

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!

The God of the highest heavens, the LORD of mighty angels, is He who has shown tender mercies and lovingkindness to His people. May we be deeply conscious of the LORD as we come before Him to receive His Word!



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COME AND WORSHIP

THE LORD KNOWS

The Psalmist trusted in the LORD as the supreme Judge against the wicked. His faith also emboldened him to challenge the insolent and stand up for God.

⁸ Understand, you senseless among the people;
And *you* fools, when will you be wise?

⁹ He who planted the ear, shall He not hear?
He who formed the eye, shall He not see?

¹⁰ He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct,
He who teaches man knowledge?

¹¹ The LORD knows the thoughts of man,
That they *are* futile.

PSALM 94:8-11

1. The wicked

Psalm 94:8

- a. They are senseless
- b. They are fools
- c. They are without wisdom and understanding
- d. Their flawed knowledge of God must be corrected

2. The Psalmist spoke of God

a. He is Creator

Psalm 94:9

- i. He planted the ear
- ii. He formed the eye
- iii. Surely He hears and sees the acts of Man



b. He is Teacher and Counselor

Psalm 94:10

i. It is God who instructs Man to live

ii. He corrects Man's errant ways

iii. He teaches Man knowledge

c. He is Omniscient

Psalm 94:11

i. The LORD knows the thoughts of Man

ii. Man may think and act like he knows it all

iii. But his thoughts lead only to futility

OUR CHALLENGE

1. Let us be humble

a. To accept that our human thoughts are futile

b. To receive correction

c. To desire godly instruction

2. Let us seek the LORD

a. His ways and thoughts are higher than Man

b. He instructs and guides His people

i. To know Him

ii. To comprehend life

iii. To walk in righteousness

c. May we be among God's wise and understanding people!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

16 MAY 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Opening Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Song Leading

1. You Made Us Your Own
2. Ancient Words

Cheryl Phang and Gloria Lim

Pianists: Lorraine Lai and

Esther Tang

Cajonist: Jamie Li

Scripture Reading

Text: Deuteronomy 33:1-5

Laura Chan and Chloe Tang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

Message

“The LORD came from Sinai”

Text: Deuteronomy 33:2

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Closing Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Esther Tang

MY NOTES

16 MAY 2026

“THE LORD CAME FROM SINAI”

DEUTERONOMY 33:2

YOU MADE US YOUR OWN

By Bob Kauflin, Steve Cook, Vikki Cook

We were ruined in our sin,
We were guilty, and undone,
When Your love reached down with sovereign hands
And beckoned us to come.

You sought out the wanderers,
Made the prodigals come home,
With a lavish feast You welcomed us,
For You made us Your own.

You have loved us like You love Your Son.
We are heirs with Christ, bought by His blood.
Oh, how great the love that we've been shown.
We're Your children now, You made us Your own.

We are strangers to the world,
But no strangers to Your throne.
We draw near You now with confidence
For all our fears are gone.

And when one day when Christ returns,
We'll meet saints we've never known,
And forever we will be amazed
That You made us Your own.

You have loved us like You love Your Son.
We are heirs with Christ, bought by His blood.
Oh, how great the love that we've been shown.
We're Your children now, You made us Your own.

(end)





Ancient Words

By Lynn DeShazo

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart;
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope;
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.

Chorus:

Ancient words ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart;
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Chorus

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 9 MAY 2026

“AND DIE ON THE MOUNTAIN WHICH YOU ASCEND”

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 32:48-52

UNDERSTANDING GOD WITH REGARD TO HIS JUDGMENT OF SIN

⁴⁸ “Then the LORD spoke to Moses that very same day, saying: ⁴⁹ “Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel as a possession; and die on the mountain which you ascend, ⁵⁰ and be gathered to your people, just as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people”

Deut. 32:48-50

1. God would not allow Moses to go into the land of Canaan
 - a. His death would be in the land of Moab
 - b. He would not be buried in the promised land of Canaan
 - c. This was because of his sin
2. God does not take the matter of sin lightly
 - a. Disobeying God before the people is seen as rebellion
 - i. It is indeed a grave sin
 - ii. God does not take any form of sin lightly
 - b. God is just in His punishment
 - i. God dealt with His people when they rebelled
 - ii. God will also deal with His servants when they rebel

THE CONSEQUENCES TO SIN

“Because you trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin, because you did not hallow Me in the midst of the children of Israel.”

