

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!

A wonderful way to begin the year is to offer praise and worship to our LORD God! Let us come before His Presence with joy and thanksgiving. May we carry this spirit of praise with us throughout the year!



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COME AND WORSHIP

Our God Is In Heaven

Idolatry was widespread among the Gentiles, posing a threat to Israel's faith in the LORD. The Gentiles made physical gods of every kind, and challenged the existence of Israel's invisible God. Israel was not to be deceived, but to be discerning!

³ But our God *is* in heaven;
He does whatever He pleases.

⁴ Their idols *are* silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.

⁵ They have mouths, but they do not speak;
Eyes they have, but they do not see;

⁶ They have ears, but they do not hear;
Noses they have, but they do not smell;

⁷ They have hands, but they do not handle;
Feet they have, but they do not walk;
Nor do they mutter through their throat.

⁸ Those who make them are like them;
So is everyone who trusts in them.

PSALM 115:3-8

1. The man-made gods

- a. They may look good externally
 - i. Made of silver and gold
 - ii. Have relatable human-like features
- b. But they remain just a shell
 - i. They are the work of men's hands
 - ii. They are unable to respond
- c. Those who trust in them would also be spiritually dead and unresponsive

2. Israel's Living God

- a. He resides in heaven Psalm 115:3a
- b. He is sovereign Psalm 115:3b
- c. He extends mercy and truth Psalm 115:1
- d. He is their Help and Shield Psalm 115:9-11

WHERE DO WE PLACE OUR TRUST?

Futility follows those who place their trust in inanimate idols, for these cannot respond to the cries of the people. In contrast, the LORD God has manifested Himself to Israel through His protection and provision throughout history. The call to Israel is to be faithful to the one true and living God.

But what about us? While we may not worship idols, we can mistakenly place our trust in ourselves—our achievements, accolades, or even our popularity. Hopes anchored in these things will ultimately prove empty.

We serve a God who sees us, hears us, speaks to us through His Word, and upholds us with His righteous right hand. Let us seek to respond to the LORD, and grow in our relationship with Him in the coming year!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE 3 JANUARY 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Esther Tang

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Bless the Lord
2. I Offer My Life

Christopher Tang and Jovan Wong
Pianists: Gabrielle Wan and
Esther Tang
Cajonist: Rayne Quek

Scripture Reading

Text: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Thaddeus Heng and Tessa Kang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Message

“What does the LORD your God
require of you?”

Text: Deuteronomy 9-10

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

3 JANUARY 2026

**“WHAT DOES THE LORD YOUR GOD
REQUIRE OF YOU?”**

DEUTERONOMY 9-10

Bless the Lord


By Laura Story

You give and take away for my good.
For who am I to say what I need?
For You alone see the hidden parts of me
That need to be stripped away.

And as You begin to refine,
I'm learning to let go and rely
On One who walks with me,
As hard as it may be,
You're teaching me all the while to say:

Chorus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
All that's in me bless Your name,
Forget not Your pow'r untold,
Not Your glory or Your fame.
For You came to heal the broken,
To redeem and make me whole.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.



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That need to be stripped away.

And as You begin to refine
I'm learning to let go and rely
On One who walks with me
As hard as it may be,
You're teaching me all the while to say:

Chorus

Though my faith may falter,
My strength may fail,
I pray for eyes to see
The richness of Your mercy shown to me.
Bless the Lord.
Bless the Lord.

Final Chorus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
All that's in me bless Your name,
Forget not Your pow'r untold,
Not Your glory or Your fame.
For You came to heal the broken,
To redeem and make me whole.
Bless the Lord...
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

(end)

I Offer My Life

By Claire Cloninger and Don Moen

All that I am, all that I have,
I lay them down before You, O Lord;
All my regrets, all my acclaim,
The joy and the pain,
I'm making them Yours.

Chorus:

Lord I offer my life to You,
Everything I've been through,
Use it for Your glory;
Lord, I offer my days to You,
Lifting my praise to You
As a pleasing sacrifice,
Lord, I offer You my life.

Things in the past, things yet unseen,
Wishes and dreams
That are yet to come true;
All of my hopes, all of my plans,
My heart and my hands
Are lifted to You.

