

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!

Out of His great tender mercies,
the LORD our God has showered us with
His benefits. Let us gather to ascribe glory
to God and worship His holy name!



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COME AND WORSHIP

He Will Bless

We place our trust in a God who delights in showering His blessings upon us. But how may we better understand the principles that govern God's blessings?

¹² The LORD has been mindful of *us*;
He will bless us;

He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.

¹³ He will bless those who fear the LORD,
Both small and great.

¹⁴ May the LORD give you increase more and more,
You and your children.

¹⁵ *May you be* blessed by the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 115:12-15

1. The LORD has been mindful Psalm 115:12a
 - a. Of His people
 - b. Of His covenant
2. Therefore, there is tremendous confidence Psalm 115:12b
that God will bless
 - a. He will bless the house of Israel
 - b. He will bless the house of Aaron (The priesthood)
 - c. He will bless those who fear Him

3. No one will be left out of God's blessings

Psalm 115:13

- a. The small
- b. The great

3. Yet, the blessings of God must not be assumed Psalm 115:14-15

- a. The use of the word "may"
 - i. May the LORD give you increase more and more
 - ii. May you be blessed by the LORD
- b. There is no limit to God's blessings
- c. But they are given out of God's grace and mercy
- d. They are contingent upon our part too

BLESSINGS, IF YOU OBEY

We are reminded of the lessons learnt from Deuteronomy 11.

²⁶ "Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse:

²⁷ **the blessing, if you obey** the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today; ²⁸ and **the curse, if you do not obey** the commandments of the LORD your God,

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

Let us fulfil our part by remaining faithful and obeying God's commandments earnestly, trusting with confidence that His blessings will follow!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

17 JANUARY 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Dare to Run
2. Softly and Tenderly

Joel Tan and Ong Yanning

Pianists: Esther Tang and
Gabrielle Wan

Scripture Reading

Text: Deuteronomy 29:1-13

Bethany Toong and Gloria Lim

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

Message

“These are the words of the covenant”

Text: Deuteronomy 29:1-13

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Esther Tan

MY NOTES

17 JANUARY 2026

“THESE ARE THE WORDS OF THE COVENANT”

DEUTERONOMY 29:1-13

DARE TO RUN

By Harlan Moore, Joel W. Smith

The assembly of the faithful,
Surrounding, yet unseen,
Is gathered as a witness to the race.
And on the track awaiting
Are the runners of today;
The call has come for each to take his place.

The road ahead is narrow,
The way is sometimes steep,
And only the committed claim the prize.
But standing at the finish,
With arms outstretched to greet us,
Is the One who has endured the race,
And paid the final price.

Chorus:

Dare to run
With our eyes fixed on Jesus,
Following the footsteps
Of the One who's gone before us.
Dare to run
In the power of His spirit,
Called to be victors in a race already won;
Dare to run.

Chorus

Bridge:

We must have our Saviour's vision,
Compassion for the lost;
Courage for the future,
Love at any cost.

Chorus:

Dare to run
With our eyes fixed on Jesus,
Following the footsteps
Of the One who's gone before us.
Dare to run
In the power of His Spirit,
Called to be victors in a race already won;
Dare to run.

Dare to run in the power,
The power of the LORD!

(end)



Gently and Tenderly



By Will L. Thompson

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home;
Ye who are weary come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?

Refrain

3. Oh! For the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me;
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.

Refrain

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 10 JANUARY 2026

“IF YOU EARNESTLY OBEY MY COMMANDMENTS”

DEUTERONOMY 11

INTRODUCTION

1. We all have failures in our past
2. But if you were given a second chance to succeed, how would you approach it?
3. The whole context of the book of Deuteronomy
 - a. The failure of the previous generation to enter the promised land
 - b. The challenge of the present generation to succeed
4. Appreciating Deuteronomy 11
 - a. Recorded in Exodus 34
 - b. It highlights key points from the first 10 chapters that stand out
 - c. These key points provide us with the principles for success

A SENSE OF HISTORY

² Know today that I do not speak with your children, who have not known and who have not seen the chastening of the LORD your God, His greatness and His mighty hand and His outstretched arm—
³ His signs and His acts which He did in the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to all his land; ⁴ what He did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and their chariots: how He made the waters of the Red Sea overflow them as they pursued you, and how the LORD has destroyed them to this day; ⁵ what He did for you in the wilderness until you came to this place; ⁶ and what He did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, their households, their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel— ⁷ but your eyes have seen every great act of the LORD which He did.