Deut. 32:51

1. The consequence to Moses' sin

- a. Moses' punishment was a consequence of his own sin
- b. When we sin, there will be consequences

2. Reasons for such consequences

a. He had trespassed against God Num 20:1-11

- i. God told Moses to speak to the rock and water would come forth
- ii. Moses was so angry with the people that he struck the rock twice
- iii. He allowed his anger to greatly affect his actions

iv. This was direct disobedience against the Lord

b. He did not believe Num 20:12

- i. There was a problem of unbelief
- ii. He did not believe that God would bring water out of the rock
- iii. He did not speak to the rock as he was commanded to

- c. He did not hallow the Lord before the congregation
 - i. This was a very public situation
 - ii. He did not revere the Lord God in front of all the people
 - iii. He did not keep the word of God

THE MERCY OF GOD SHOWN DESPITE CONSEQUENCES

“Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan” Deut. 32:49

“Yet you shall see the land before *you*, though you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel.” Deut. 32:52

1. The Lord was still merciful to Moses
 - a. Even though God would not allow Moses to enter the land of Canaan
 - b. The Lord was still merciful to him
 - c. He allowed Moses to see the land of Canaan
2. In comparison to others
 - a. Aaron did not get to see the land of Canaan
 - b. Miriam also did not get to see the promised land
 - c. At least, Moses did



PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Learn to have faith in the Lord
2. Learn to obey fully the Lord and His word
3. Learn to rely on God's mercies

REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

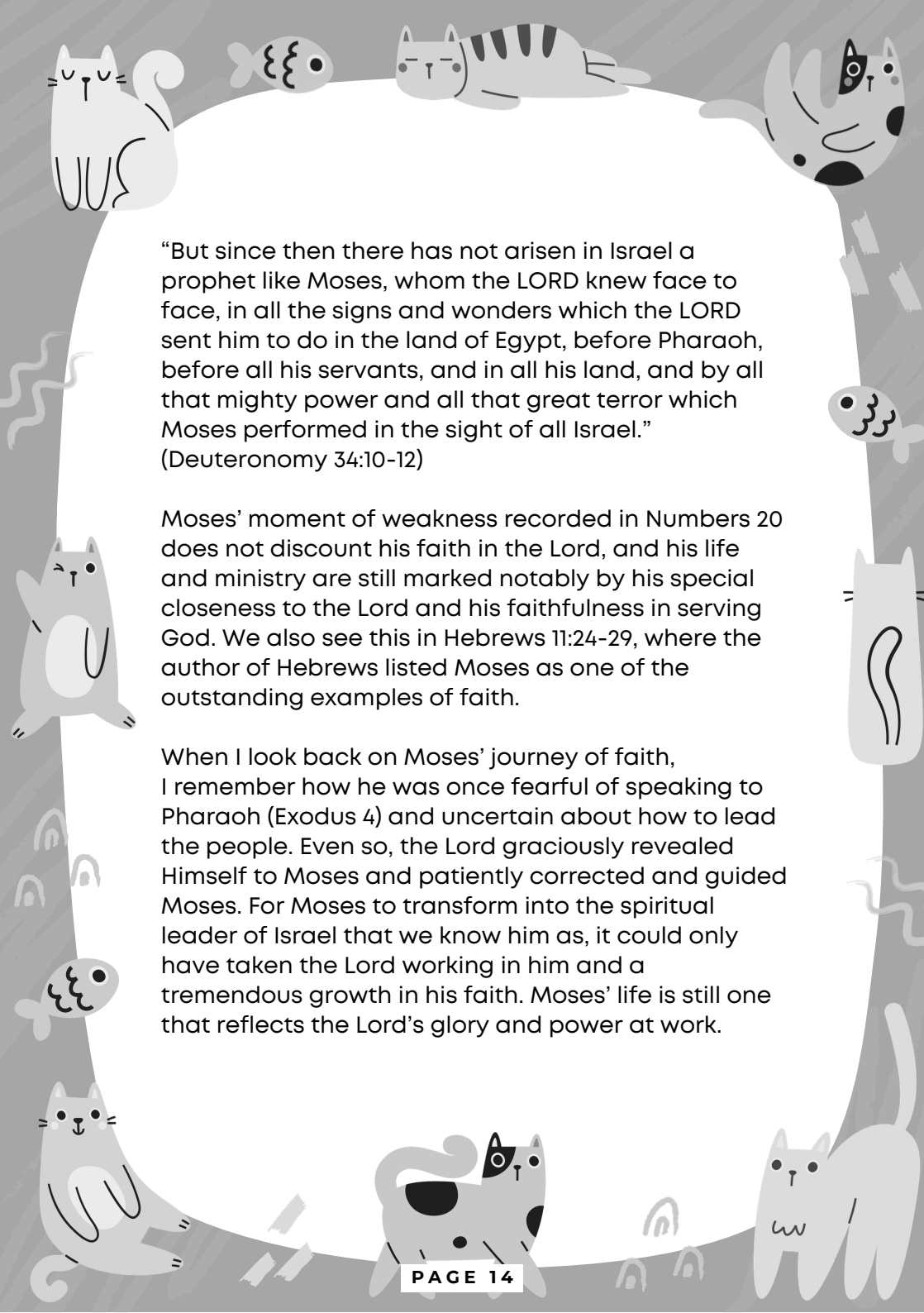
By Bethany Toong

As we read Deuteronomy 32:48-52, we see Moses coming to the end of his life and ministry. The chapter ends with the Lord's decree of Moses' death on Mount Nebo, a consequence of the sin he committed at Meribah Kadesh (Numbers 20).

When the Scripture Readers first practised reading this passage, I personally struggled to decipher the tone of the Lord's voice as He spoke to Moses about his death. Having (figuratively) journeyed with Moses through the wilderness over the past couple of years at YWS, I could only imagine what those 40 years had felt like to Moses. Moses had led a remarkable life of spiritual growth and faithful servanthood. How are we to understand this conclusion of Moses' life and ministry?

A life remarkably well-lived

While Moses did not get to enter the Promised Land, his life and ministry were not wholly marked by that moment of weakness at Meribah Kadesh.



“But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, and by all that mighty power and all that great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.”
(Deuteronomy 34:10-12)

Moses’ moment of weakness recorded in Numbers 20 does not discount his faith in the Lord, and his life and ministry are still marked notably by his special closeness to the Lord and his faithfulness in serving God. We also see this in Hebrews 11:24-29, where the author of Hebrews listed Moses as one of the outstanding examples of faith.

When I look back on Moses’ journey of faith, I remember how he was once fearful of speaking to Pharaoh (Exodus 4) and uncertain about how to lead the people. Even so, the Lord graciously revealed Himself to Moses and patiently corrected and guided Moses. For Moses to transform into the spiritual leader of Israel that we know him as, it could only have taken the Lord working in him and a tremendous growth in his faith. Moses’ life is still one that reflects the Lord’s glory and power at work.



Reminder that sin is inevitable

Moses' sin at Meribah Kadesh is a sobering reminder that life, no matter how well-lived, is never without flaws. Moses had grown exponentially as Israel's spiritual leader, and even so, he too experienced moments of weakness. Moses undertook the great challenge of leadership, and if even he could falter in moments of weakness, how much more are we prone to do the same?

Looking back on my teenage to present-day self, I see how the Lord has graciously been teaching me lessons of faith and slowly shaping me. But even as the Lord corrects and chastens, even as certain sin problems are overcome and spiritual growth is observed, there are still moments that remind me that I am in an ongoing battle against sin and I continue to struggle because of my lacking faith. While there is growth, there are always more areas in which to grow. These moments of weakness are often a humbling reminder to me. While they might not be the most enjoyable to experience, I recognise that I need these moments of weakness to remind me of how much I need the Lord so that I don't grow complacent in my faith.