Chorus

What can we give
That You have not given;
And what do we have
That is not already Yours?
All we possess are these lives we're living,
And that's what we give to You, Lord.

Chorus

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 15 NOVEMBER 2025

“MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE”

DEUTERONOMY 8

THE LORD'S LEADING OF ISRAEL

“And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness...”

Deuteronomy 8:2a

1. The Lord God led them through the wilderness

- a. His presence was with them for forty years
- b. He graciously led them through the wilderness

2. He was God to them

- a. The Lord was feeding them with manna for forty years Deuteronomy 8:3
- b. The Lord was preserving their clothes for forty years Deuteronomy 8:4a
- c. Their feet did not swell from walking in the wilderness for forty years Deuteronomy 8:4b

THE LORD HUMBLING AND TESTING ISRAEL

“To humble you *and* test you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know...”

Deuteronomy 8:2b-3

“That He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—” Deuteronomy 8:16

1. The Lord planned to humble them and to test what was in their heart
2. The Lord actually humbled and tested them
 - a. It was humbling to be tested
 - b. The Lord allowed them to hunger
 - c. He fed them with manna
3. He humbled and tested them with a purpose - To do them good

THE LORD CHASTENING ISRAEL

“You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you.”

Deuteronomy 8:5

1. A father chastens his own son
 - a. Wrongdoings need to be corrected
 - b. A good father chastens out of love
2. Even so the Lord God as Father chastened Israel
 - a. The people of Israel did not learn to keep His word
 - b. And so they were chastened by the Lord
 - c. The Lord did this out of love for them

LEARNING TO LIVE BY THE WORD OF GOD

“That He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”
Deuteronomy 8:3

1. The Lord teaching a crucial lesson of life

“That He might make you know...”

- a. The Lord was teaching them an important principle of life
- b. One of the ways to learn was through food

2. The focus of man should not be meeting physical needs

“That man shall not live by bread alone...”

- a. They hungered as they went through the wilderness
- b. They were to learn to go beyond just living on bread

3. Man must learn to live by the word of God

“Man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God...”

- a. They were to regard highly all His words
- b. They were to rely fully on all His words
- c. They were to exercise faith to keep His commandments

PERSONAL COMMITMENTS

1. Depending on God

- a. The Lord consistently leads us
- b. The Lord's commitment to humble and test us
- c. Our part is to depend on Him always

2. Taking corrections from the Lord

- a. Seeing God as our heavenly Father
- b. He chastens out of love for us
- c. Learning to be corrected by the Lord

3. Living by all the words of the Lord

- a. Regarding highly all the words of God
- b. Learning to obey His commandments

