

# 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 carry a precious identity of being redeemed by the LORD, through faith in the Lord Jesus. May we never cease to proclaim praises of Him who has redeemed us with His infinite mercy!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

## RETURN, O CHILDREN OF MEN

Man has nothing to boast about when his mortality is understood in perspective of God's eternal nature.

Moses had come to gain a deeper comprehension of life and God in his years of leading Israel. Despite being a mighty servant of the LORD, his approach towards life was humble and unpretentious. With deep insight, he wrote using powerful imageries to describe the brevity of life.

<sup>3</sup> You turn man to destruction,  
And say, "Return, O children of men."

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in Your sight  
Are like yesterday when it is past,  
And *like* a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup> You carry them away *like* a flood;  
*They are* like a sleep.

In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up:

<sup>6</sup> In the morning it flourishes and grows up;  
In the evening it is cut down and withers.

PSALM 90:3-6

## 1. Man in contrast to God

- a. Man is frail and finite
- b. God has great power, even over life and death
- c. If God wills, He can turn man's life into dust just by His word!

Psalm 90:3

## 2. How should we perceive time on earth?

- a. "A thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday" Psalm 90:4a
  - i. A thousand years may seem long to us
  - ii. To the eternal God, it is just a day

- b. "Like a watch in the night" Psalm 90:4b
  - i. A typical watch lasts for about 4 hours
  - ii. To a guard on duty, 4 hours may seem relatively long
  - iii. In absolute time, it is short
  - iv. Life is truly short!

- c. "You carry them away like a flood" Psalm 90:5a
  - i. A flood comes and goes swiftly
  - ii. Its impact can be destructive

- d. "They are like a sleep" Psalm 90:5b
  - i. A sleep may last for a few hours
  - ii. Life ends quickly like a sleep

- e. "They are like grass" Psalm 90:6
  - i. Grass, unlike trees, can grow and flourish quickly
  - ii. All too soon, they will wither and be cut down

### 3. Lessons we must understand about life

a. Life is extremely brief

b. We are fully dependent on the Lord for our very existence!

### **SEEKING TO WALK HUMBLY**

Seeing the frailty and brevity of life in light of God's sovereignty must compel us to live our lives purposefully with a greater sense of urgency. Let's not take life for granted, but seek to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8)!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

21 FEBRUARY 2026

### Prelude

Pianist: Esther Tang

### Call to Worship

Pastor Benjamin Quah

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

### Song Leading

1. Oh How Good It Is
2. Living for Jesus

Rayne Quek and Ethan Ho

Pianist: Esther Tang and Lorraine Lai

Cajonist: Jared Ho

### Scripture Reading

Text: Deuteronomy 31:14-26

Bethany Toong and Laura Chan

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

### Message

“Write down this song for yourselves”

Text: Deuteronomy 31:14-26

Pastor Benjamin Quah

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

### Offering

### Postlude

Pianist: Esther Tang

# MY NOTES

21 FEBRUARY 2026

## **“WRITE DOWN THIS SONG FOR YOURSELVES”**

DEUTERONOMY 31:14-26

## OH HOW GOOD IT IS

By Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,  
Ross Holmes and Stuart Townend

Oh how good it is when the fam'ly of God  
Dwell together in spirit, in faith and unity;  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

### **Chorus:**

So, with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,  
And with one heart we'll live out His word;  
Til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come,  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy,  
And weep with those who mourn;  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

### **Chorus**

Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives;  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son, with the Father, and the Spirit.

### **Chorus**

(End)

# LIVING FOR JESUS

By Thomas O. Chrisholm

1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
Striving to please Him in all that I do;  
Yielding allegiance, gladhearted and free,  
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

## **Chorus:**

O Jesus, Lord and Saviour,  
I give myself to Thee;  
For Thou, in Thy atonement,  
Didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other Master,  
My heart shall be Thy Throne;  
My life I give, henceforth to live,  
O Christ, for Thee alone.