Deuteronomy 11:2-7

1. Addressing the previous generation

- a. "I do not speak with your children, who have not known and who have not seen..." Deuteronomy 11:2a
- b. "But your eyes have seen every great act of the LORD which He did" Deuteronomy 11:7a

2. They are to recall significant lessons from the past

- a. The LORD their God Deuteronomy 11:2b
 - i. His greatness, His mighty hand, His outstretched arm
 - ii. His great acts done

b. Significant acts of the LORD their God

i. The plagues done in Egypt against Pharaoh Deuteronomy 11:3

ii. The crossing of the Red Sea and the destruction of
the Egyptian army Deuteronomy 11:4

iii. The wilderness period Deuteronomy 11:5

iv. The chastening of Israel – the example of Dathan
and Abiram highlighted Deuteronomy 11:6

c. “Your eyes have seen” Deuteronomy 11:7b

i. They had seen all these things

ii. They were to pass down these lessons to their children

3. For the present generation

a. They are to receive these lessons and gain a sense of history

i. Learning from the past

ii. Looking forward to a better future

b. The LORD their God lies at the center of it all

i. He will help them accomplish the task of entering the
promised land

ii. His mighty power will enable them

A SECOND CHANCE TO SUCCEED

⁸ “Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess, ⁹ and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’¹⁰ For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden; ¹¹ but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, ¹² a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

Deuteronomy 11:8-12

1. The first generation failed to enter the land
2. They now had a chance to succeed Deuteronomy 11:8
To be strong, go in and possess the land
3. The land they would inherit would be even better than Egypt
 - a. Egypt was likened to a vegetable garden Deuteronomy 11:10
 - b. Whereas this land is a land for which
the LORD their God cares Deuteronomy 11:12
4. Question: How could they succeed?

THE “SECRET” OF SUCCESS

¹³ ‘And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,¹⁴ then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.¹⁵ And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.’¹⁶ Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them,¹⁷ lest the LORD’s anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

Deuteronomy 11:13-17

1. By comprehending their part in this covenantal relationship with the LORD their God
2. A covenant has two parts
 - a. God’s part
 - b. Our part
 - c. God will do His part if we fulfil our part (“if, then” clause)
3. Key components that are required on our part
 - a. If we earnestly obey the commandments of the LORD Deuteronomy 11:13a
 - b. To love the LORD our God Deuteronomy 11:13b
 - c. And to serve Him with all our heart and with all our soul Deuteronomy 11:13c

HOW WE CAN SUSTAIN A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD OUR GOD

¹⁸ *“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹ You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ²⁰ And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.*

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

1. By laying up His words in our heart and in our soul Deuteronomy 11:18a
2. Personal efforts (creative efforts) Deuteronomy 11:18b-20
3. Family efforts
 - a. The Word of God is to be taught to our children Deuteronomy 11:19
 - b. That they too may learn to earnestly obey the LORD

MAKING A SIGNIFICANT CHOICE

²⁶ *“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today; ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.*

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

1. In life, we must always seek to make the right choices
2. Here, a choice was presented
 - a. Blessing, if they obey Deuteronomy 11:27
 - b. Curse, if they do not obey Deuteronomy 11:28
3. This choice is significant because there are consequences that must be noted
4. The obvious choice – choose obedience and the blessing that will come from the LORD!

KEY LESSONS FOR OURSELVES

1. Gain a sense of history
 - a. Learning from the past
 - b. Looking forward to a better future
 - c. The LORD our God will make all the difference
2. Grasp the second chance given by God
 - a. God often gives us second chances
 - b. We can look forward to a better future
 - c. But we must do our part

3. Give attention to the things that will help us succeed

- a. Earnestly obey the LORD
- b. Love Him
- c. Serve Him with all our heart and soul
- d. Lay up His Word in our heart

4. Make a significant choice

- a. To obey the LORD and His Word
- b. To seek God's blessing
- c. To succeed finally