REFLECTIONS

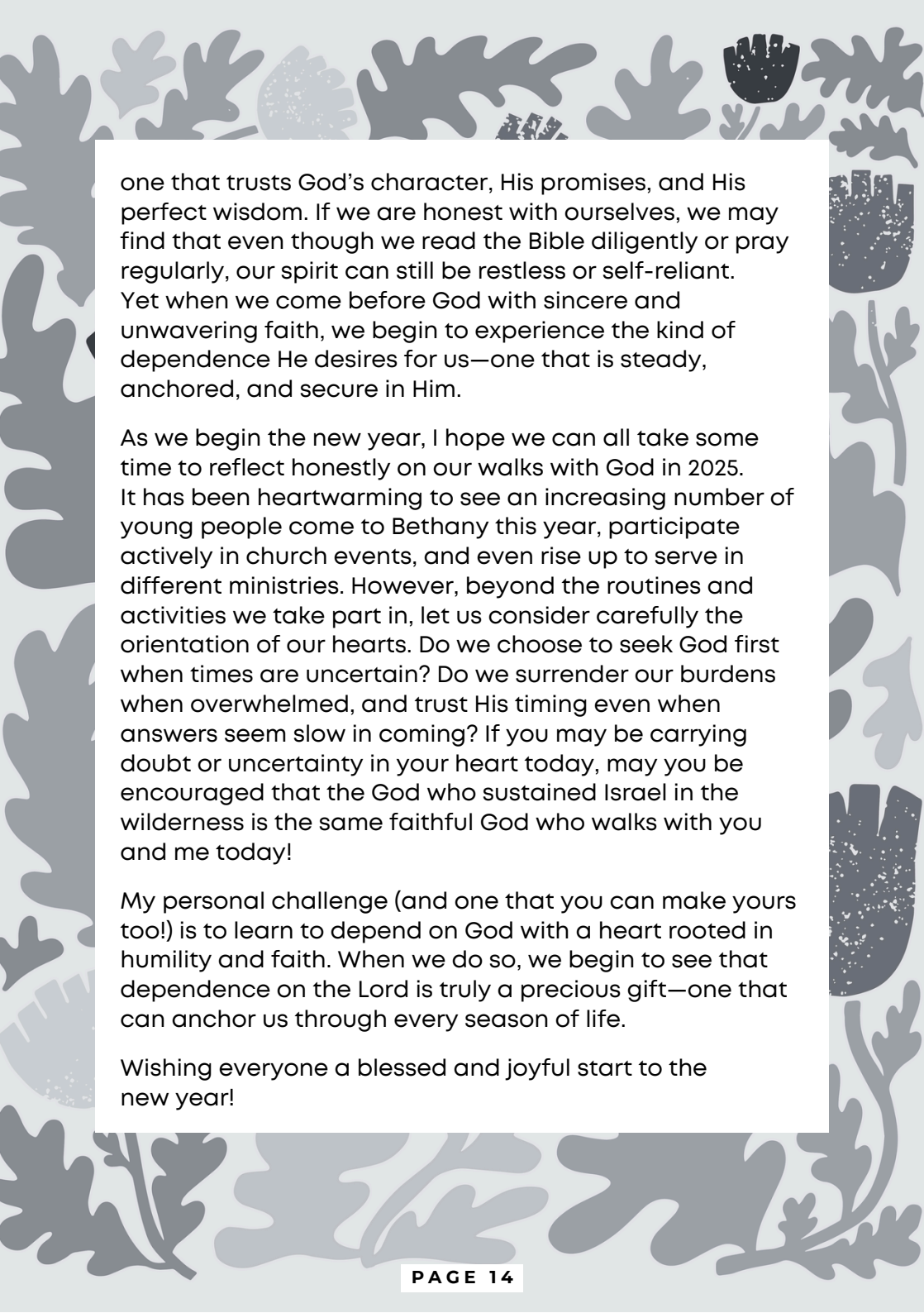
Youth Worship Reflections

By Asia Tan

Through the book of Deuteronomy, we see how God was teaching Israel to depend on Him—whether through providing for them, sustaining them, preserving them, or through His special protection over them. The Lord, who redeemed Israel, repeatedly demonstrated His faithfulness and reminded them of the importance of trusting and obeying Him.

The lesson on dependence particularly stood out to me. It invariably made me pause and wonder: how do we depend on God daily? Is it through early-morning time reading His Word, drawing strength and clarity from Scripture? Or through quiet prayers at night, seeking His grace, guidance, and peace? These practices certainly help anchor our hearts, but beyond the actions themselves, I am reminded that what truly matters is the posture of our dependence—not merely what we do, but how we rely on God.

One precious verse that expresses this aptly is James 1:6, which says “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.” This verse teaches us that dependence begins with a heart grounded in faith—

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one that trusts God’s character, His promises, and His perfect wisdom. If we are honest with ourselves, we may find that even though we read the Bible diligently or pray regularly, our spirit can still be restless or self-reliant. Yet when we come before God with sincere and unwavering faith, we begin to experience the kind of dependence He desires for us—one that is steady, anchored, and secure in Him.

As we begin the new year, I hope we can all take some time to reflect honestly on our walks with God in 2025. It has been heartwarming to see an increasing number of young people come to Bethany this year, participate actively in church events, and even rise up to serve in different ministries. However, beyond the routines and activities we take part in, let us consider carefully the orientation of our hearts. Do we choose to seek God first when times are uncertain? Do we surrender our burdens when overwhelmed, and trust His timing even when answers seem slow in coming? If you may be carrying doubt or uncertainty in your heart today, may you be encouraged that the God who sustained Israel in the wilderness is the same faithful God who walks with you and me today!