The Lord's grace and mercy

How then do we understand God's words to Moses recorded in Deuteronomy 32? The Lord's judgment was something that Moses did struggle to accept (Deuteronomy 3:23-28) but by the end of his life, Moses had come to terms with his inability to enter the Promised Land. As much as the Promised Land was a destination that the Israelites longed to reach, Moses' death was not a tragedy. Instead, his death meant he would finally be returning to the Lord and this conclusion is not any less than being able to enter the Promised Land. Moreover, in allowing Moses to see the Promised Land, God extended His mercy to him.

After 40 years of travelling through the wilderness and numerous challenges, Moses would get to behold with his own eyes, the very land that was once just a spoken promise given to the people. I can only imagine how amazing a sight that must have been for Moses to see the physical manifestation of God's promise to His people. What a wonderful confirmation of the Lord's Word this sight must have been! As such, when reflecting on the conclusion of Moses' life and ministry, what stands out most is still the Lord's abundant mercy and grace.



So what does this mean for us?

As young people, the idea of concluding life and ministry is one far removed from our realities. Yet, there are still lessons we can learn from this. Firstly, we must remember that moments of weakness will inevitably come along the way as we run this race of faith. These moments of weakness, of wrestling with sin, do not disappear once we come to faith in the Lord, but they also need not define us or our walk with God. Instead, may these moments of weakness drive us to return to the Lord in humility, with an even stronger conviction that we need Him to continue refining us. We can also remember that while God is a God of judgment, He is also a God of mercy. It is this mercy that allows us to return to Him each and every time we falter. Let us learn to not take His mercy for granted, but let us be swift to return to the Lord and seek this mercy when we stumble!



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

By Ryan Quek

Last week, we concluded our study of Deuteronomy 32! This week, I took some time to reflect on the song of Moses and what it means to me. Reflecting on Deuteronomy 32, what stands out to me is God's grace and mercy shown to Moses.

The conclusion of Moses' life and ministry

The song of Moses recorded in Deuteronomy 32 is significant as it was Moses' parting words to the children of Israel. This song sought to act as (1) a cautionary instruction for the people, (2) a source of candid insights, and (3) a call to challenging aspirations. As Moses penned the words of this song, he knew that the Lord was preparing him and the nation of Israel for his death. The knowledge of his death outside of the promised land was not new to Moses. The Lord had given His judgment upon Moses for the sin he had committed at Kadesh (Numbers 20). In Deuteronomy 3:25-26, we read about how Moses pleaded with the Lord that he may enter the promised land.

²⁵ *I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.'*

²⁶ *"But the LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the LORD said to me: 'Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter.*

However, we see Moses growing in his understanding and perspective of the LORD's plan. In Deuteronomy 31, we read of how Moses had a different posture towards his death. He acknowledged that he was growing older and was not able to undertake the great task of bringing the children of Israel into the promised land.

'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.'" (Deuteronomy 31:2)

Moses accepted the judgment of God and by the Lord's grace and mercy, he saw God's plan for him that went far beyond this milestone that lay before him.

God's grace and mercy displayed

Though Moses would die outside of the promised land, his sin doesn't discount his life and ministry. The faithful servant's life was very well-lived. God in His grace, gave him a special "strength and vigour" to serve that remained undimmed even at 120 years old (Deuteronomy 34:7). Furthermore, the Lord's mercy and grace were displayed when He allowed Moses to see the promised land. God could have punished him and killed him on the spot in Kadesh for his disobedience and unbelief. But, we see how God was tender and merciful towards Moses. He honoured him and prepared him for his death and guided him towards the conclusion of his ministry.



'Yet you shall see the land before you, though you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel' (Deuteronomy 32:52)

This verse was particularly moving for me. It was a strong reminder of who the Lord is. As much as God is just, He is also merciful.