REFLECTIONS



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

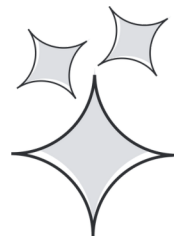
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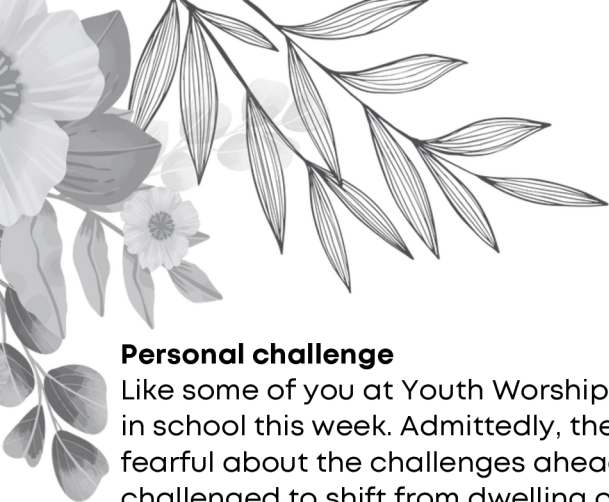
I am sure that all of us hope to succeed in life. But how may we succeed? Last week at Youth Worship, we learned how we may find Biblical success. This is different from the world's view of success, which is centred on what we can achieve for our own personal gain. Instead, we must recognise that God is the Source of all blessings. It is not the work of our hands!

Our part: "If you earnestly obey My commandments"

Written in Deuteronomy 11, the children of Israel were given a second chance to enter the promised land: a land of God's abundant blessing. Similarly, God desires to bless us. However, just like the Israelites, we have our part to play in this covenantal relationship with God. It is to earnestly obey the Lord's commandments, to love Him and serve Him with all our heart and with all our soul. (Deuteronomy 11:13)

To be earnest is to be careful and diligent. There may be times when we falter, but our gracious God is not looking for perfection. Instead, He looks at our hearts and sees the effort we put into loving Him and serving Him.





Personal challenge

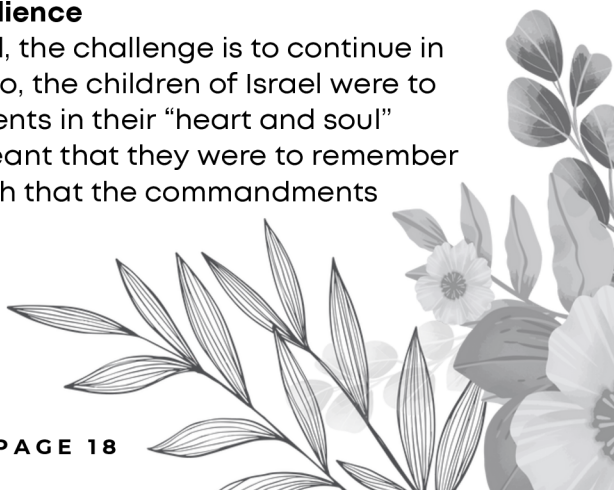
Like some of you at Youth Worship, I started a new semester in school this week. Admittedly, there is a part of me that is fearful about the challenges ahead. However, I am challenged to shift from dwelling on my fears to focusing on earnestly obeying the Lord's commandments.

In learning to love the Lord, I want to firstly take time to remember and understand His love each day. It is because God first loved me that I desire to love Him in return! Furthermore, I want to make faith my first priority. To do so, I seek to be more disciplined in how I use my time, so that I will not be distracted by other commitments when I am in church or when I am spending quiet time with the Lord.

In serving the Lord, I want to be conscious that I am serving a great God and showing the proper regard for Him. Practically, as part of the custodial ministry, to be earnest means not taking short cuts and ensuring that each area is properly cleaned, even if I may be feeling tired.

Continuing in earnest obedience

While we may start out well, the challenge is to continue in earnest obedience. To do so, the children of Israel were to "lay up" these commandments in their "heart and soul" (Deuteronomy 10:6). This meant that they were to remember these commandments, such that the commandments became a part of them.



I was reminded of the Shema, which the children of Israel would recite each day:

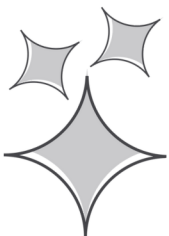
“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”
Deuteronomy 6:4

I am challenged to start my day in a similar way, that I may orientate my focus to what is truly important.

Trusting in the “LORD our God”

When we do our part to earnestly obey the Lord’s commandments, we can trust that God will do His part to bless and provide! We read in Deuteronomy 11, the children of Israel were called to remember the great acts of the Lord that they had seen. At every significant point in time, the Lord was there to protect and provide. Similarly, we can take time to trace the Lord’s hand in our lives, as well as His great works as recorded in God’s Word.

Let us do our part to earnestly obey the Lord’s commandments, and have faith that God will do His part!