My personal challenge (and one that you can make yours too!) is to learn to depend on God with a heart rooted in humility and faith. When we do so, we begin to see that dependence on the Lord is truly a precious gift—one that can anchor us through every season of life.

Wishing everyone a blessed and joyful start to the new year!

Laura Chan



Hello young people! At our last Youth Worship, we read from Deuteronomy 8, where Moses called on the children of Israel to remember not just their years spent in the wilderness, but also the LORD their God. It was through those wilderness years that the LORD humbled and tested them, and taught them precious lessons, so that they would keep His commandments.

Personally, the verse that stands out the most is in verse 3, and it reads

“So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”

Reading this part of the passage reminds me of the first time Manna fell from heaven for the children of Israel (Exodus 16). The people were strictly instructed to gather only enough for the day; they could not hoard it or store more than was required. If they had any leftovers, the Manna would breed worms and smell. In this regard, the children of Israel did not have any “stockpile” to rely on. Instead, they had to trust in the promise that the Lord would provide for their daily needs.

This leads me to reflect on what it actually means to live by "every word that proceeds from the mouth of God", instead of living "by bread alone". In today's context, if I were to live by bread alone, I'd be relying on my own physical strength, capabilities, and material ways to get by in life. When I rely solely on my "stockpile," I am constantly looking down at what I physically have to sustain me, and constantly worrying that it will one day run out.

Yet, in contrast, to live by "every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD" is to look up to the One who spoke those words. As I reflected on this lesson, I realised that having genuine faith is to depend on the promises of the Lord, knowing who He is, an unchanging God. When I choose to live by His Word, I am acknowledging that my life is sustained by a power far greater than my own human strength.

Upon further reflection, just like the Israelites, I am also often not given my "Manna" for tomorrow, today. In this season of finding full-time employment, I am learning what it means to truly trust the Lord one day at a time. Sometimes, it is worrying when I send out countless applications and go for numerous interviews, only to be met with radio silence, or rejection from potential employers. When I fix my eyes on these things, I find myself anxious, constantly calculating what I lack and fearing that I am falling behind. Like trying to store up Manna, I also cling on to what is tangible and material, instead of wholly trusting in the Lord's promises.

Yet the Lord gently reminds me that my provision has never come from employment, income, or human effort; all these things come from Him. Through this process, I'm learning to believe that my identity and worth are not found in my employment status, but in being a child of a faithful God - a God who has already provided so much for me, and will continue to do the same for my future. As I learn to live by every word that proceeds from His mouth, I also see that His promises are steadier than any employment contract, and the Lord's timing and plans are far better than my own.

So, to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord is to choose, daily, to lift my eyes to Him, trusting that the same God who provided Manna in the wilderness for the people of Israel will also provide all that I need, one day at a time.



SUPPOSE THEY WILL NOT BELIEVE ME

Moses had learned more about God's name;
The Lord God was not without historic fame.
He was the God the patriarchs well-revered;
This was a God to be reverently feared!

But the fears of Moses were many and deep;
What if the people, his word, would not heed?
He had been away for forty long years;
He had not experienced their many tears!

God asked Moses to cast his rod on the ground;
The rod became a snake! The power of God abounds!
The power of God would be loaned to Moses to wield;
But to the Lord and His will, Moses must fully yield.

Moses was instructed to take hold of the snake by the tail;
The snake had become his usual rod; God's power prevails.
This would be the Power that God would reveal to Pharaoh;
Moses need not yield to his fears; the Lord he must follow!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 4:1-5



ANNOUNCEMENTS



BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Wishing one and all a happy new year! May the Lord bless as we commence 2026!

Let us begin on a strong note of faith, looking forward to growing in our knowledge of the Word of God and a closer walk with Him.

NEXT YWS



10 JANUARY 2026

“If you earnestly obey My commandments”

Text: Deuteronomy 11

The history of Israel offers many valuable lessons about God and life. If the new generation of Israel learns from the mistakes of their forebears and takes earnest heed to the Lord's commandments, they would have the chance to succeed in the Promised Land. Blessings would follow when Israel learns to love the LORD and obey His commandments wholeheartedly.



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