2. Living for Jesus who died in my place,  
Bearing on Calv'ry my sin and disgrace;  
Such love constrains me to answer His call,  
Follow His leading and give Him my all.

## **Chorus**

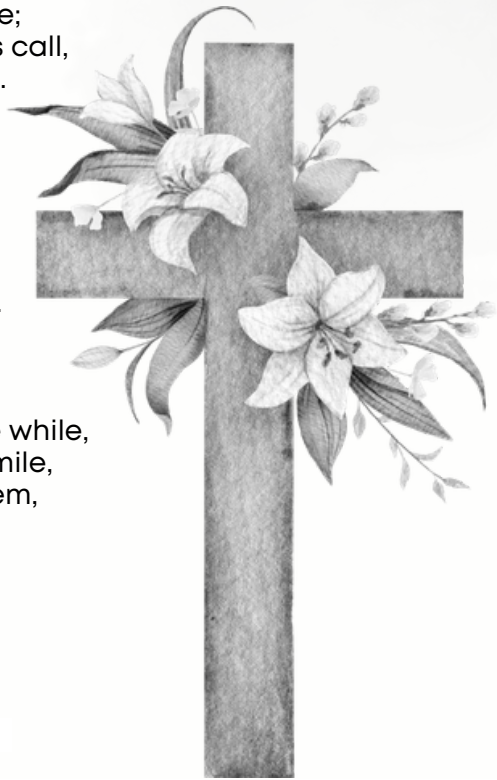
3. Living for Jesus wherever I am,  
Doing each duty in His holy name;  
Willing to suffer affliction and loss,  
Deeming each trial a part of my cross.

## **Chorus**

4. Living for Jesus through earth's little while,  
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile,  
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,  
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

## **Chorus**

(End)



# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## YWS MESSAGE - 14 FEBRUARY 2026

### “BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE”

#### TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 31:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.

<sup>2</sup> And he said to them: “I *am* one hundred and twenty years old today. I can no longer go out and come in. Also the LORD has said to me, ‘You shall not cross over this Jordan.’”

<sup>3</sup> The LORD your God Himself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua himself crosses over before you, just as the LORD has said.

<sup>4</sup> And the LORD will do to them as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites and their land, when He destroyed them.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD will give them over to you, that you may do to them according to every commandment which I have commanded you.

<sup>6</sup> **Be strong and of good courage**, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He *is* the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “**Be strong and of good courage**, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it.

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD, He *is* the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”

Deuteronomy 31:1-8



## INTRODUCTION

“Be strong and of good courage”

Deuteronomy 31:6a;7b

1. A vital word from Moses
  - a. To the children of Israel (The nation)
  - b. To Joshua the next appointed leader
2. The essence of this word of advice must be comprehended deeply
  - a. By the nation of Israel
  - b. By Joshua, the chosen successor

## HIGHLIGHTING TWO PROBLEMS

1. Strength
  - a. This is needed
  - b. Two aspects of strength to note
    - i. Personal or Individual Strength
    - ii. Collective Strength
2. Courage
  - a. Courage is difficult to find
  - b. It is very hard to develop courage
    - i. Collective Courage
    - ii. Personal Courage



## EXERCISING FAITH IN GOD AS A NATION

<sup>3</sup> The LORD your God Himself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua himself crosses over before you, just as the Lord has said.

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Deuteronomy 31:3-6

1. Believing in God's Involvement
  - a. The Lord God Himself will cross before you
  - b. He will destroy the nations living there
2. Remembering what God had done
  - a. In destroying the Amorites
  - b. In defeating Kings Sihon and Og
3. Applying Faith in what God had promised
  - a. To battle fear
  - b. To overcome panic
  - c. That God will not abandon His people
  - d. That He will not fail them



## EXERCISING FAITH IN GOD PERSONALLY

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<sup>8</sup> And the LORD, He *is* the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”