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

By Veanne Leong

Hello everyone! Welcome back to Youth Worship! Last week, we learnt from the text in Deuteronomy 11, where Moses challenged the people to reflect seriously on what God had taught them. This chapter highlights how God's people had to learn from the mistakes of the previous generation to succeed in entering the Promised Land.

RECAP

Moses reminded the Israelites of all the powerful acts that God had done for them in the past, from delivering them out of Egypt to preserving them in the wilderness. He called them to remember these redemptive works so they would grasp God's greatness and faithfulness. Then, Moses set before them a second chance to succeed where the previous generation had failed: to enter and enjoy the Promised Land by obeying God's commandments, loving Him, and serving Him with all their heart and soul. God also emphasised the importance of internalising His Word by laying it up in their hearts, teaching it to their children, and letting it shape how they lived each day.

REFLECTIONS

Remembering God's Faithfulness


As I reflect on this message, I am reminded of how often I fall into the trap of repeating the same old mistakes and patterns, such as relying on my own strength, ignoring God's Word, or prioritising other things above Him. Like the Israelites, I have seen God's goodness throughout my life, whether it be answered prayers, provision in times of need, encouragement from His people or comfort through His Word. God remains faithful even though there are still moments when I forget to obey and love God with all my heart.

Learning to Obey God with My Whole Heart

This chapter challenged me to consider whether I truly obey God with my whole heart. I realised that obedience is not only about doing the right things, but also about being consistent in loving God deeply and serving Him faithfully, even in uncomfortable or inconvenient situations. There is a need for me to learn to keep His Word alive in my heart and let it guide my everyday decisions, in how I study, how I treat others, and how I honour God with my priorities.

Being Grounded in My Own Walk with God

I also recognise that before I can influence or encourage others in their walk of faith, I must first be grounded in my own walk with God. At this stage of my life, I must continue to be a faithful learner of God's Word by seeking to understand His commandments, His character, and His heart. If I do not take time to



internalise Scripture and obey it personally, I will have little of true substance to share with others. As I grow deeper in understanding and a love for God, I hope that my life itself becomes a testimony that can encourage and draw others to Him.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

God's call to obedience is an invitation into a life with Him. When I reflect on how God has shown me mercy and grace, I want to respond out of love by laying up His Word in my heart, obeying Him earnestly, and choosing God's ways above my own. As I continue on my walk with Christ, I want to be a person who lives out my faith. I want to love God with all that I am, serve Him with all my heart and soul, and allow His Word to shape every part of my life.

IF THEY DO NOT BELIEVE

Moses was doubtful that he would be believed in;
Even if he performed the first two signs given to him.
The first was to see how a snake would appear from his rod;
The second sign was to see a leprous hand restored.

The Lord then offered Moses a third sign as proof to all;
Water would become blood to confirm God's Call.
Three signs would be shown to the children of Israel;
Would they not respond to the power of God revealed?

The human heart can become hardened along the way;
The children of Israel had known hardship for many days!
They found it hard to believe in the God of their forebears;
Their hearts needed to believe that God really cares.

God understands the hardness of the human heart;
He will win over their hearts by revealing His part.
Mighty miracles will be performed by Moses;
They will see and they will live in righteousness.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 4:9



ANNOUNCEMENTS



NO YOUTH WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

The wedding of Edward and Elena will take place next Saturday (24 January 2026). In view of this special occasion, there will be no Youth Worship next week.

Youth Worship resumes the following week, on 31 January 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!





YOUTH EASTER TESTIMONY BOOKLET

Easter remains a precious occasion as we commemorate the death and resurrection of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

This year, we will be putting together a Youth Easter Testimony Booklet, featuring personal testimonies that share how faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is real, living, and personal.

This booklet will also serve as an opportunity to invite our friends to join us in celebrating Easter and to hear how Christ is working in our lives.

If you would like to contribute a testimony, we warmly invite you to contact either of us:

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Kindly submit your testimony by 25th January 2026.
All testimonies will be subjected to review and approval.

If you have any questions, feel free to approach us and we will assist you.



31 JANUARY 2026

“I make this covenant and this oath, not with you alone”

Text: Deuteronomy 29:14-29

In His great mercy, God renewed His covenant with Israel, not only with those present at the time but also with future generations. Through this covenant, the LORD revealed His Word to Israel, calling them to faithfully obey it and live a blessed life in relationship with Him. However, if they chose to disobey His commandments, the curses for breaking the covenant would come upon them fiercely.



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