A God who walks with us

As I took time to reflect on the life of Moses, one thing that stands out to me was how the Lord was always there with him. From the time when Moses was just a baby floating in an ark down the river in Egypt to becoming a distinctive servant of God till the age of 120, the Lord's hand was evident in Moses' life, protecting him and shaping him into the mighty man of God whom we read of. I am reminded that the God whom we worship today is the same God who walked alongside Moses many years ago.

As I reflect on my own journey and trace God's hand in my life, I recognise His constant, unwavering presence. Even when I had strayed, I can clearly see how the Lord gently guided me back to Him. The life of Moses is a humbling reminder that in life and death, God still extends His grace to us in spite of our sins.



Unfortunately, we are often prone to taking God's grace for granted. When life is smooth-sailing, we easily overlook the Lord's grace and mercy. And it is often only in challenging times, or when reflecting on past difficulties, that His mercies become most visible. The story of Moses is a reminder for me to continually treasure the Lord's grace and mercy in my life, recognising His constant presence, watching over me not just during hardships but in my day-to-day life.

As we worship the Lord this afternoon, let's seek to be conscious of the Lord's abundant grace and respond well in praise and thanksgiving for everything He has done for us!



WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT TROUBLE?

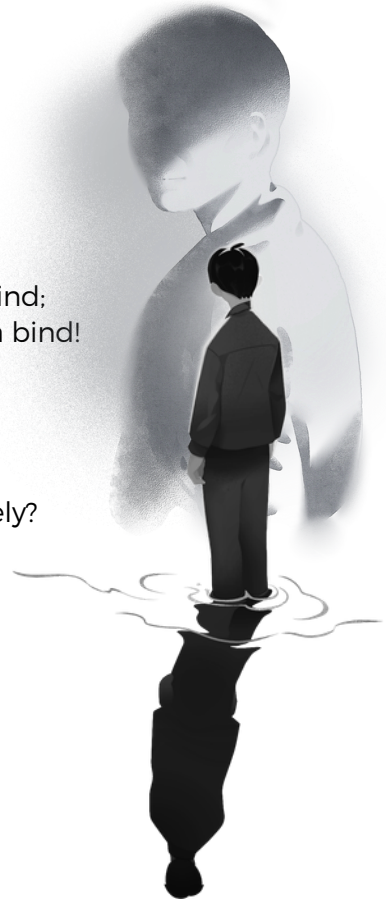
Moses remembered the anger of Pharaoh;
He knew that great trouble would follow.
The Egyptian slave-masters became more abusive;
They were more brutal when they were aggressive.

The elders turned on Moses and Aaron;
They blamed them for what had happened.
Moses felt the pain and anguish of the people;
He turned to the Lord in frustration and ill-will.

He raised question after question to the Lord;
Moses was new in his role as a servant of God.
Quick and good results were in his heart and mind;
But the response of the Egyptians put them in a bind!

Moses was perturbed by what he had seen;
Why had God allowed these terrible sins?
The children of Israel had suffered greatly;
How would God resolve their problems effectively?

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 5:22-23



ANNOUNCEMENT

SERVING AT JUNIOR CAMP 2026

One way to express our faith is through service to the LORD!
The upcoming Junior Camp provides an opportunity for us to learn to serve with joy and purpose.

If you'd like to serve as a Helper at Camp, kindly sign up via the QR code below:



Details of the Camp are as follows:

Theme : "Great and Precious Promises"

Date : 1-4 June 2026

Time : 8:30am - 4:30pm

If you have any enquiries, kindly approach either of the Camp Organisers:

1. Pastor Benjamin Quah
2. Teacher Ainslie
3. Teacher Janelle
4. Teacher Yingsui
5. Teacher Yuanli



23 MAY 2026

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“May You be a help against his enemies”

Text: Deuteronomy 33:7

In Moses' final moments, he interceded for the children of Israel with a prayer of blessing. Though he led more than a million people, he bore a shepherd's heart, knowing the needs of each tribe and praying for them accordingly. At Youth Worship next week, we will study his prayer for the tribe of Reuben and Judah.



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