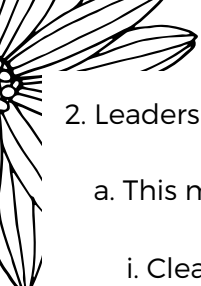
Deuteronomy 31:7-8

1. A Personal word given to Joshua
2. The essence of these words matched in spirit of what was spoken to Israel

## PRINCIPLES OF GOOD LEADERSHIP

“Be strong and of good courage”                      Deuteronomy 31:7b

1. The word of faith given
  - a. To the people
  - b. To the leader
  - c. The essence is the same:
    - i. Strength
    - ii. Courage



## 2. Leadership as a Responsibility

### a. This must be:

- i. Clearly comprehended
- ii. Courageously embraced

### b. The work assigned to Joshua

- i. He must divide the land of Canaan
- ii. He would need discernment
- iii. He would need courage and strength
- iv. It is a long process to divide up the Land of Canaan

## 3. Personal Faith to be found

### a. To overcome fear and dismay


### b. To believe in the following:

- i. God will be there personally
- ii. God will not fail nor abandon

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

2 Timothy 1:7



1. What God has not given

a. The spirit of fear

b. This is the spirit of "cowardice"

2. What God has given

a. Power

b. Love

c. A sound mind

3. May we learn to be strong and have a sound mind!

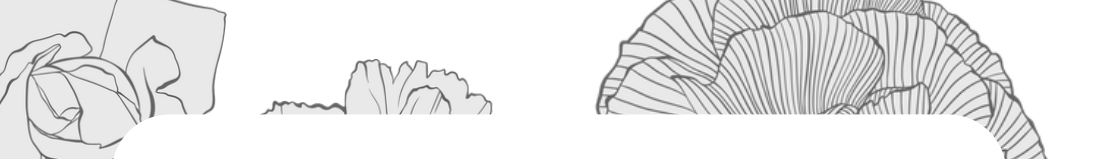
# REFLECTIONS

## YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

# By Hannah Hoo

Welcome Back to Youth Worship everyone! Last week, we learnt from Deuteronomy 31:1-8, about how Moses would hand over the leadership of Israel to the Promised Land to Joshua. Moses was now old and because of his sin for striking the Rock, he was not the one to lead Israel to the Promised Land. This would be a transition for not just Moses, but the entire nation. The generation that depended on Moses' leadership would have to move forward without him. Moses encouraged them to "Be strong and of good courage". This was a word given by Moses not just to Joshua, but to the children of Israel too. The Lord would go before them. He would not forsake them. He would provide for them. (Deuteronomy 31:6) Yet, the responsibility of moving forward was not solely on Joshua, the people themselves had to be strong and courageous. Entering the Promised Land requires collective strength and courage.

As I reflected more upon this, I began to think about my own role in Bethany. Bethany supports many overseas churches, each having its own needs. Currently, Bethel is in need of funds for renovation. The aim is to create a larger space for worship, a place where more lives can be touched by the Lord.



With the Chinese New Year that has just gone by, each year, I am challenged to set aside a portion of my ang pao money for the Lord's work. It is something that I do to express my thankfulness for all that the Lord has blessed me with. Though it is a simple act, it reminds me that everything I receive is ultimately from the Lord.

Sometimes I doubt the impact of what I give as the amount is not very substantial and I wonder what difference can such a small sum make. However, I realised if everyone thinks this way, the collective impact will disappear. When people choose to give, no matter the amount, the combined strength will be impactful. Behind it all, the Lord does not look at the amount, but the posture of the giver's heart. 2 Corinthians 9:7 reads "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." What pleases the Lord is not the size of the offering, but one who gives cheerfully and willingly.

This year, I give, choosing not to focus on the amount, but on what the Lord has done for me. I have recently returned from my exchange program in Denmark and have many things to give thanks for. I have experienced the Lord's faithfulness in times of uncertainty and His protection throughout the whole exchange period. Even though I was far away from home, I knew that the Lord was with me.

I would like to encourage everyone this Chinese New Year, to set aside some of the angpao money that we have been blessed with and give towards the Lord's work. Not out of pressure, but out of remembrance for all that the Lord has done for us.

## YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS



*By Daniel Chew*

Good afternoon everyone! Last week at Youth Worship, we read from Deuteronomy 31:1-8 about how Moses acknowledged he was too old to lead the Children of Israel into the Promised Land and that God would lead them in. Pastor also taught us about how Israel needed to find a collective strength and courage as a nation.

As we concluded last week's Youth Worship Service, there were a few thoughts and lessons I pondered over this week that I would like to share with you.

### **Obedience to the Lord**

After Moses struck the rock twice when the Lord told Him to speak to the rock, the Lord punished him by forbidding him from leading the children of Israel into the Promised Land. This reminded me that disobedience to the Lord has its consequences.

Sometimes, in my moments of weakness, I too, find it difficult to obey the Lord. I act rashly, following my emotions and leaving the Lord out of the picture, leading to poor decisions made which result in negative consequences.



These consequences could be losing opportunities which I really wanted or messing something up which I really wanted to go well, leaving me no chance of changing the outcome. For example, in the past, God gave me some good friends in school but in my anger, I was not very nice to them, causing good Christian friends to walk out of my life. Being obedient then meant being grateful for the friends God gave me and to act in a way that was pleasing to Him. I regretted my actions and knew I needed to learn to be obedient. Though the lesson on Moses' rebellion was quite a while ago, this lesson has rekindled the reminder to obey the Lord.

### **Strength in unity as a church**

Many times, we tend to have an individualistic mindset, and we only see ourselves as we face life's challenges. However, as a church, we can band together as one body, encouraging and strengthening each other in our different times of need. Sometimes when I go through challenges, I find strength in the people God sent to guide me and advise me on the best way to go forward. We don't have to feel alone; we are one family and we can rely on each other for support, just as how the Lord called Israel to be strong and of good courage, finding strength in each other.





The need for one another also applies to service in Bethany. Sometimes, we think about how much we can do or serve to help the church but God gave us all different gifts to serve in different ministries. Some ministries aren't meant for us and we would also not be able to practically serve well in every single ministry simultaneously.

However, as a collective, when all of us come together, we can praise and glorify the Lord much more, each of us serving in different ministries, hand-in-hand. We may not be strong in ourselves but we can be strong as one.

As we conclude last week's Youth Worship, I hope you have gleaned as many lessons as I have and that each lesson week after week will help you grow in your faith much more! Have a good weekend ahead!

## ISRAEL IS MY SON, MY FIRSTBORN

God guided Moses most carefully;  
He instructed him very diligently.  
He reminded Moses to perform the Miracles;  
But Pharaoh was a man without scruples.

Moses must declare God's love for Israel;  
Israel was His son, His firstborn; this was not trivial.  
Pharaoh must know that he had treated Israel badly;  
The Lord will redeem His people, most decidedly.

Pharaoh's heart could not be trusted in any way;  
He was wily, his mind would change day by day.  
God will harden his heart, till all is fulfilled;  
What would prevail is the Lord's Will.

Moses would ponder these things from God;  
He was embarking on a great work for the Lord.  
He must be assured of God's personal presence;  
The faith to trust in God is of utmost importance.

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Exodus 4:21-23

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.



# 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.

# YOUTH WORSHIP ON HIATUS

In view of the Chinese New Year Special Programme next Saturday, and preparations for the upcoming Family Camp, there will not be Youth Worship for the next 4 weeks.

Youth Worship will only resume on 28 March 2026.

1. 28 February 2026  
Chinese New Year Special Programme
2. 7 March 2026  
Pre-Camp Special
3. 14 March 2026  
Eve of Family Camp
4. 21 March 2026  
Post Family Camp

# NEXT YWS

**28 MARCH 2026**

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Message: "I proclaim the name of the LORD"

Text: Deuteronomy 32:1-6

Not only was Moses an outstanding servant of the LORD, he also played the role of a songwriter. In his song, Moses focused on proclaiming the name of the LORD and His wonderful attributes, and declaring all that God had done for the nation of Israel.



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