The Lunch is kindly sponsored by various brethren, for which we are deeply grateful.

Please contact Pastor Benjamin Quah at 9752 3036 if you have any other queries.



21 FEBRUARY 2026

“Write down this song for yourselves”

Text: Deuteronomy 31

Nearing the end of his ministry, Moses was commanded by God to write a song to be remembered from generation to generation. This song served a didactic purpose and would bear witness against the people when they turned away from the LORD. Through it, Israel was to remember the greatness of God and His works, and be warned of the grave consequences should they follow their inclinations and forsake the covenant.



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